

The EU's long-term budget framework

Since May 2018, European Union governments and the European Parliament have been negotiating the next long-term budget for the bloc, the [Multiannual Financial Framework \(MFF\) for 2021-2027](#), in a bid to secure sufficient resources for new priorities such as security, defence and migration, and to respond in a realistic way to the financial consequences of the UK's withdrawal from the EU. In November 2018, the Parliament approved its [negotiating position](#), seeking, among other proposals, more funds for youth, research, growth and jobs, as well as security, migration and tackling climate change. Conditions proposed by the European Commission that would make the availability of EU funds dependent on respect for the rule of law and EU values are also being discussed.

This note offers links to **a selection of recent commentaries, studies and reports** from some of the major international think tanks and research institutes, which discuss the EU's long-term budget and related reforms. More reports on this topic are available in a [previous edition](#) of 'What Think Tanks are Thinking', published in June 2018.

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[More money, fewer problems? How the 'Migration Crisis' affected funding under the MFF](#)

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Confrontations Europe, July 2018

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Fondation Robert Schuman, June 2018

[Financing sustainability: Triggering investments for the clean economy](#)

European Political Strategy Centre, June 2018

[Die EU auf dem Weg in eine Transferunion? Ein Beitrag zur Entdramatisierung](#)

Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, June 2018

[A stabilization fund can make the euro area more crisis-proof](#)

Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik, June 2018

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