

**Question for written answer E-003381/2018
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Eurozone budget

On 19 June 2018, Heads of State Merkel and Macron agreed on a separate budget for the Eurozone. This budget is intended to help Eurozone countries with poor economic performance. It was also agreed that the ESM should be expanded¹. Belga News Agency reports that, according to Macron, hundreds of billions of Euros are at stake in this budget.

Member States must agree to a Treaty change of this nature. The Netherlands has already indicated that it was opposed to it.

President Juncker has welcomed this Eurozone budget. The Commission therefore seems to be aware of the content of the agreement.

- 1) Does the Commission consider that with the establishment of a Eurozone budget, France's public debt (which is nearing 100%) can, for instance, be financed, and that Article 121 TFEU thereby in fact becomes superfluous for Eurozone countries?
- 2) President Juncker welcomes the Eurozone budget. In the light of this, could the Commission indicate what the size of the proposed budget is?
- 3) What amount or percentage would the Netherlands contribute to this Eurozone budget?

¹ <https://www.nu.nl/economie/5320142/merkel-en-macron-willen-apart-budget-eurozone.html>