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to the Commission**

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Subject: Member State contributions used for activities outside the EU

As a result of management failure, there are very narrow margins (if any) under the 2021-2027 Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF).

Following the mid-term review, the Commission has called for an EUR 65.8 billion top-up for the MFF for the period 2024-2027.

What we know is that the amounts resulting from the review will be allocated for Ukraine (EUR 17 billion), migration (EUR 15 billion), the Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform (STEP) (EUR 10 billion) and technical adjustments (EUR 23.8 billion).

In practice, it is the Member States that will have to pay for this increase at a time when the whole of Europe is going through a serious economic, energy, food and security crisis.

The Commission is arrogating to itself powers that are reserved to the Member States. It is using the EU budget for Ukraine, migration, resilience and competitiveness (STEP) while failing in managing the 2021-2027 MFF.

Why is the Commission using Member State contributions for activities outside the EU at a time when domestic issues are of critical importance? We do not agree with this course of action.

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