

**Question for written answer E-000164/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Consideration of ECA recommendations on budgetary expenditure for the repayment of NGEU and for the Social Climate Fund

In Opinion 04/2023 concerning the Commission's amended proposal for a Council Regulation on the methods and procedure for making available own resources, the European Court of Auditors (ECA) studied the Commission proposal, which 'was expected to provide an average of up to €17 billion annually for the EU budget, and to help finance the expected budgetary expenditure for the repayment of NGEU and for the Social Climate Fund (SCF)'.

While the ECA opinion is generally positive, it does note that 'the information available would not allow us to assess whether the expected annual revenues generated from the adjusted package for the next generation of own resources are, as intended, sufficient to cover the financial needs for both NGEU and the SCF'.

The ECA also points out that the Commission should have 'inspection powers (including on-the-spot visits to national authorities) to complement the national controls that are needed to ensure that the own resource is properly calculated and collected.'

1. How has the Commission reacted to the ECA recommendations to complement the 'available information'?
2. Does the Commission intend to seek the 'inspection powers' suggested by the ECA?

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