

EUROPE'S BUDGET

A new performance framework

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The long-term EU budget will feature an enhanced and single performance framework to monitor how the budget is spent and what results it achieves, based on simpler rules. This will increase transparency, accountability and consistency, reduce administrative burden, and ensure a simpler, more effective delivery of EU priorities.

Why is this a priority?

Clear, reliable and timely information on how the EU budget is being used and what results it delivers is essential for transparency and accountability. A robust performance framework helps maximise the effectiveness and efficiency of every euro invested, ensuring that budgetary resources are aligned with strategic priorities and directed where they deliver the greatest results.

What is the Commission proposing?

- An **enhanced, simpler, and more consistent framework** for supporting horizontal principles, tracking budget expenditure and monitoring performance
- A strengthened **performance-based management** of the EU budget; reducing administrative burden and improving transparency and accountability, in line with the new Financial Regulation

BUDGET EXPENDITURE TRACKING AND PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK

1. Horizontal principles

- Promoting climate and environmental objectives
- Implementing the budget without doing significant harm to the climate and the environment
- Supporting social policies
- Contributing to gender equality

2. Monitoring

- Expenditure tracking through simplified thematic intervention fields
- Performance indicators to monitor outputs and results of each programme
- Single methodology to track contribution to policies

3. Reporting

- Single performance report
- Single gateway portal [on budget implementation, performance and funding opportunities]

The **new Performance Framework** will simplify and harmonise how EU spending and results are monitored, enabling performance data to be aggregated across the entire EU budget. It will comprise three main elements:

- **Intervention fields:** allowing expenditure to be tracked per type of activity (e.g., ‘renovation of buildings for social housing’) and for key policies such as green and social objectives, as well as gender equality;
- **Output indicators:** measuring what is directly delivered through the funded activities (e.g., m2 renovated);
- **Result indicators:** measuring the direct effects or benefits of those activities (e.g., greenhouse gas emissions avoided).



A **new Single Gateway Portal** will provide, for the first time, a single entry point for performance information, and for funding opportunities available across the EU budget, increasing transparency and facilitating access to EU funds for beneficiaries.

What does it mean in terms of simplification?

The proposed regulation will deliver major simplifications across the following key dimensions:

Harmonised horizontal provisions and principles

A single approach to implement climate and environment, do no significant harm principle, social policies and gender equality

Common methodology to track EU budget expenditure

A single methodology to monitor the expenditure supporting climate mitigation, climate adaptation, environment, and social objectives

Common list of performance indicators

Streamlined output and result indicators, moving **from over 5 000 to around 900 indicators**, and allowing aggregation at EU budget level

A single report on performance

From 32 programme-specific reporting requirements to a single performance report: the Annual Management and Performance Report

A Single Gateway portal

Merging over 30 portals and dashboards into a single entry point for funding opportunities and EU budget performance information

Streamlined evaluations

Implementation report replacing mid-term evaluation