

Call for direct EU taxation as budget increases

With MEPs requesting a 5.9 percent budget increase and member states anxious to cut costs, Budget Commissioner Janusz Lewandowski has proposed allowing the EU to levy direct taxes, starting with aviation, financial transactions and CO₂ emissions permits

FUNDING EU

Currently each country pays proportion of budget according to its GDP plus % of VAT

Germany **19.59%**
Contribution for 2010 is almost €22 billion

France
17.57%

Italy
13.38%

DRAFT BUDGET 2011 (€ billions)

Growth and jobs
Structural fund, Cohesion, Research and development
Up 3.4% ▲

Freedom, security and justice
Up 7.7% ▲

Administration
Up 4.5% ▲

Others **3.00%**
Romania **1.08%**
Ireland **1.16%**
Czech Rep. **1.21%**
Portugal **1.43%**
Finland **1.57%**
Greece **2.01%**
Denmark **2.07%**
Austria **2.31%**
Sweden **2.48%**
Belgium **3.08%**
Poland **3.22%**
Netherlands **3.96%**
Spain **8.87%**
UK **11.99%**

Total
€142.6 billion

Agriculture
No change

Rural development
No change

Global player
Funding for international issues including Palestine, Climate Change commitments, AIDS, TB and Malaria
Up 5.6% ▲

