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# **The Multiannual Financial Framework 2021 – 2027**

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## Conclusions

The first and most important conclusion is that, given the political turmoil and the artificial limits, the Commission deserves to be praised for the budget proposal. If it is managed well, the budget is due to catalyse further most urgent investments in very important new areas.



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Summarising, as a second conclusion I believe that the Commission has presented a quite understandable set of interdependent financial proposals that will have the highest added value and deep political impact, if they are managed in a cohesive way across bureaucratic pillars.



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Accordingly, a third conclusion is that the discussion on the budget and its various components should not be disconnected from the question how to make it work in practice. Common commitment of MS and effective coordination should also be tabled as a priority with a corresponding political impact in the upcoming discussion on the budget.



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A fourth conclusion is the need for agreement with the Commission's proposal for Own resources, as a minimum requirement to be developed more extensively in the future.



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Examples like these give rise to my fifth conclusion that the Commission's proposals present, given the political constraints, a very rational basis for open discussions and solutions for the very complicated controversies between various categories of MS as the proposals focus purposefully on the common European good and interest which takes equally the diversity in the Union sufficiently into account.