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No Sustainable Resources without own resources

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The MFF can play a key role in the fight against the current crisis as it can initiate the necessary reforms and catalyse the urgently needed transformation to a sustainable post carbon, nuclear-free, resource efficient, renewable-based economy, allowing for the creation of new green jobs and leading towards a renewed EU-competitiveness.

The Greens/EFA are advocating an EU response in the form of a Green New Deal, a comprehensive response to the multiple crises, integrating macro-economic reforms with a social inclusiveness agenda and green industrial policy, from the local to the global level. The MFF shall clearly reflect the political will to come to such a comprehensive response and shall become a budgetary tool of key importance for its implementation. Embracing the concept of the Green New Deal the MFF shall set intelligent incentives for sustainable growth, innovation and a green transformation of the European economies.

The Greens/EFA ask for a targeted increase in the MFF of 5%, based on the level of 2013, and henceforth fiercely oppose the initiative taken by several EU-net payers to come to a cut of 10% of the overall MFF. At the same time, we must not ignore the EU-member states' efforts to come to a new solidity in the national budgets. It poses a considerable risk, if the EU level excludes oneself from the common task to come to more sustainable budgetary policy.

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