

EU Funding to Wales

European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) (including CAP)	€3.18 billion over 9 years
Structural funds	€2.2 billion over 7 years
European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)	€378 million over 7 years
European Fisheries Fund (EFF)	€16.6 million over 7 years

(figures sent by Alun Davies AM on the 6 November following a question submitted to WEFO on the 22 October)

Lifelong Learning Programmes (LLP)

Erasmus	€1.8 million (2010/2011)
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NB: Figures for Erasmus change every year, it depends how many applications the university puts in. These figures are for the 2010/2011 academic year.

The other LLPs are: Comenius¹, Leonardo da Vinci², Grundtvig³ and Transversal⁴. All these combined amount to approximately **€3 179 581.56** per year received by Wales⁵.

Framework Programme 7 (FP7)	€88 million (2007-summer this year) = €17 600 000 per year
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(figures obtained from Welsh Higher Education Office Brussels)

What Wales receives from/contributes to the EU budget

Wales receives approximately **€747 000 000** per year from the EU. However, it must be noted that the list above is not exhaustive, there are other EU funding streams which Wales receives money from but these figures are not readily available.

After the UK rebate is taken into account, the UK's net contribution to the EU budget in 2011 was €7.25 billion⁶. The UK's rebate in 2011 was **€3.6 billion**⁷.

¹ Figures available at: <http://www.britishcouncil.org/comenius-results.htm>

² Figures available at: http://www.assemblywales.org/eur_3_-14-10-p2-e_ecorys.pdf

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⁴ Figures available at: http://www.assemblywales.org/eur_3_-14-10-p2-e_ecorys.pdf

⁶ http://ec.europa.eu/budget/library/biblio/publications/2011/fin_report/fin_report_11_en.pdf

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Each person in the Wales contributes **€195.82** to the EU budget. This figure is the same for every person in the UK.

If we consider that the population of Wales is **3.06 million**, **each person in Wales receives €48.16 more from the EU budget than they contribute.**

Proposed cuts

A **€74.5 billion** cut to the European Commission's proposal regarding the MFF is currently being proposed by President of the European Council, Herman Van Rompuy. This would bring the overall budget size for 7 years down from **€1,048 billion to €973 billion.**

€41,164 billion would be cut in growth-related programmes of which :
€11,665 billion would be cut from Heading 1a: "Competitiveness for Growth and Jobs". This includes programmes that invest in research, innovation, competitiveness, SMEs and education, including Erasmus.

€29,499 billion would be cut from Heading 1b: "Economic, Social and Territorial Cohesion", of which **€6,454 billion** would be cut from the Convergence Fund, the funding received by less developed regions, this funding is received by the West and the Valleys. **€5,638 billion** would also be cut from the funding received by more developed regions, the East receives this funding.

€25.5 billion would be cut from Heading 2 "Sustainable Resources". **€13,199 billion** of this will be taken from direct payments (CAP). Looking outside the MFF, **€1,155 billion** would also be cut from the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF).

Changes COULD be made to the way the EU spends its money

It is important to mention that while the EU budget should be protected, some EU spending could be cut in order or better used in other programmes (Structural Funds, Erasmus etc.) These include:

1. International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER)

The EU provides 45% of the funding for the project with the other partners (India, Japan, China, Russia, South Korea and the US) contributing 9% each. It is estimated that ITER will cost **€15billion**⁸, **€7.2 billion** of which will be contributed by the EU.

At the end of 2011, the Commission asked for and received an *additional* **€1,3 billion** for ITER for 2012-2013. **€110 million** was already foreseen from the 2012 budget, the rest of the money came from revisions of the MFF.

2. House of European History

It is estimated that the House of European History project will cost **€52 million**⁹. Once it is open to the public, the project will cost around **€13.5 million** per year to run.

⁸ <https://www.efda.org/fusion/why-should-society-invest-in-fusion-research/cost-of-fusion-power/>

⁹ <http://www.theparliament.com/latest-news/article/newsarticle/former-eu-parliament-president-defends-cost-of-new-museum/>

3. Strasbourg

The monthly plenary sessions that are held in Strasbourg incur additional costs of **€180 million** annually and emits 19,000 extra tonnes of CO₂ every year.

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