
EU BUDGET NEEDS TAXES GOVERNMENTS AREN'T ALREADY RAISING, COSTA SAYS

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Governments will be more likely to back new EU taxes for the blocs next seven-year budget if they raise money that national governments are not already collecting, European Council President António Costa said.

In an interview with POLITICO, Costa set out for the first time what he gathered from leaders during his tour of 25 capitals on one of the thorniest issues in the talks: how to build support towards new EU levies [] as own resources [] would generate fresh revenue to the budget.

The answer will help determine whether EU governments can agree on a budget by the end of the year [] before 2027's elections in France, Italy, Spain and Poland threaten to derail the talks [] without either cutting spending on new priorities or asking national governments to pay more.

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