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## Breakthrough for climate budget

### EU budget 2020

The 2020 budget includes an additional half a billion investments for climate protection and an additional 78 million for combating youth unemployment and promoting the Erasmus exchange.

The European Parliament was unable to push through its cross-party call for a budget line on sea rescue. The initiative of the Greens/EFA Group failed, due to opposition from the EU Commission and Member States.

**Rasmus Andresen**, shadow rapporteur of the Greens/EFA Group for the EU budget 2020 and member of the European Parliament's negotiating team for the multi annual financial framework for the years 2021 to 2027, comments:

*"The European Parliament achieved great progress. Climate protection and youth projects are a strong part of the EU 2020 budget. The European Parliament, with the Greens/EFA pushing, has been able to successfully establish future investments. The EU budget 2020 will be the greenest budget in the history of the European Union."*

*"The European Parliament is getting stronger and that is good for the people in the European Union, the climate and our democracy."*

*"Unfortunately, it has not been possible to anchor a budget line for a European search and rescue programme in the EU budget. The sea rescue in the Mediterranean defends European values, the rejection of a single budget line is a slap in the face for the people who risk their lives."*

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