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Quote from Terry Reintke

EU Summit

On the failed EU summit, **Terry Reintke**, President of the Greens/EFA Group in the European Parliament, comments:

“Those who demand greater protection, competitiveness, and crisis management from Europe cannot simply walk away from negotiations prematurely when it comes to money.

“Frugal countries such as Germany’s desire to further cut the already modest budget proposal put forward by Council President Costa is not only irresponsible but also short-sighted for the future. Underfunding Europe does not solve problems; it merely defers them, ultimately making them more costly to address. Seeking to be celebrated as champions of austerity while a summit ends without any results is the very opposite of responsible leadership.

“The vast majority of citizens want the EU to play a stronger role, which requires providing it with the necessary financial resources. At the December summit, heads of state and government must take responsibility; moving beyond mere lip service to a ‘strong Europe’ and ensuring it has the financial capacity to act.”

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