

# EuroCommerce statement on the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF)

“It’s not just about the money; it’s also about the policy. As negotiations start on the EU’s budget, the priority for retail and wholesale is better regulation and robust enforcement. We believe the Multiannual financial framework (MFF) can play a stronger role in supporting the green and digital transformation that is central to our industry’s competitiveness. A well-functioning Single Market empowers EU’s retailers and wholesalers to invest, innovate, and thrive. We hope that MFF encourages that success and does not undermine our sector’s investment needs and contribution to Europe’s employment by imposing further taxes designed to help fund other sectors. The MFF must serve all sectors equally, with transparency and accountability as its cornerstones. Where Member States fall short of upholding EU principles, the Commission should not shy away from reconsidering funding. Only then can we ensure a true level playing field across Europe.”

— *Christel Delberghe, Director General at EuroCommerce*

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