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Title:	**AM-35-2 to Res 2.: A budget for a sovereign Europe**
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Growing threats to democracy and open societies require a strong EU budget including rule-of-law safeguards in the next MFF to ensure transparent EU spending and prevent

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journalism and equal application of the law are essential for accountability and protecting public funds. When autocrats in EU governments violate these basic conditions, this must lead to the freezing of funds. Where national governments fail to ensure fair and transparent distribution, full use should be made of all tools to safeguard the financial interests of the EU and, where possible, the Commission should manage funds directly rather than penalise regional and local beneficiaries.

Explanation / Comment

Rule-of-law conditionality must have consequences: violations by governments must lead to the freezing of funds. All available tools should be used to protect the EU's financial interests, with direct management by the Commission where possible, so that regional and local beneficiaries are not penalised.