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Bruegel at a glance

Our mission

Improving economic policy

How?

Through open, evidence-based and policy-relevant research, analysis and discussions

Established in 2005, Bruegel does not stand for any particular policy, doctrine or ideology. Our researchers assess economic processes, discuss policy options and make proposals.

Bruegel contributes at various stages of the policymaking process, shaping the agenda, framing policy debates and evaluating policy.

We are committed to impartiality, openness and excellence.

Thanks to our dual focus on analysis and impact, and our dynamic relationships with policymakers at every level of governance, Bruegel has established itself as a vibrant laboratory for economic policy.

Four pillars of research

European identity, global outlook:

Bruegel has a distinct European identity, with work focused on individual countries, the European Union and wider Europe. Our research team also studies global dynamics and relationships. Representatives of global governance groups, international organisations and multinational companies are regular speakers at Bruegel events.

Demand-driven questions, independent answers:

Bruegel publishes an annual research programme that follows the course of the academic year. Fellows design the programme by selecting the most relevant topics in Bruegel's research areas, observing external realities and through conversations with Bruegel Members. The Board must approve the research programme proposed by the Director. Each output reflects the work and views of the author(s). Bruegel takes no institutional standpoint.

Evidence-based policy recommendations:

Bruegel's research team applies a data-driven approach to assess economic processes, discuss policy options and make proposals. The recommendations aim to be feasible and are not limited by political red lines.

Bridging academia, governments,corporate sector and civil society:

Bruegel is a hub for policy discussions between various stakeholders. Bruegel's long-form publications, policy papers, commentary, datasets, events and podcast aim to focus the debate on more specific topics and reach diverse audiences.

Our impact

175 Outputs:

67 Long reads
02 Books
02 Essay
21 Working Papers
33 Policy Briefs
07 Reports for the European Parliament

98 Short reads
44 Analyses
54 First Glances

13 Datasets
03 New
10 Updated in 2024

79 Events

44 public
35 closed-door
359 speakers
3,702 onsite participants
64,964 online participants

Media outreach

22,477 media mentions during 2024
16% target media mentions

Bruegel's Memos to EU Leadership 2024-2029

Since 2009, Bruegel has published policy memos ahead of each new European Commission term. Published after EU elections but before the new commissioners take office, these memos assess key challenges to Europe's economic prosperity and offer targeted recommendations across.

Each edition has coincided with major turning points: the financial crisis, the green transition, and now, the dual shocks of COVID-19 and the war in Ukraine. The 2024 memos call for unity, resilience and bold action in the face of geopolitical threats, sluggish growth and climate emergency.

Key themes: defending openness and multilateralism, strengthening EU security, deepening the single market – including for defence – and making the Green Deal fair and competitive. The importance of investment, innovation and partnerships beyond Europe are emphasised.

The title of the book, *Unite, defend, grow* sums up the three guiding objectives for the new European leadership 2024-2019.

Closed-door events

Bruegel regularly hosts closed-door invitation-only events that spark compelling and frank discussions. The Talks@Bruegel series welcomes experts to engage with Brussels stakeholders and Bruegel members on pertinent economic topics. Bruegel also hosts other specialised thematic series that focus on topics such as China, finance and financial regulation and the macroeconomics of decarbonisation.

Research agenda

Key figures

20
Running projects:

6
Horizon Europe funded projects;

5
Framework contracts with EU institutions;

14
Projects with private foundations

80
Project partners

30
Countries

Microeconomic policies:

Technology, innovation, growth, digital economy, health economics and policy, investment

BB-Future: Assesses the socio-economic challenges brought by the aging of the Baby Boomers cohort, and the consequent 'Care Wave'.

Labour market outlook dashboard: Offers a comprehensive overview of the evolution of key labour market outcomes across EU countries, from 2006 onwards.

Transatlantic Clean Tech Monitor: Collects and disseminates data on clean tech manufacturing and deployment trends to support policymaking with transparent and reliable data. Provides a comparative analysis of data from both the US and the EU.

Banking and capital markets

Competition policy, transatlantic relations, energy, monetary policy, European single market , geopolitics, financial crisis, global governance, capital markets, migration, EU budget, multilateralism, tax policy

Global economy and trade policy:

Geopolitics, trade policy, transatlantic relations, investment, European Green Deal, climate change, emerging economies, EU-China relations

DWARC (Dealing with a Resurgent China): Responds to the European need to develop a long-term strategic approach to engagement with China, and the global implications of Chinese growth.

RETHINK GSC (Rethinking Global Supply Chains: measurement, impact and policy): Aims to enhance the understanding of the impact of global supply chains using new measures that can quantify the role of intangible assets in global production.

EU Green Diplomacy: Seeks to develop a bold EU green diplomacy strategy for the new phase of the Green Deal, effectively linking climate, industrial, trade, finance and foreign policy, in line with the European Commission's 2024-2029 political guidelines.

EU, Global South and New Global Value Chains: Comprehensive research programme exploring the pathways for the EU to build a new fair green partnership with Global South.

Scaling the EU's international climate finance and integrating it with the EU's competitiveness and economic security objectives: Addresses the constraints and trade-offs standing in the way of scaled-up EU international climate finance.

Click on project names to read more

Scan to read more about Bruegel partnerships

Macroeconomic policy and governance:

Fiscal policy, financial regulation, decarbonisation, EU governance, global governance, European neighbourhood policy, EU budget

Safeguarding EU resources for development: Involves assessing the current Budget, providing recommendations for the new one, and enhancing EU and member state tax efficiency.

Economics of the European green transition: Supports the work of the European Green Deal - fostering the economic, industrial and governance agenda of the European Green Deal ahead of, and into, the upcoming EU institutional cycle.

A new social contract to safeguard EU decarbonisation: Defines the architecture of a new green social contract to safeguard EU decarbonisation, and to ensure the work programme of the 2024-2029 Commission includes a strong focus on the social dimension of decarbonisation.

Progressive Integration of Western Balkans into the EU: Evaluates the EU's new Growth Plan for Western Balkans, assesses its potential and identifies priority policy areas for enhanced cooperation. Provides EU policymakers and national governments with actionable recommendations and looks at intra Western Balkans relations and how more regional integration can benefit relations with the EU.

Energy and climate policy:

Climate change, decarbonisation, energy, European Green Deal, fiscal policy, tax policy, sustainability, sustainable finance

PRISMA: Promotes improvement of integrated assessment models by focusing on the representation of distributional justice and efficiency, innovation and finance, climate impacts and land-use implications, and lifestyle change and circularity.

DECIPHER (Decision-making framework and processes for holistic evaluation of environmental and climate policies): Aims to establish a holistic and operational decision-making framework that integrates advanced economic and biophysical models, empirical methods, and stakeholder participation tools.

IAM COMPACT (Expanding Integrated Assessment Modelling: Supports the assessment of global climate goals, the design of the next round of nationally determined contributions (national climate action plans by each country under the Paris Agreement) and policy planning beyond 2030 for major emitters and non-high-income countries

European clean tech tracker: Provides an overview of the main innovation, manufacturing and deployment trends in clean tech in Europe.

ECF Building Decarbonisation: Works to provide an answer to the question of how the EU can finance its building transition, demonstrating the multiple benefits of building decarbonisation.

ECF Public Procurement: Identifies geopolitical and economic bottlenecks in the adoption of green procurement strategies in the goods market at national and EU level.

Greening transport – electric vehicles in the EU: Examines Europe's electric vehicle transition, investigates the various industrial policy actions being pursued so far at both EU and national levels to boost progress in the area, and develops policy recommendations aimed at impacting the policy direction.

Environmental economics - nature capital, biodiversity, circular economy: Examines how circular economy practices can integrate with sustainable management of natural resources to foster ecological and economic resilience.

Our members

***As of May 2025**

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Temasek
Terna
UniCredit Group
Urenco

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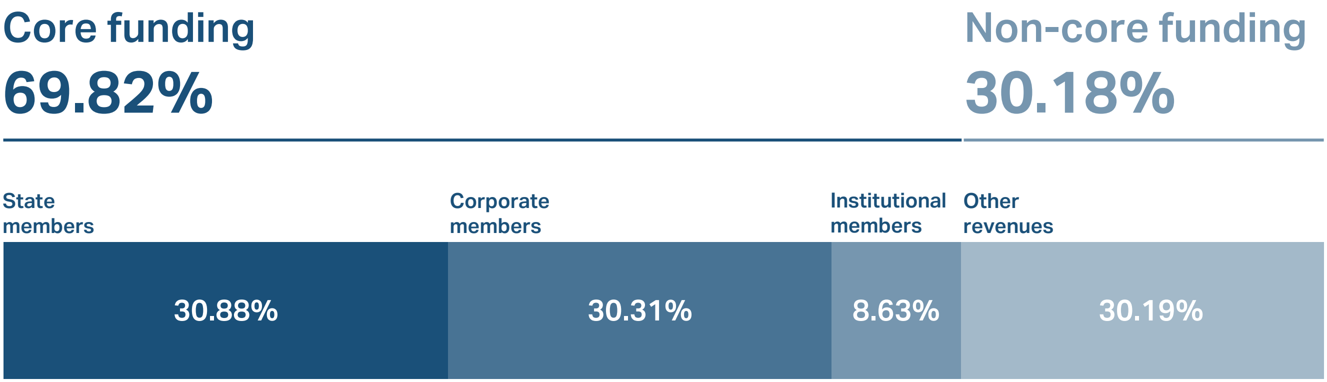
We have a host of activities planned as part of the celebrations, most notably events in the capitals of all our members states. In line with our mission, much of what we organise will be focused on the objective of improving economic policy.

Who funds Bruegel?

Bruegel's distinctive nature rests on a balanced partnership between private and public stakeholders. A diverse set of stakeholders help buttress Bruegel's independence and allow the budget to cover the funding cycle. 69.81% of funding comes from the membership programme. The core funding is further divided by categories; state, 30.88%, corporate, 30.30% and institutional: 8.63%



Membership benefits

Members are at the core of Bruegel's organisational framework, of its governance and of the process under which research topics are selected. They support Bruegel's efforts to push the frontier of economic research and to influence policy.

Exchange ideas with Bruegel fellows

Members interact with our fellows through phone calls and face-to-face exchanges. They are also regularly updated on Bruegel's activities, research and upcoming initiatives via the weekly members newsletter. Our fellows participate in members' events, conferences and internal retreats.

A voice in Bruegel's research programme

While research and publication remain entirely independent, the design of Bruegel's research agenda is the result of a joint collaboration between Bruegel's fellows and members.

Priority access to all Bruegel events

Bruegel members are regularly invited to participate as guest speakers at Bruegel events, and to brainstorming discussions. They have access to our restricted off-the-record workshops and closed-door events and they are also invited to Bruegel's Annual Meetings and Annual Dinner.

A stake in Bruegel's governance

Every three years, members elect Bruegel's Board. The Board, chaired by Erkki Liikanen, appoints the Director and has decision-making powers on Bruegel's strategy, research programme, partnerships and budget. Also, every three years, members appoint the review task force to evaluate all aspects of Bruegel's work from research to management.

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