European Commission

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**Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)**

**Results of the 5th cut-off of the Transport Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Facility (AFIF)**

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**What is CEF?**

The Connecting Europe Facility ([CEF](https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/connecting-europe-facility/about-connecting-europe-facility_en)) is a key EU funding instrument to promote growth, jobs and competitiveness through targeted infrastructure investment at European level. It supports the development of high performing, sustainable, intelligent and efficiently interconnected trans-European networks in the fields of transport, energy and digital services.

The [CEF Transport programme](https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/connecting-europe-facility/about-connecting-europe-facility_en) **implements the European Union’s transport infrastructure policy by supporting investments in building or upgrading transport infrastructure across Europe.**

**What is the Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Facility (AFIF)?**

As a dedicated instrument under CEF, the AFIF supports the deployment of alternative fuel supply infrastructure, contributing to decarbonising transport along the TEN-T network.

With a total budget of EUR 1.5 billion, AFIF provides grants in combination with financing from financial institutions to achieve a higher impact of the EU grants.

**What types of projects can receive funding?**

Support is provided to investment projects deploying alternative fuel infrastructure, including electricity fast-charging and hydrogen refuelling infrastructure on the TEN-T road network.

**What kind of alternative fuel infrastructure has   
AFIF supported so far and at which scale?**

**Roads**

Under the 5th cut-off, more than **780 charging stations** for road transport will be supported, bringing the total for the five cut-offs to more than 4,700 stations.

These stations feature around 26,500 recharging points, of which close to 24,000 have a power capacity of 150 kW and almost 2,500 of 350 kW. These recharging points will be deployed in 25 Member States.

Under the same cut-off around 50 Hydrogen Refuelling Stations for road transport will be supported, bringing the total so far to over 200. These 200 stations will be deployed in 13 Member States and feature 32 electrolysers allowing to produce hydrogen on site.

**Airports**

Under this cut-off, 21 European airports will receive funding from AFIF to electrify ground operations, totalling 63 airports in 11 Member States since 2021.

**Total funding to date under AFIF**

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| Cut-off | Cut-off date | Number of selected projects | Recommended funding, (EUR) |
| AFIF cut-off 1 | 19 January 2022 | 15 | 86,498,692 |
| AFIF cut-off 2 | 7 June 2022 | 24 | 292,532,177 |
| AFIF cut-off 3 | 10 November 2022 | 26 | 188,829,989 |
| AFIF cut-off 4 | 13 April 2023 | 26 | 352,060,575 |
| AFIF cut-off 5 | 7 November 2023 | 42 | 424,636,307 |
| TOTAL |  | **133** | **1,344,557,740** |

**How will the projects be managed?**

The CEF Programme is managed centrally by the European Commission, which sets the political priorities and is responsible for the selection of projects through competitive calls for proposals.

The Commission is assisted by CINEA for the evaluation and selection of projects and for the overall technical and financial monitoring of project implementation.

Beneficiaries in the Member States manage the projects.

All projects co-funded by the CEF programme are available on [CINEA’s website](https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/cinea-data-hubs_en).