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Results of the 2022 Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) Military Mobility calls for proposals

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CEF – Connecting Europe Facility

The Connecting Europe Facility (<u>CEF</u>) 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. CEF investments fill the missing links in Europe's energy, transport and digital backbone.

The <u>CEF Transport programme</u> implements the European Union's transport infrastructure policy by supporting investments in building or upgrading transport infrastructure across Europe.

The programme focuses on cross-border projects and projects that remove bottlenecks or bridge missing links on the Trans-European Transport Network. This includes various sections of the TEN-T <u>Core Network</u> (nine pan-European Corridors to be completed by 2030 - including the most important connections between urban nodes), the <u>Comprehensive Network</u> (covering all European regions and to be completed by 2050) as well as horizontal priorities such as traffic management systems.

CEF Transport also supports innovation in the transport system in order to improve the use of infrastructure, reduce the environmental impact of transport, enhance energy efficiency and increase safety. The programme helps deliver on EU priorities like the <u>EU</u> <u>Green Deal</u> and the <u>Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy</u>.

CEF support to civilian-defence dual-use infrastructure

On 10 November 2022, the European Commission and the High Representative put forward a <u>revised Action Plan on Military Mobility</u> to help European armed forces to respond better, more rapidly and at sufficient scale to crises erupting at the EU's external borders and beyond. It will bolster the EU's ability to support Member States and partners as regards transport of troops and their equipment. It works towards better connected and protected infrastructure, while streamlining regulatory issues.

In this context, infrastructure investment is supported through a dedicated CEF budget of EUR 1.69 billion for the 2021-2027 period. It focuses on dual-use investments on the TEN-T network which bring benefit both for military mobility and civilian transport (mainly freight). Support is provided in the form of grants at a maximum co-funding rate of 50% of the costs.



Under the first call for proposals in 2021, 22 projects worth EUR 339 million were <u>selected for funding</u> and are now being implemented across the EU.

The 2022 CEF Transport Military Mobility call

What is the 2022 CEF Transport Military Mobility call?

It is a call for proposals which was launched 12 May 2022 and closed for applications on 29 September 2022, with the aim of financing military mobility transport infrastructure projects in Europe.

What are the objectives of 2022 CEF Transport Military Mobility call?

The objective of this call is to develop infrastructure adapted to improve jointly civil and defence mobility within the EU, making it dual-use compatible.

What types of projects could receive funding?

The 2022 CEF Transport Military Mobility call was open for project proposals addressing works and/or studies.

How many applications were received?

The European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA) received 63 proposals, for a total of EUR 1.3 billion of requested co-funding by the call deadline of 29 September 2022.

What projects will get CEF funding under the 2022 Military Mobility call for proposals?

35 project proposals were selected for funding for a total of EUR 616 million to upgrade key infrastructure for dual civil/defence use.

The European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (<u>CINEA</u>) will now start with the preparation of the individual grant agreements with project beneficiaries.

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.

Information on all projects co-funded by the CEF programme is available on $\underline{\text{CINEA's}}$ website.