

SUSTAINABLE & SMART MOBILITY STRATEGY

Questions & Answers



Under Topic 1 ‘TA to MS’, WP1 ‘Cooperation with ETCs’: Does CEF technical assistance covers activity such as an assessment for the migration plan to the 1435 mm gauge, according to TEN-T Regulation 2024/1679?

- The migration plan to the European rail gauge is not part of any activities of the current TA calls.
- It is not included in WP1 ‘Cooperation with the European Transport Corridors’, as it is not part of the direct cooperation within the Corridors.
- It rather stems directly from the TEN-T regulation provisions (Art. 17).

Under Topic 1 ‘TA to MS’ and WP1 ‘Cooperation with ETCs’: Should deliverables be included or not?

- The conditions triggering the payment will be based on the outputs corresponding to each Work Package – as indicated on page 6 of the Commission’s lumpsum decision.
- The Final Report is the document for assessing the technical completion of the outputs under each WP.
- Outputs should be described and listed in the final report – in line with the outputs indicated in (page 6 of) the Commission’s lumpsum decision.
- A single deliverable (under the grant agreement) will be the final report in the framework of the final payment request (final REPA).

Under topic 1, WP2 ‘Support to urban nodes’: May urban node (city municipality administration) submit a separate proposal under WP2 Support to UN itself or only MS (Ministry) may submit proposal for WP2?

If only Member State may submit proposal for Work Package 2, may urban node (city municipality administration) participate in the proposal and in what role?

- Only Member States can submit a proposal under WP 2.
- According to Article 41 of the TEN-T Regulation, Member States shall ensure for each urban node the adoption and monitoring of a sustainable urban mobility plan, as well as the collection and submission of urban mobility data.
- In this regard, Member States shall designate a national SUMP contact point and establish a national support programme with the aim of supporting urban nodes.
- Due to limited financial resources, support under the call is envisaged to implement the above national SUMP support programme and support Member States in assessing the available of urban mobility data per each urban node and in setting up the processes and structures to collect urban mobility data for each urban node.

Under Topic 1 ‘TA to MS’ and WP3 ‘Cooperation within RFCs’:

How can we prevent that Article 22 reports have different planning in different RFCs, as MS cooperate in more than one RFC, so reporting dates don't match?

- The technical assistance, as set out in the lump sum decision, has an explicit activity 3b requiring Member States to coordinate between corridors.
- This coordination should ensure, amongst other things, that the reports prepared under Article 22 are consistent with each other as regards substance and procedural aspects, such as timing.
- The Final report will include the reporting on the outputs during the entire period of implementation of the grant agreement (2025-2027).

Will interim payments be foreseen? Besides the pre-financing, is it expected only the balance of the payment at final report?

- There will be no interim payments under the TA grant agreements.
- Only a prefinancing within 30 days from entry into force and a final payment of the balance.
- Up to a 50% prefinancing is foreseen for the 'TA to MS and associated countries' under TAGENEA (topic 1) and TACONEA calls.
- For the other topics, the pre-financing can vary between 25 to 50%

Please clarify what is intended with "in case of significant changes to the circumstances...you may be asked to reduce the grant awarded" ? an example may help

- This is a standard provision in the call documents for CEF.
- It is intended to safeguard the Community's budget. The Agency reserves the right to ask beneficiaries to request an amendment to reduce the grant amount.
- It applies to circumstances that have an impact on the project budget during the implementation of the project.
- For instance, this provision can be used when it is obvious to the agency that the technical scope of the project will not be completed within the project's duration in the grant agreement.

Is it possible to extend the current Technical Assistance grants of the Member States beyond 31/12/2024 due to Work Package 5 related to the automated data exchange with TENtec?

- 2021 TA GAs can be extended by 1 year for the **WP5 TENtec only** – not the other Work Packages.
- Requests for extension must be submitted **ASAP** to allow signature of the amendments before the end of the GAs.
- Reporting on the other WPs must be submitted as currently foreseen, as there can be no overlap with the 2024 TA.

More questions

- Please look first on [CINEA's call page](#):

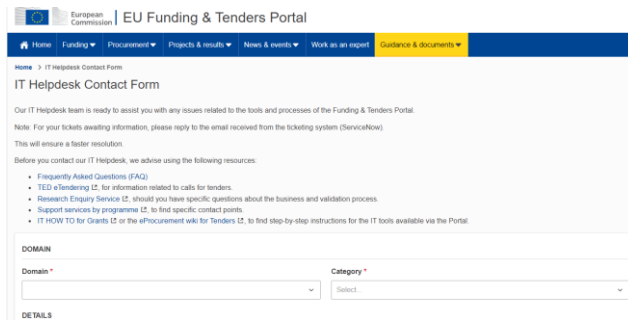
The screenshot shows a website navigation menu with options: Home, About us, Programmes, Funding opportunities, Beneficiaries corner, News & Events, and Publications. Below the menu is a breadcrumb trail: European Commission > CINEA > Funding opportunities > Calls for proposals > CEF Transport - Technical assistance to Member States. The main heading is 'CALL FOR PROPOSALS | Open' followed by 'CEF Transport - Technical assistance to Member States'. A 'PAGE CONTENTS' sidebar lists 'Details' and 'Description'. The 'Details' section includes: Status (OPEN), Publication date (12 September 2024), Opening date (12 September 2024), Deadline model (Single-stage), Deadline date (12 November 2024, 17:00 (CET)), Funding programme (Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) (2021/2027)), and Department (European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency). The 'Description' section begins with: 'This is an invitation for selected beneficiaries in EU Member States to submit proposals for EU action grants in the field of Transport under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF).'

Documents and templates

– [Lump sum decision](#)

More questions

- For individual questions on the Portal Submission System, please contact the **IT Helpdesk**.



The screenshot shows the 'IT Helpdesk Contact Form' on the 'EU Funding & Tenders Portal'. The page includes a navigation bar with 'Home', 'Funding', 'Procurement', 'Projects & results', 'News & events', 'Work as an expert', and 'Guidance & documents'. The main content area contains the following text:

IT Helpdesk Contact Form

Our IT Helpdesk team is ready to assist you with any issues related to the tools and processes of the Funding & Tenders Portal.

Note: For your tickets awaiting information, please reply to the email received from the ticketing system (ServiceNow). This will ensure a faster resolution.

Before you contact our IT Helpdesk, we advise using the following resources:

- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
- TED eTendering U2, for information related to calls for tenders.
- Research Entry Service U2, should you have specific questions about the business and validation process.
- Support services by programme U2, to find specific contact points.
- IT HOW TO for Grants U2 or the eProcurement wiki for Tenders U2, to find step-by-step instructions for the IT tools available via the Portal.

Below the text is a 'DOMAIN' section with two dropdown menus: 'Domain *' and 'Category *' (with 'Select...' as the default option).

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