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Bridging the investment gap in transport

Results of the 2021 Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) Transport Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Facility and Military Mobility calls for proposals

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CEF – Connecting Europe Facility

What is CEF?

The Connecting Europe Facility ([CEF](#)) 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 [CEF Transport programme](#) 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 [Core Network](#) (nine pan-European Corridors to be completed by 2030 - including the most important connections between urban nodes), the [Comprehensive Network](#) (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 [EU Green Deal](#) and the [Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy](#).

Why do we need investment in transport infrastructure?

Transport faces a wide range of challenges across the EU. Significant investment is needed to complete the TEN-T Network and financing gaps remain in several areas. Many bottlenecks still have to be removed and there are parts of the infrastructure that need upgrading and modernisation. The European Commission's [InvestEU Programme](#) as well as the Connecting Europe Facility are two of the EU's funding instruments which help

address these issues, paving the way for the competitive and sustainable EU transport system of tomorrow.

The 2021 CEF Transport Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Facility and Military Mobility calls

What are the 2021 CEF Transport Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Facility and Military Mobility calls?

They are part of the first 2021-2027 CEF calls (a set of 13 calls) which were launched on 16 September 2021 with the aim of financing transport infrastructure projects in Europe.

What are the objectives of 2021 CEF Transport Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Facility and Military Mobility calls?

The general objective of these calls was to implement the TEN-T network by supporting infrastructure projects.

The Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Facility call

The objective of this rolling call (multiple cut-off dates until the end of 2023) is to boost the deployment of alternative fuel supply infrastructure in transport.

The 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 2021 CEF Transport Alternative Fuels and Military Mobility calls were open for project proposals addressing works (under both calls) and studies (only under the Military Mobility call).

How many applications were received?

The European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA) received 48 proposals, for a total of EUR 548.5 million of requested co-funding by the calls deadline of 19 January 2022.

What projects will get CEF funding under the 2021 Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Facility and Military Mobility calls for proposals?

37 project proposals were selected for funding for a total of EUR 425 million.

The Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Facility calls

15 project proposals were selected for funding for a total of EUR 86 million to help [help](#) deliver a transport network which is environmentally sustainable.

The Military Mobility call

22 project proposals were selected for funding for a total of EUR 339 million to upgrade key infrastructure for dual civil/defence use.

The European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency ([CINEA](#)) 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.

All projects co-funded by the CEF programme are available on [CINEA's website](#).