

EU launches Connecting Europe Facility call worth €1.4bn

The European Commission launched a call worth €1.4bn on October 16 to support key transport projects implemented in 2021-2027 through the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF).

The investment will help build missing connections across the continent, while focusing on sustainable transport modes. The call is split into two, with the cohesion envelope, which is worth €650m, reserved for the 15 EU Member States that are eligible for Cohesion Fund support: Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.

This funding is split between:

- Pre-identified projects on the corridors of the core network (railways, inland waterways, roads, maritime and inland ports) – €610m
- Safe and secure infrastructure, including safe and secure parking on the road core network – €40m

The general envelope, which to applications from all EU member states, has a budget of €750m across the following areas:

- Pre-identified projects on the corridors of the core network (railways, inland waterways, roads, maritime and inland ports) – €500m
- Deployment of European rail traffic management system (ERTMS) – €50m
- Safe and secure infrastructure, including safe and secure parking on the road core network – €20m

- Intelligent Transport Services For Road (ITS) – €20m
- Single European sky (Sesar) – €20m
- Actions implementing transport infrastructure in core network nodes, including urban nodes and passengers multimodality – €110m
- Motorways of the sea – €30m

“To accelerate decarbonisation and contribute to the completion of the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T), we are making full use of the resources available through the CEF,” says transport commissioner, Ms Violeta Bulc.

“These investments will support smart and sustainable mobility and better connect our citizens across Europe.” A virtual information day will take place on November 7, with the deadline for applications on February 26 2020. CEF is the European Union’s funding instrument for strategic investment in transport, energy and digital infrastructure.

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