

SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT

Connecting Europe Facility (Transport)

CEF Transport is a funding instrument to realise European transport infrastructure policy. It aims at supporting investments in building new transport infrastructure in Europe or rehabilitating and upgrading the existing one. Trans-European Networks for Transport (TEN-T) policy objectives foresee the completion by 2030 of the Core Network, structured around nine multimodal Core Network Corridors, and the completion by 2050 of the Comprehensive Network in order to facilitate accessibility to all European regions.

Budget (2021-2027): €25.35 billion

Key Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multimodal networks (railways, inland waterways & inland ports, maritime ports, roads, rail-roads terminals & multimodal logistic platforms) • Smart, interoperable mobility (European Rail Traffic Systems, Intelligence Transport Services for Roads, transport interoperability) • Sustainable & multimodal mobility (alternative fuels infrastructure facility (AFIF), Motorways of the Sea, multimodal passenger hubs, reduction of rail freight noise) • Inclusive, accessible, safe and secure mobility (parking infrastructure, road safety, transport infrastructure resilience, adaptation of the TEN-T to civilian-defence dual-use) 			
WHO can apply?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU Member States, associated third countries (Article 5 of the CEF Regulation) • Legal entities: Public or private bodies • International organisations <p>Proposals must be submitted by one or more EU Member States or with the agreement of at least one Member State.</p>			
WHAT activities can be funded?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works or studies within the meaning of Article 2(r) and 2(v) of the CEF Regulation or combination of both • Dual-use transport network (military/civilian) • Pilot projects • Technical assistance • Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Facility (AFIF) (electric, LNG, hydrogen) 			
Range of EU Contribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General envelope calls: up to 30% of eligible costs for works (or up to 50% actions relating to cross-border links), up to 50% for studies. • Cohesion envelope calls: up to 85% of eligible costs for studies and works. • Military Mobility envelope calls: up to 50% for studies and works. • AFIF: other % ranging from 10% to 30%. 			
Links to relevant calls	CEF Transport Calls for Proposals			
Target Technology Readiness Level (TRL)	n/a			
Project examples	<p>New Wendlingen-Ulm railway line (January 2014 - December 2021)</p> <p>The new Wendlingen-Ulm railway line is a sub-project of the upgraded and new Stuttgart-Ulm-Augsburg line and part of the Rhine-Danube core network.</p> <p>The project encompasses a route length of 59.57 km, of which 30.21 km go through tunnels.</p> <p>The line is designed for mixed traffic (long-distance passenger transport along with fast and light-weight freight trains).</p> <p>CEF Transport featured projects</p>	<p>Upgrade of the Gabčíkovo locks (February 2016 - December 2023)</p> <p>The Gabčíkovo locks are located at river km 1,820 of the Danube in Slovakia, in proximity to the border with Hungary. The project consisted of both studies and works.</p> <p>The construction works included the replacement of the upper and lower gates, the technological equipment of the lock chambers, the locks filling and emptying system and the expert control system.</p>	<p>Ultra Fast in Europe (June 2022 - June 2025)</p> <p>The project aims at implementing a network of publicly accessible recharging stations for light-duty electric vehicles to allow electric charging along the TEN-T road networks in Italy, France, Germany, Austria, Spain, Portugal, Slovenia and Greece.</p> <p>504 charging stations (sites) equipped with 2,016 recharging points of a minimum power output of 150 kilowatt (kW) each and with 504 grid connections of 600 kilovolt-amperes (kVA) each, will become available for consumers around the clock.</p>	<p>Military/civilian loading facility in Palemonas (May 2022 - December 2026)</p> <p>The project aims to facilitate the loading of military material and vehicles in the Kaunas Palemonas railway station in Lithuania and create a loading and unloading point for general cargo for 1,435 mm gauge railway lines.</p> <p>Infrastructure built during the implementation of the project will create a connection between the 1,435 mm and the 1,520 mm gauge rail lines on the TEN-T North Sea-Baltic Corridor, facilitating cargo traffic across the territory of Lithuania, connection with western Europe and unhindered railway traffic across Baltic states.</p>