

Thema: Connecting Europe-Fazilität (CEF)

Kurzbeschreibung und wichtigste Ziele:

Die Connecting Europe-Fazilität (CEF) ist ein spezielles Instrument für Verkehrs-, Energie- und Telekommunikationsinfrastrukturen. Sie hat für den Zeitraum 2014-2020 einen Haushalt von 29,9 Milliarden EUR: 23,1 Milliarden EUR (davon 10 Milliarden EUR aus dem Kohäsionsfonds) für Verkehr, 5,1 Milliarden EUR für Energie und 1 Milliarde EUR für Telekommunikation.

Im Juni 2018 machte die Europäische Kommission den Vorschlag, den CEF-Haushalt nach 2020 auf über 42 Milliarden EUR zu erhöhen. Das Budget für die Verkehrsinfrastruktur soll dem Vorschlag gemäß rund 30,6 Milliarden EUR betragen.

Warum beschäftigt sich FIEC mit diesem Thema und mit welchen Zielen:

FIEC befürwortet diese Gesamthaushaltlinie nachdrücklich und plädiert unter anderem für ein größeres Verkehrsbudget – entsprechend dem tatsächlichen Bedarf – sowie für den Erhalt hoher Kofinanzierungssätze. Diese Investition ist für das Wachstum und die Wettbewerbsfähigkeit der EU unerlässlich.

Zudem nimmt FIEC seit Oktober 2017 an der Kampagne „mehr EU-Mittel für Verkehr – der beste Investitionsplan für Europa“ teil, die von Verbänden des Verkehrssektors eingeleitet wurde, um mehr Gehör für dieses Anliegen zu bekommen.

Aktionen und wichtigste Termine:

Oktober 2017 – FIEC tritt der „CEF-Verkehrskoalition“ bei

Juni 2018 – Vorschlag der Europäischen Kommission

21.09.2018 - FIEC-Stellungnahme

03.12.2018 – (partielle) allgemeine Ausrichtung des Rates

12.12.2018 – Resolution des Europäischen Parlaments (Plenarsitzung)

07.12.2018 – (Partielle) politische Einigung im Trilog (die Genehmigung der genauen Beträge steht noch aus)

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■ Background

Transport, energy and the digital sectors are central to the EU's future. They enable the effective operation of the internal market. These sectors represent the keystones of the EU economy. To foster growth and employment, a wide approach to infrastructure must be adopted to achieve the well-functioning European networks, which play a fundamental role in trade both inside and outside EU borders.

Investment needs for the TEN-T core network by 2030 have been estimated at about 350 billion by the European Commission. Cutting investment in infrastructure jeopardises long-term growth. Hence, the European Union is the crucial driving force behind assuring focused investment in viable infrastructure projects to foster sustainable growth, even in a period of budgetary discipline such as the current one.

Therefore, a coherent policy and financing framework for infrastructure must be implemented in Europe. The CEF is so far one of the most successful EU programmes of the 2014-2020 programming period and it is important to maintain it for the period post-2020.

■ Keeping the TENs funding programmes in the next MFF

First, FIEC approves maintaining a common funding framework for infrastructure in the future MFF 2021-2027, to boost both public and private investment.

Moreover, FIEC welcomes the emphasis on the convergence of the transport, energy and digital sectors through the synergy between these sectors. This emphasis is particularly important for the construction sector as it helps to achieve the decarbonisation and digitalisation goals. However, FIEC is concerned about the lack of ambition in the budgetary allocation. At 642.3 billion, it represents only around 2% of the EU budget (even without considering the need for mobility of military transport and equipment). A stronger budget for the Connecting Europe Facility post-2020 is needed with grants remaining the major component. FIEC calls for ambitious investment in transport infrastructure, despite constraints on public and private financial sources, in order to ensure long-term economic growth.

FIEC supports the proposed transformation of the infrastructure network to civilian-military dual-use, to facilitate the mobility of military transport and equipment.