Tema: Mecanismo Conectar Europa

Breve descripción y objetivos principales:

El Mecanismo Conectar Europa (CEF, *por sus siglas en inglés*) es un instrumento específico para las infraestructuras de transporte, energía y telecomunicaciones. Cuenta con un presupuesto de 29.900 millones de euros para el período 2014-2020: 23 100 millones de euros (incluidos 10 000 millones de euros del Fondo de Cohesión) para transporte, 5 100 millones de euros para energía y 1 000 millones de euros para telecomunicaciones.

En junio de 2018, la Comisión Europea propuso aumentar el presupuesto del CEF a más de 42.000 millones de euros después de 2020. Se propone que el presupuesto destinado a las infraestructuras de transporte ascienda a unos 30 .600 millones de euros.

Por qué aborda la FIEC este tema y sus objetivos:

La FIEC apoya firmemente esta línea presupuestaria global y aboga entre otras cosas por un mayor presupuesto para el transporte, coherente con las necesidades reales, así como por el mantenimiento de porcentaje de cofinanciación elevado. Esto representa una inversión esencial para el desarrollo y la competitividad de la UE.

Además, desde octubre de 2017, la FIEC forma parte de la campaña “Más presupuesto de la UE para el transporte - el mejor plan de inversión para Europa”, iniciada por asociaciones del ámbito del transporte, con el fin de hacer una llamada sobre este asunto.

Acciones y fechas clave:

Octubre 2017 – La FIEC se une a la “coalición de transporte CEF”.
Junio 2018 – Propuesta de la Comisión Europea
21/09/2018 - **Documento de posición de la FIEC**
03/12/2018 – Planteamiento general (parcial) del Consejo
12/12/2018 – Resolución del Parlamento Europeo (Sesión plenaria)
07/12/2018 – Acuerdo político (parcial) en trílogo (las cantidades exactas se aprobarán más adelante)

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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 keystone 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 €42.3 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.