

Thématique : Mécanisme pour l'Interconnexion en Europe (MIE)

Brève description et principaux objectifs :

Le Mécanisme pour l'Interconnexion en Europe (MIE) est un instrument spécifique pour les infrastructures de transport, d'énergie et de télécommunication. Il dispose d'un budget de 29,9 milliards d'euros couvrant la période 2014 à 2020 : 23,1 milliards d'euros (dont 10 milliards d'euros provenant du Fonds de cohésion) pour le transport, 5,1 milliards d'euros pour l'énergie et 1 milliard d'euros pour les télécommunications.

En juin 2018, la Commission européenne a proposé d'augmenter le budget affecté au MIE à plus de 42 milliards d'euros après 2020. Il a été proposé que le budget dédié aux infrastructures de transport soit d'environ 30,6 milliards d'euros.

Pourquoi la FIEC s'occupe-t-elle de cette thématique :

La FIEC soutient fermement cette ligne budgétaire globale et plaide notamment en faveur d'un budget plus conséquent à affecter au transport (davantage en adéquation avec les besoins réels), ainsi qu'au maintien de taux de cofinancement élevés. Cela constitue en effet un investissement indispensable pour la croissance et la compétitivité européennes.

Par ailleurs, depuis octobre 2017, la FIEC participe à la campagne « More EU budget for transport – the best investment plan for Europe » (Plus de budget européen pour le transport, le meilleur plan d'investissement pour l'Europe) lancée par des associations du secteur du transport en vue de se faire davantage entendre sur ce sujet.

Actions et dates clés :

Octobre 2017 – La FIEC rejoint la « coalition pour le MIE transport » (CEF transport coalition).

Juin 2018 – Proposition de la Commission européenne

21/09/2018 – **Prise de position de la FIEC**

03/12/2018 – Approche générale (partielle) du Conseil

12/12/2018 – Résolution du Parlement européen (Séance plénière)

07/12/2018 – Accord politique (partiel) en trilogue (les montants exacts seront approuvés ultérieurement)

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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 set for 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.