

Argomento: Meccanismo per collegare l'Europa

Breve descrizione e principali obiettivi:

Il meccanismo per collegare l'Europa (Connecting Europe Facility, CEF) è uno strumento specifico per le infrastrutture dei trasporti, dell'energia e delle telecomunicazioni. Per il periodo 2014-2020 ha un budget di 29,9 miliardi di euro: 23,1 miliardi di euro (di cui 10 miliardi di euro del Fondo di coesione) per i trasporti, 5,1 miliardi di euro per l'energia e 1 miliardo di euro per le telecomunicazioni.

Nel giugno 2018, la Commissione europea ha proposto di aumentare il budget del CEF di oltre 42 miliardi di euro dopo il 2020. È previsto di destinare alle infrastrutture di trasporto un budget specifico di circa 30,6 miliardi di euro.

Perché la FIEC si occupa di questo argomento/tema e quali sono i suoi obiettivi:

La FIEC sostiene con forza questa linea di bilancio globale e chiede, tra l'altro, un budget più consistente per i trasporti - in linea con le esigenze reali - nonché il mantenimento di tassi di cofinanziamento elevati. Si tratta di un investimento essenziale per la crescita e la competitività dell'UE.

Inoltre, dall'ottobre 2017, la FIEC partecipa alla campagna "More EU budget for transport - the best investment plan for Europe" (Più risorse UE per i trasporti: il miglior piano d'investimento per l'Europa), lanciata dalle associazioni del settore dei trasporti, per essere più incisivi su questo tema.

Attività e date chiave:

Ottobre 2017 - La FIEC aderisce alla "coalizione sui trasporti del CEF"

Giugno 2018 - Proposta della Commissione europea

21/09/2018 - Documento di posizione della FIEC

03/12/2018 - Approccio generale (parziale) del Consiglio.

12/12/2018 - Risoluzione del Parlamento europeo (in sessione plenaria)

07/12/2018 - Accordo politico (parziale) in trilogio (importi esatti da approvare successivamente)

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■ Background

Transport, energy and 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, to make progress in environmental and social challenges, to welcome the new European Partnership, which plays a fundamental role in linking both inside and outside EU borders.

Investment needs for the TEN-T core network by 2030 have been estimated at about 250 billion by the European Commission. Cutting investment in infrastructure jeopardises long-term growth. Hence, the European Union is the crucial driving force behind ensuring focused investment in viable infrastructure projects to foster sustainable growth, even in a period of budgetary discipline such as the current one.

Investing in infrastructure policy and financing mechanisms for infrastructure remains a priority for 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 EUR 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 similar criteria to the main transport. FIEC calls for additional investment in transport infrastructure, create 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.