



Connecting Europe Facility

Opportunities for Neighbouring Countries

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TEN-T – an ambitious long-term strategy

A dual-layer Trans-European Transport Network based on a single European methodology

- **Core network:** by **2030** – strategically most important parts
- **Comprehensive network:** by **2050** – accessibility to all regions

External dimension:

- Indicative **maps** and list of **border-crossing points**
- Eligibility of **projects of common interest**, defined on the basis of maps



TEN-T – policy objectives

An efficient and sustainable Trans-European Transport Network to:

- Ensure seamless physical **connections, bridging missing links and removing bottlenecks**
- Shape a more **sustainable and efficient transport system**
- Boost economic growth, by allowing **greater transport and business opportunities**
- Facilitate mobility and reduce congestion through **deployment of traffic management systems and innovative technology**

Improving connections between TEN-T with infrastructure of neighbouring countries



Connecting Europe Facility - priorities

Projects on the TEN-T to complete:

- Core Network Corridors
- Horizontal priorities:
 - traffic management systems, interoperability, new technologies
- Removal of bottlenecks and cross-border connections between Member States and with neighbouring countries



Legal provisions

TEN-T and CEF - external dimension

Art. 8(1) of TEN-T Guidelines and Art. 9(4) of CEF Regulation:

- *Third countries and entities established in third countries **may participate in actions contributing to projects of common interest where necessary in order to achieve the objectives of a given project of common interest.***
- *They may not receive financial assistance except where it is indispensable to the **achievement of the objectives of a given project of common interest.***

*In such cases, applications may be presented by **neighbouring countries or entities established in neighbouring countries, with the agreement of a Member State.***



2016 CEF Annual Work Programme

Funding Objective 3:

Projects to connect the TEN-T with infrastructure networks of the neighbouring countries on the core and comprehensive networks, in particular related to cross-border sections, concerning railways, inland waterways and roads

General objective

Removing the barriers to seamless and efficient transport ensuring a high level of safety, security, social and environmental standards, with regards to both infrastructure and market integration aspects

Budget: €40 million – CEF general envelope

Deadline for applications: 7 February 2017



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- **Studies or works**
 - Specific focus on **studies**, in particular those aiming at improving **inland navigation, railway and road connections**, with a view to ensuring a sustainable and efficient transport system
 - **Only actions concerning projects located on the indicative maps of the TEN-T extension to neighbouring countries**



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Specific objective 1

Priority will be given to proposed Actions addressing the following areas:

- **Infrastructure at border-crossing points** necessary to ensure seamless traffic flow, border checks, border surveillance and other border control procedures
 - Projects should be located at the border crossing points and should contribute to a reduction in transport costs and travelling and waiting time at the border, facilitate international freight flows, to increased safety and security and environmental protection
- **Studies or works**



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Specific Objective 2

- The **connection between the TEN-T core network and the transport networks of neighbouring countries**, to ensure closer market integration with the Eastern Partnership countries, the Western Balkans and Turkey
 - These projects will be located on the territory of neighbouring countries and will concern an infrastructure section that ensures the connection between the network of the neighbouring country with that the core network of a neighbouring EU Member State
- **Studies only**



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Specific Objective 3

- **Completion of the transport infrastructure in third countries which serve as links between parts of the core network in the Union**
 - These projects will be located on the territory of a neighbouring country and must not necessarily concern a cross-border connection
 - **Studies only**



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Specific Objective 4

- **Traffic management systems in neighbouring countries**
 - Sections on the territory of the neighbouring country - to ensure the enhanced interoperability of the neighbouring countries' networks with TEN-T in EU Member States
 - Projects in neighbouring countries addressing the **ERTMS, SESAR, ITS and Motorways of the Sea** priorities shall be submitted under the **Multi-annual Work Programme calls for proposals - general envelope !**
- **Studies or works**



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Maximum Possible Co-Funding Rates

- (a) studies:** 50% of the eligible costs
- (b) Works – out of the eligible costs, up to:**
 - i. for railway networks: 20%; for actions addressing bottlenecks: 30%; for actions concerning cross-border sections: 40%**
 - ii. for inland waterways: 40% for actions concerning cross-border sections**
 - iii. for road actions concerning cross-border sections: 10%**
- (c) telematic applications systems and services:**
 - i. ERTMS, SESAR – 50% for land component**
 - ii. ERTMS, SESAR – 20% for on-board units**
 - iii. ITS for road – 20%**
 - iv. Motorways of the Sea – 30%**





Further Information

European Commission – Transport

<http://ec.europa.eu/inea/en/connecting-europe-facility/cef-transport>

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