

## The Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) Post 2020

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On 6 June 2018, the European Commission proposed the renewal of the current Connecting Europe Facility programme for the period 2021 - 2027. The European Commission has proposed €42.3 billion to support investments in the European infrastructure networks for transport (**€30.6 billion**), energy (€8.7 billion) and digital (€3 billion), a 47% increase compared to 2014-2020.

For 2021-2027, the European Commission has proposed to strengthen the environmental dimension of the Connecting Europe Facility, with a target of 60% of its budget contributing to *climate objectives*. This will help fulfilling the EU's commitments under the Paris Agreement and consolidate Europe's global leadership in the fight against climate change. The CEF Transport programme will support smart, sustainable, interconnected, inclusive, safe and secure mobility. *The facility will also provide the opportunity to deploy technologies developed through the EU R&I programmes, boosting their market uptake and ensuring the trans-European networks are equipped with advanced technology.*

More specifically, in the area of transport, the CEF will support, amongst others, actions supporting motorways of the sea and actions supporting new technologies and innovation.

Lastly, CEF will finance strategic transport projects to adapt sections of the transport network for **civilian-military dual-use** (for instance as regards technical requirements on dimensions and capacity) with a dedicated budget of €6.5 billion in the context of the European Defence Initiative.

The proposal was made as part of the EU's proposal for the next EU long-term budget, the multiannual financial framework (MFF), which will be debated in the following year(s).

*“SEA Europe very much welcomes that the European Commission foresees a larger budget for the future Connecting Europe Facility, including the possibility to deploy technologies developed through the EU R&I Programmes. The Waterborne sector contributes largely to ensure smart, sustainable, inclusive, safe and secure mobility.*

*SEA Europe also welcomes that Motorways-of-the-Sea will remain a priority. “At the same time, we are aware that in the upcoming period, we should persuade EU policy-makers to shape the CEF programme in such a way, that research and deployment activities for the entire waterborne sector can be supported by the CEF Programme as well”, said SEA Europe’s Secretary General Christophe Tytgat in a first reaction” and added that “The inclusion of the civilian-military dual-use transport network is an added-value as well, however we should ensure that this is not limited to road transport only”.*

**Background Note:** *SEA Europe represents close to 100% of the European shipbuilding industry in 16 nations, encompassing the production, maintenance, repair and conversion of all types of ships and floating structures, commercial as well as naval, including the full supply chain with the various producers of maritime systems, equipment material, and services.*

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