



# EU BUDGET FOR THE FUTURE

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## THE CONNECTING EUROPE FACILITY (CEF)

### THE CHALLENGE

High-performance infrastructure in the **transport, energy and digital sectors** is essential to a well-connected and integrated Union, where European citizens and businesses can fully benefit from free movement and the single market. Trans-European networks are also strategic to implement the **Energy Union**, the **Digital Single Market** and to the development of **sustainable transport modes**.

However, without EU support, private operators and national authorities have insufficient incentives to carry out large infrastructure projects with a **cross-border** impact and to roll-out European-wide interoperable systems and services.

For this purpose, the **Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)** supports projects with high **added-value** at European scale and helps leverage further investment from other sources, in synergy and complementarity with InvestEU and other Union programmes.

### ADVANCING CROSS-BORDER PROJECTS

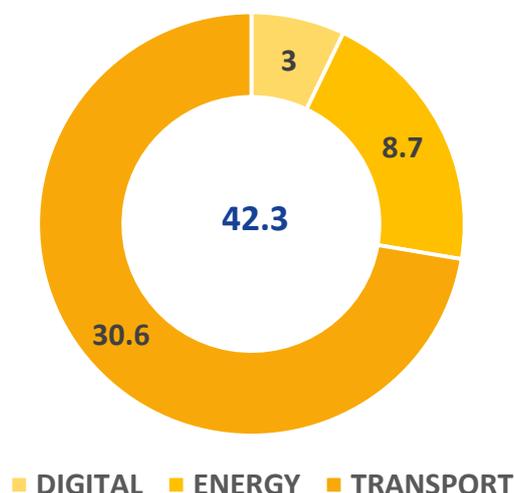
With a proposed budget of **€42.3 billion** for seven years (2021-2027), CEF will support infrastructure projects connecting the EU and its regions. It will also aim to better integrate the transport, energy and digital sectors, in order to accelerate the **digitalisation** and **decarbonisation** of the EU's economy.

In particular, 60% of the CEF budget will contribute to **climate objectives** in line with the **EU's commitments under the Paris Agreement**.

Building on the success of the previous programming period (2014-2020), CEF will also continue to bridge the investment gap in Europe and to **generate jobs** and **economic growth**.

Lastly, the facility will 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.

BUDGET DEDICATED TO THE CONNECTING EUROPE FACILITY (IN BILLION EUROS)



## TRANSPORT



With a total budget of **€30.6 billion**, CEF will finance strategic transport projects in order to:

- Advance the work on the European transport network, while helping the EU transition towards **connected, sustainable, inclusive, safe and secure mobility**.
- **Decarbonise transport**, e.g. by creating a European network of charging infrastructure for alternative fuels and by prioritising of environmentally friendly transport modes.
- Invest in transport projects offering high-added value in cohesion countries, with a dedicated budget of €11.3 billion.
- 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.

## ENERGY



With a budget of **€8.7 billion**, CEF will help **complete the Energy Union** and support Europe's **clean energy transition** following the *Clean Energy for all Europeans* package, in order to:

- Make the EU's energy systems better **interconnected** and more resilient to possible supply disruptions, as well as **smarter** and more **digitalised**.
- Foster for the first time Member State cooperation on cross-border renewable energy technology projects - ensuring a **lower cost for renewables integration** and enabling the strategic uptake of **renewables technologies**.
- Back key trans-European energy network **infrastructures**, allowing for further **integration of the internal energy market**, boosting **interoperability** of networks across borders and sectors, and facilitating the overall **decarbonisation** of our economy.

## DIGITAL



With a budget of **€3 billion**, the digital strand of CEF finances **digital connectivity** infrastructure like:

- Set up very high capacity **broadband networks**, the physical infrastructure necessary to enable the deployment of **digital services** and more generally the digital transformation of society and economy.
- Support key projects aligned with the 2016 Gigabit Society Strategy and essential for the success of the **Digital Single Market**, providing Gigabit connectivity for socio-drivers, such as hospitals, medical centres, schools and research centres or deploying **5G networks** along major transport paths.
- Provide very high quality **wireless connectivity** to local communities, such as municipalities and provide an important contribution to connecting communities and all households throughout the EU with very high capacity networks.