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FUNDING INSTRUMENTS FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION

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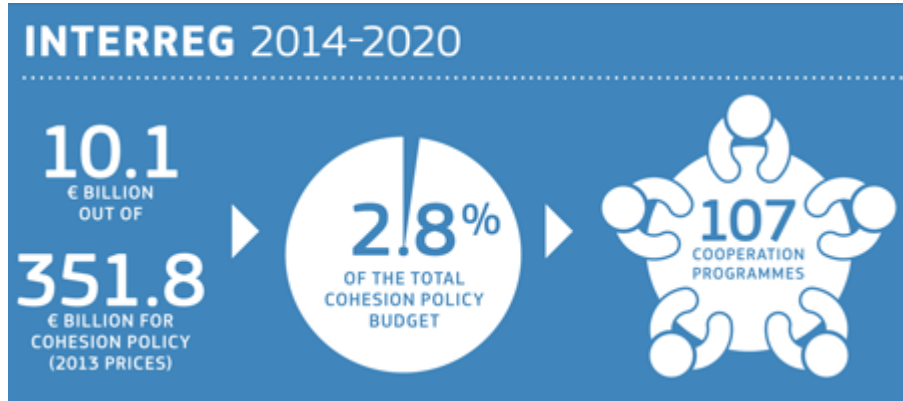
DIFFERENT FUNDS, COMPLEMENTARY GOALS



Accessibility in Cross-border regions



INTERREG, A part of ERDF



Budget for all objectives together

60 cross-border
€6.6 bn

15
transnational
€2.1 bn

4
inter-
regional
€0.5 bn

12 IPA €0.242
16 ENI €0.634



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An example from INTERREG

From KEEP.eu database of projects

“Sustainable Mobility and Accessibility for Regional Transport in Burgenland – West-Hungary”

2014-2020, ongoing ([link](#))



“...cross-border transport platform connecting service providers,
solutions facilitating smart mobility, intermodal cycling measures
and cross-border railway planning activities”

Inclusion in this ppt does not imply an assessment of the project.



ERDF & CF

Cooperation should also come from mainstream programmes

PO.7 (2014-2020)

Network Infrastructure in
Transport and Energy

Investment = 69,4 Bn

Of which

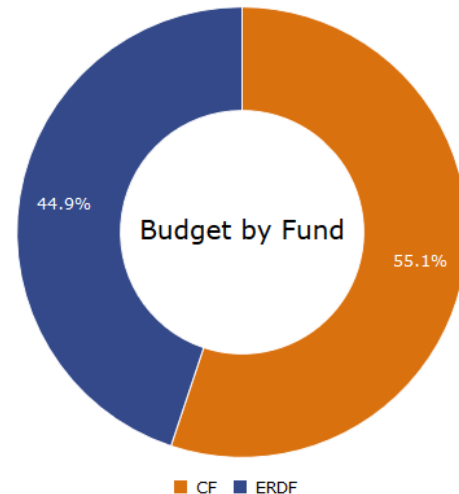
Road 30
Bn

Rail 18,7
Bn

Cycling
+
walking
1,5 Bn

Urban
transport
12,4 Bn

ERDF
+CF



Source: <https://cohesiondata.ec.europa.eu/>

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ESIF - EMBEDDING COOPERATION

Into national/regional Operational Programmes

EC proposals for ESIF 2021-2027

- CPR (Article 17)
 - (3) Each OP shall set out:
 - (d) for each specific objective:
 - (v) the interregional [...] actions with beneficiaries located in at least one other Member State
- Article 57(4): "implemented outside of a MS, [...] provided that the operation contributes to the objectives of the programme"



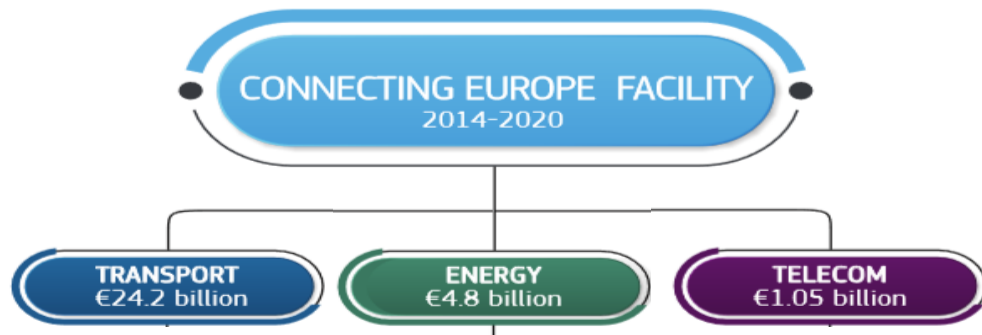
EXAMPLE

Missing railway links between Germany and France

- EC study (2018) on cross border connections and missing rail links on internal borders
- Catalyst for follow up actions between Grand Est (FR) and Rheinland Pfalz (DE):
 - Preparation for common tender for purchase of rolling stock (national financing)
 - Study on improvement of cross border transport rail services (Interreg)
 - Feasibility studies for upgrading and/or regenerating railway lines between FR&DE



CONNECTING EUROPE FACILITY



CEF Transport

funds

actions that are:

Removing bottlenecks

Enhancing rail interoperability

Bridging missing links

Improving cross-border connections

Ensuring long term sustainable and efficient transport systems

Optimising integration and interconnection of transport modes

Enhancing the interoperability of transport services

Source: https://ec.europa.eu/inea/sites/inea/files/cefpub/cef_implementation_brochure_web_final.pdf

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CEF - CONNECTING EUROPE FACILITY

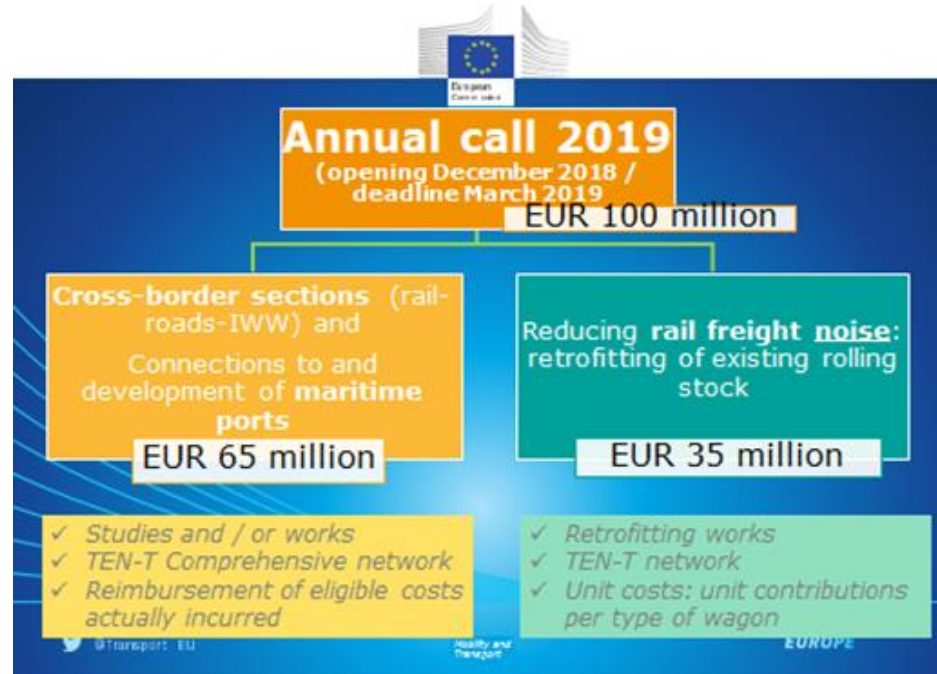
Funding missing cross-border links

CEF TRANSPORT FUNDING AND NUMBER OF ACTIONS BY FUNDING OBJECTIVE

€ billion
(number of actions)

Building cross-border infrastructure and bridging missing links

18.9 (332)



NON FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS – ECBM

European Cross-Border Mechanism - COM(2018)373

- A legal mechanism to overcome specific *legal obstacles* that hamper stronger cross-border interaction
(like incompatible tech standards on both sides of a border)
- Allows mirroring in one MS legal provisions from the neighbour
- Process where cross-border regions have *initiative*;
- While keeping *voluntary* aspect: MS has to accept each solution

Currently in legislative procedure



B-SOLUTIONS

Pilot projects overcoming legal obstacles

- Very small projects addressing specific cross-border legal obstacles;
- EC support to get willing partners together to jointly devise solutions...
- ... and to make legal assessment of obstacle;
- Cases illustrate how ECBM could be applied.



In association with:



Stay tuned:
compendium upcoming



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EXAMPLES OF B-SOLUTIONS CASES

affecting cross-border transport

Cases presented today:

Cross border public urban mobility plan (SI-IT)



Cross-border bus for Eurocitizens Chaves-Verin (PT-ES)



And others, *e.g.*:

- Boosting Minho River Cross–Border Mobility;
- SeaFlix - Cross Border Mobility;
- Cross border rail connectivity for the Port of Strasbourg;
- Cross-border obstacles regarding E-bike sharing infrastructure



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CONCLUSIONS

- EC: diverse complementary funding sources
- Interreg as a catalyst for cross border cooperation
- Important role to be played at national level (embedding cooperation in mainstream OPs + national budget)
- Support not limited to funding
(Please check the platform)





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