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New schemes of funding and financing of projects on the TEN-T

BLENDING CALL

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HOW TO BRIDGE THE FUNDING GAP?

Investment Needs

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Funds Available

EU's investment needs in transport

Context

- Across the EU, the demand for investments is much higher than the available funding – both CEF and Cohesion Policy funds as well as national budgets

- Transport and mobility sectors must find new ways to finance infrastructure to remain competitive

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Almost no CEF grants left!

FI remaining
350 million

Grants remaining
870 million

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No more business as usual

- A more **systemic use of innovative financing** as means to leverage scarce EU resources – clear trend of moving from grants to IFI in certain sectors
- **Blending EIB tools and CEF grants (or ESI Funds)** is a possibility, with CEF grants to support the remaining funding gap
- **New tools** are being developed for new sectors by EIB, most advanced scheme being the **Clean Transport Facility**
- **"Platform-type"** structures also developed across sectors
  - **Spanish State Fund for Ports Accessibility**
  - **Green Shipping, Equity Funds**
- Involve **EIB (Advisory Hub** for advisory and technical support) and **DG MOVE** early in the process

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Potential sectors for financial instruments and blending call

- Roads
- Modal rail connections
- High speed/urban rail lines
- Ports
- Logistic platforms
- Airports
- Locks and canals
- Alternative fuels projects

Projects with revenues!

(also potentially based on availability payments)

Example: Port of Calais - combined use of CEF grants and financial instruments

Example: Spanish port accessibility fund

Structure of the Project

2016 CEF Blending Call (1/3)

Context and objectives

- Boost the EFSI transport pipeline and attract private finance

Approach (timeline, duration, processes, criteria etc.)

- Blending €1 billion of CEF grants with EFSI or private financing
- Expected launch before end 2016, with a longer submission period

2016 CEF Blending Call (2/3)

Project preparation:

- A reasonable level of development will be expected
- Associated documentation should be submitted as part of the call (financial and technical capacity)
- Technical support to be available
- **DO NOT WAIT: begin preparing now, <u>get in contact with us</u>**

2016 CEF Blending Call (3/3)

Eligibility of projects:

- Works, not studies
- Grant eligibility and amount in line with the CEF Regulation (TEN-T)
- Projects will need to be structured to receive EIB/private finance, with:
  - Identified borrower
  - Solid business case
  - Revenue stream to support loan repayment
- Grant level to be justified through cost-benefit analysis

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Investment Platforms & Project Portals

European Investment Project Portal (EIPP)

https://ec.europa.eu/eipp/desktop/en/index.html

- Are you a **project promoter** based in the EU and want to reach potential investors?
  - Register your project in the European Investment Project Portal (EIPP) and boost its visibility to a large network of international investors!
- Or are you an **investor looking for investment opportunities** in transport?
  - European Investment Project Portal (EIPP) will offer a broad choice of viable projects

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http://ec.europa.eu/invest-eu

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