

# Mid-term evaluation of the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) *(General questionnaire)*

Fields marked with \* are mandatory.

## A. About you

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This section consists of questions about the respondent. We would like to know who our respondents are in order to better understand their perspective, expectations and needs regarding the Connecting Europe Facility.

\*1. In what capacity are you responding to this consultation?

- In my private capacity (i.e. as an individual)
- On behalf of an organisation/institution

\*1.1. If you respond on behalf on an organisation/institution, which one do you represent?

- European Institution
- National Ministry
- Regional/local Authority
- Infrastructure manager
- Infrastructure operator
- Standardisation body
- IT solution provider
- Industry
- Consulting company involved or commissioned in preparing the proposals
- University/Research center
- Civil society organizations (NGOs, think tanks, consumer associations...)
- Other European Bodies
- Other

1.1.1. Please specify "other"

\*2. Is the entity on whose behalf you are replying registered in the EU Transparency Register?  
If your organisation is not registered, we invite you to [register](#), although it is not compulsory to be registered to reply to this consultation.

[Why a transparency register?](#)

- Yes
- No

\*2.1. If so, please indicate the registration number in the Transparency Register

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\*3. Please communicate your contact details (name, email address) in order to reach you

\*4. In which country are you located?

- Austria
- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Italy
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- Netherlands
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Slovak Republic
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- United Kingdom
- Iceland
- Liechtenstein
- Norway
- Other

\*4.1. If "other", please specify:

\*5. How familiar are you with the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) Programme?

- Very familiar
- Quite familiar
- Somewhat familiar
- Not very familiar
- Not at all

\*6. In which sector are you working in or related to (multiple answers are possible)?

- Transport
- Energy
- Telecommunications/ICT
- Other

\*6.1. If "other", please specify:

\*7. Your contribution

Note that, whatever option chosen, your answers may be subject to a request for public access to documents under [Regulation \(EC\) N° 1049/2001](#)

- can be published with your personal information** (I consent the publication of all information in my contribution in whole or in part including my name or my organisation's name, and I declare that nothing within my response is unlawful or would infringe the rights of any third party in a manner that would prevent publication)
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## B. Relevance

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The following questions examine how well the objectives and activities of the CEF Programme fit its purpose, namely supporting investment in trans-European transport, energy and telecommunications networks.

1. In your opinion, should investing in the fields of transport, energy and telecommunications be an EU priority?

- Yes
- No

2. In your opinion, how important is each of the following CEF objectives to the goal of developing trans-European transport, energy and telecommunications networks?

	Very important	Important	Moderately important	Slightly important	Not important at all	I don't know
Develop the physical transportation, energy and telecommunications infrastructure	<input type="radio"/>					
Reduce disparities in social and economic development across the regions of the EU	<input type="radio"/>					
Create an environment that attracts private financing to infrastructure projects	<input type="radio"/>					

Develop projects that combine infrastructures for transportation, energy and ICT (e. g.: intelligent and sustainable transport systems)						
Improve the competitiveness of the transport, energy and telecommunications sectors on the global market						
Reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and increase energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy						

3. In your opinion, how determining are the following features of the CEF programme for addressing the CEF sub-objectives presented in question B.2 above?

	Very important	Important	Moderately important	Slightly important	Not important at all	I don't know
The focus on multi-sectorial (transport, energy and telecommunications) projects and potential synergies	<input type="radio"/>					
The focus on cross-border projects and promoting better connexions between infrastructures and networks	<input type="radio"/>					
Financing of projects and studies through non-repayable grants	<input type="radio"/>					

<p>Financing of projects and studies through repayable instruments such as loans, guarantees and equity  <i>(Loans, guarantee and equity are part of the European Investment Bank financial products where the EU budget can be used for attracting private investment to a project/corporate. See more at : <a href="http://femip10.eib.org/products/index.htm">http://femip10.eib.org/products/index.htm</a>)</i></p>	●	●	●	●	●	●
<p>Direct purchase of services via procurement</p>	●	●	●	●	●	●
<p>Providing technical assistance to help prepare and deliver projects</p>	●	●	●	●	●	●

## C. Coherence

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The questions in this section look at the complementarities, consistencies, overlaps or contradictions that may exist both internally to the Program between its various parts, and externally with other EU interventions in terms of objectives, scope and activities.

1. To what extent do you agree that the transport, energy and telecommunications sectors face common challenges?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- I don't know

1.1. If you agree or strongly agree, please explain to which extent

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2. In your opinion is the approach of combining all three sectors under one funding instrument the correct one, or should each sector have a separate programme on its own?

- One overall funding instrument for all three sectors
- One funding instrument per sector
- I don't know

2.1. Please explain why

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3. The CEF Programme is just one of a number of EU programmes designed to support investment, including in the transport, energy and telecommunications sectors. How would you describe the complementarity between CEF and the following EU funding instruments?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	I don't know
European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)	<input type="radio"/>				
European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI)	<input type="radio"/>				
Cohesion Fund	<input type="radio"/>				
Horizon 2020	<input type="radio"/>				

3.1. Please explain why

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**D. EU added value**

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The questions in this section look at the extent to which the EU level CEF Programme creates benefits that are additional to the value that would have otherwise been created by Member State action alone, both at public and private level.

1. In your opinion, what benefits do you expect the CEF Programme to produce? (Multiple answers possible)

- Promotion of transnational cooperation
- Reduce barriers to cross-border network connections within sectors
- Generation of economies of scale
- Greater overall investment levels in energy, transport and telecommunications sectors
- None
- Other

1.1. If "other", please specify:

2. How do you rate the overall added value of CEF compared to other programmes at national and/or regional level?

- Substantially higher
- Somewhat higher
- Similar
- Somewhat lower
- Substantially lower

## E. Effectiveness

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The following section tackles the extent to which the CEF is progressing in achieving its general objectives as listed in question B.2 above, as well as its contribution to EU policy.

1. In your view, to what extent has the transport, energy and telecommunications infrastructure in your country improved over the last three years?

- Substantial Improvement
- Moderate improvement
- Minor improvement
- No improvement
- I don't know

2. Do you observe so far any positive and valuable contribution from CEF in the following fields?

	Great contribution	Moderate contribution	Minor contribution	No contribution	I don't know
Development of modern high-performing interoperable trans-European <b>transport</b> networks	<input type="radio"/>				
Development of modern high-performing interoperable trans-European <b>energy</b> networks	<input type="radio"/>				
Development of modern high-performing interoperable trans-European <b>telecommunications</b> networks	<input type="radio"/>				
Development of modern interoperable <b>digital services</b> infrastructures	<input type="radio"/>				

Improvement of the competitiveness of the transport sector on the global market					
Improvement of the competitiveness of the energy sector on the global market					
Improvement of the competitiveness of the telecommunications sector on the global market					
Increase in availability of digital services infrastructures					
Development of projects enabling synergies across the transport, energy and telecommunications sectors					
Reduce disparities in economic development across the regions of the EU					

Reduce disparities in social development across the regions of the EU					
Strengthening the integration of, and cooperation between the regions of the EU					
Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, increase of energy efficiency and use of renewable energy					

## F. Forward-looking questions

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1. In your opinion, is there still a need to continue EU financial support for infrastructure investment in the field of transport, energy and telecommunications?

- Yes
- Yes, albeit in a slightly different manner
- Yes, albeit in a significantly different manner
- No
- I don't know

2. What could the CEF do differently?

*2000 character(s) maximum*