



„MISSING LINKS: ANY PROGRESS?“

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CEF funding 2017: 140 million € total grant for 13 projects

Title	Member State Concerned	Applicant (MS for EU proposals)**	Transport Mode	Maximum EU Financial Contribution (€)
Electrification of the Mol-Weert (Belgian part) railway line (Works)	BE	INFRABEL SA	Railways	18.520.000
Connection of the intermodal node in Athus to the French railway network (Works)	BE	INFRABEL SA	Railways	2.800.000
Improvement of the existing Pafos-Polis Chrysochous (B7) interurban road axis (Works)	CY	Public Works Department, Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works, Republic of Cyprus	Roads	1.149.000
Upgrade and electrification of the Lohsa-Horka section and ECTS equipment (Works)	DE	Bundesministerium für Verkehr und digitale Infrastruktur	Railways	49.600.000
Karawanken Tunnel - Rail (Study): Safety-technical upgrade along the cross-border section between Slovenia and Austria (Studies)	AT, SI	Ministry of Infrastructure (SI)	Railways	2.971.690
Construction of the second tunnel tube for the Karawanken road tunnel on the Austria-Slovenia cross-border section (Works)	AT, SI	Bundesministerium für Verkehr, Innovation und Technologie (AT)	Roads	17.713.882
2EUStates2cross (Works)	DE, NL	Province of Limburg (NL)	Railways	28.680.000
Implementation study for optimisation of the cross-border rail infrastructure in the port area Ghent-Terneuzen (Studies)	BE, NL	Zeeland Seaports N.V. (NL)	Railways	642.130
Bridging missing links between FR & ES: Studies for rehabilitating the Pau-Zaragoza cross-border railway section (Studies)	ES, FR	Région Nouvelle-Aquitaine (FR)	Railways	7.505.000
Cross-Border road link in the Atlantic Corridor: A25-IP5 Vilar Formoso-A-62 Fuentes de Oñoro (Works)	ES, PT	Ministério do Planeamento e das Infraestruturas (PT)	Roads	2.808.932
ViA15: solving the missing link in the cross-border road infrastructure on the Rhine-Alpine corridor (Works)	NL	Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment	Roads	5.884.616
A1 Belfast to Dublin Road Safety Improvements - Development Studies (Studies)	UK	Department for Infrastructure (Northern Ireland)	Roads	1.353.181
Removal of a major bottleneck on the North Sea-Med Corridor at Newry/Warrenpoint (Studies)	UK	Department for Infrastructure (Northern Ireland)	Roads	1.524.850



Cross-border coordination

- Core Network Corridors
- Rail freight corridors
- Report of the Committee of the Regions: Missing transport links in border regions – Michiel Scheffer
- Michael Cramer list of small cross-border projects
- CEF Call 2016: 140 million € for cross-border projects on core and comprehensive network
- COM(2017)534 - Boosting growth and cohesion in EU border regions (addressing obstacles in various policy fields)

Specific actions to support smaller projects

- Identifying and assessing infrastructure needs
- Possibility for funding
- Procedural and organisational support
- Legal backing





Opportunities and challenges

- Enabling and stimulating growth and cohesion
- Supporting public transport solutions:
 - Providing infrastructure
 - Facilitating services (e.g. rail, public transport)
 - Advancing user benefits

What needs to be done:

Project pipeline (joint study DG REGIO-DG MOVE)

Funding: CEF, ESIF (2019 and new MFF)

Reviewing ERDF funding eligibility

Exploring possibilities for innovative financing:
EFSI, Blending

 **Adequate funding and financing**

Where we want to be...

Single European
Railway Area

more competition/open access - PSO

a level playing field

removal of barriers (tech, admin)

Innovation

 **Competitive, attractive Railways**



Thank you for your attention!