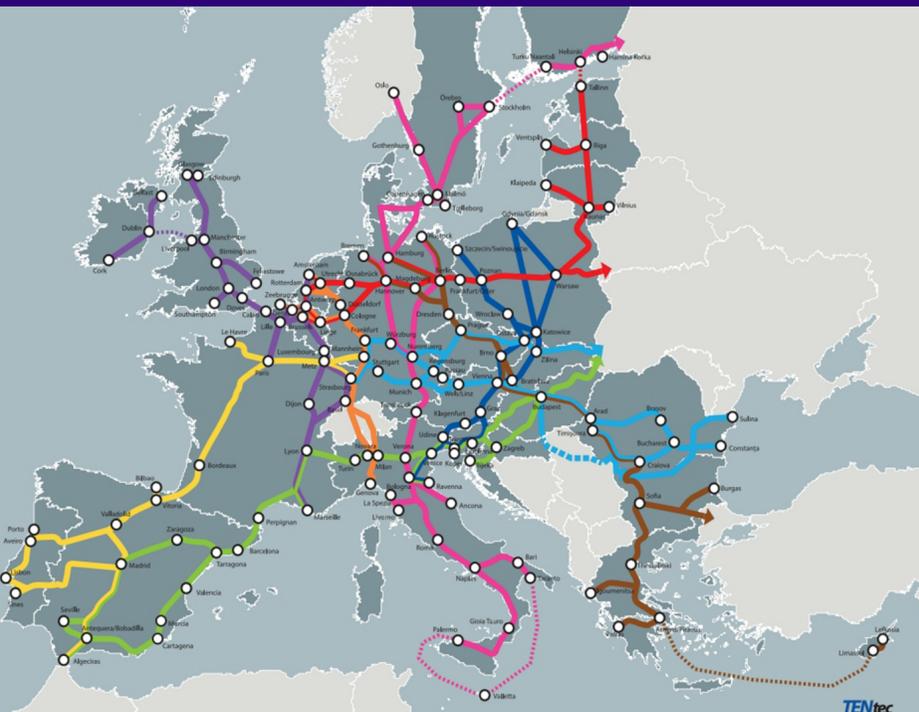




# FACTSHEET: EU TRANSPORT NETWORKS AND FUNDING INSTRUMENTS OVERVIEW

TRANSPORT IS ONE OF THE MAIN FOCUS FOR EU POLICY AND FUNDING. SINCE THE 90S THE EU HAS BEEN DEFINING AND SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRANS-EUROPEAN TRANSPORT NETWORKS (TEN-T), A POLICY THAT AIMS AT SUPPORTING EUROPEAN-WIDE ROAD, RAIL, AIR AND WATER TRANSPORT CORRIDORS WHICH ARE ESSENTIAL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMY. THE MARITIME SIDE OF THESE CORRIDORS ARE THE MOTORWAYS OF THE SEA (MOS). THE CONNECTING EUROPE FACILITY (CEF) IS THE MAIN INSTRUMENT TO FUND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS INFRASTRUCTURE.

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The **TransEuropean Transport Networks (TEN-T)** is the main EU policy to improve cross-border mobility in Europe. It defines a series of road, rail sea, air, digital and energy transport networks TEN-T consists of two layers, a Comprehensive Network covering all regions and the Core Network structured around nine multimodal **Core Network** Corridors (in the map on the left) and which should be completed in 2030.

**Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)** is the financial instrument to support the construction of this infrastructure. The total budget for CEF Transport is €24.05 billion for the the period 2014-2020 which is spent in the form of grants.

This budget is more essential than ever due to the historic low level of national public investment in infrastructure. The issues ports and the maritime sector are currently facing (lack of investment, adaptation to increasing vessel size, the transition to alternative fuels..) makes these funds even more important. ETA has joined an alliance of EU associations representing the whole transport and logistics sector that demand a stronger and better Connecting Europe Facility for the next financing period 2021-2028.

**Motorways of the Sea (MoS)**, is a horizontal priority of the Connecting Europe Facility. Its aim is to promote green and efficient sea-based transport links integrated in the entire transport chain. MoS consist of short-sea routes, ports, associated maritime infrastructure and equipment as well as simplified administrative formalities enabling Short Sea Shipping or sea-river services between at least two maritime ports.

MoS implementation is based on its work programme, which identifies several bottlenecks and outlines 3 priorities:

- Environment (maritime green solutions)
- Integration of maritime transport in the logistics chain
- Safety, Human Element and Traffic Management.

CEF funds the development of the Motorways of the Sea via grants for projects selected in a call for proposals in which public and private actors can participate.

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