



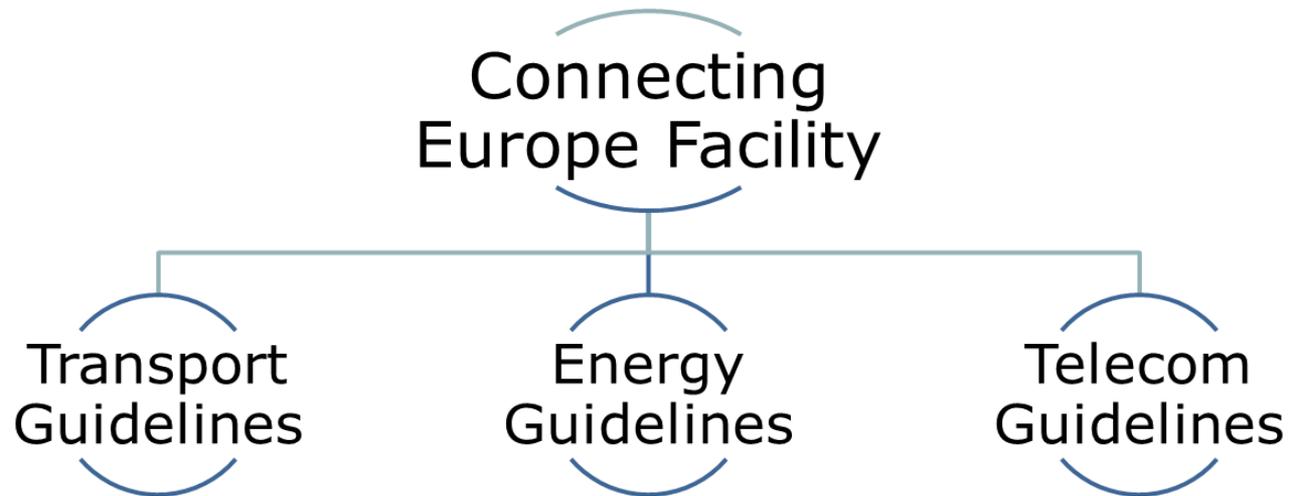
The Connecting Europe Facility

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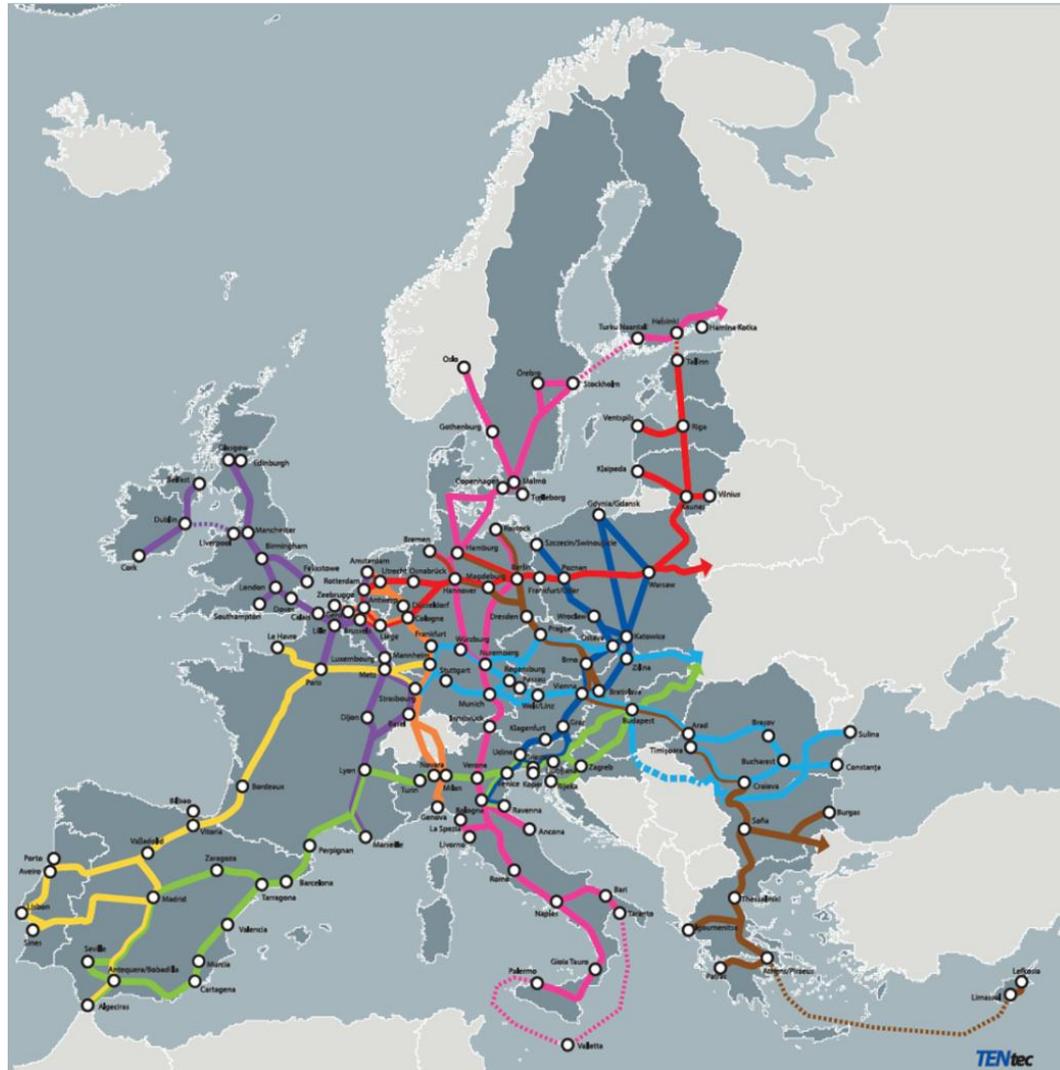
Long-term vision of the European transport network (TEN-T)

- **Two layer approach**
 - Core network deadline 2030
 - Comprehensive network deadline 2050
- **Core network as *a backbone of the internal market made up from the strategic interconnections of the EU***
- **Comprehensive network of regional and national interconnections**
- **Integrated network of all the transport modes**
- **Trans-European multimodal Core Network Corridors for implementing the projects**
- **Goal is a high quality European Network**
 - Requirements identified in the TEN-T Guidelines



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9 Core Network Corridors



Importance of investing into TEN-T

- **Transport is fundamental to an efficient European economy**
 - Growth needs trade and goods to move
- **Freight transport is expected to grow by 80% by 2050, and passenger transport by more than 50%**
 - Existing infrastructure cannot satisfy these needs
 - Need for better interconnections
- **Short term impact on economic growth and jobs**
- **Long term impact on European competitiveness**
- **Enabler of the internal market**

CEF priorities for funding

- ✓ **Major missing cross-border links on the CNCs (ex. Rail Baltic, Brenner tunnel (IT/AT), Lyon-Torino (FT/IT) etc): 8-9 bn €**
- ✓ **Other cross-border links, bottlenecks or multimodal projects on Corridors or other Core Network sections: 3.5 – 4.5 bn €**
- ✓ **SESAR (air traffic management system): 3 bn €**
- ✓ **ERTMS (rail traffic management system): 1 bn €**
- ✓ **Motorways of the Seas: 500 – 900 M €**
- ✓ **New technologies: 250 – 400 M €**
- ✓ **Financial instruments: 1,3 – 2.4 bn €**

CEF Transport Funding Objectives

FO1

Removing bottlenecks and bridging missing links (~80% of max budget)

FO2

Ensuring sustainable and efficient transport in the long run (~5% of max budget)

FO3

Optimising integration and interconnection of modes and enhancing interoperability (~15% of max budget)

Implementing CEF in 2014

MAP calls

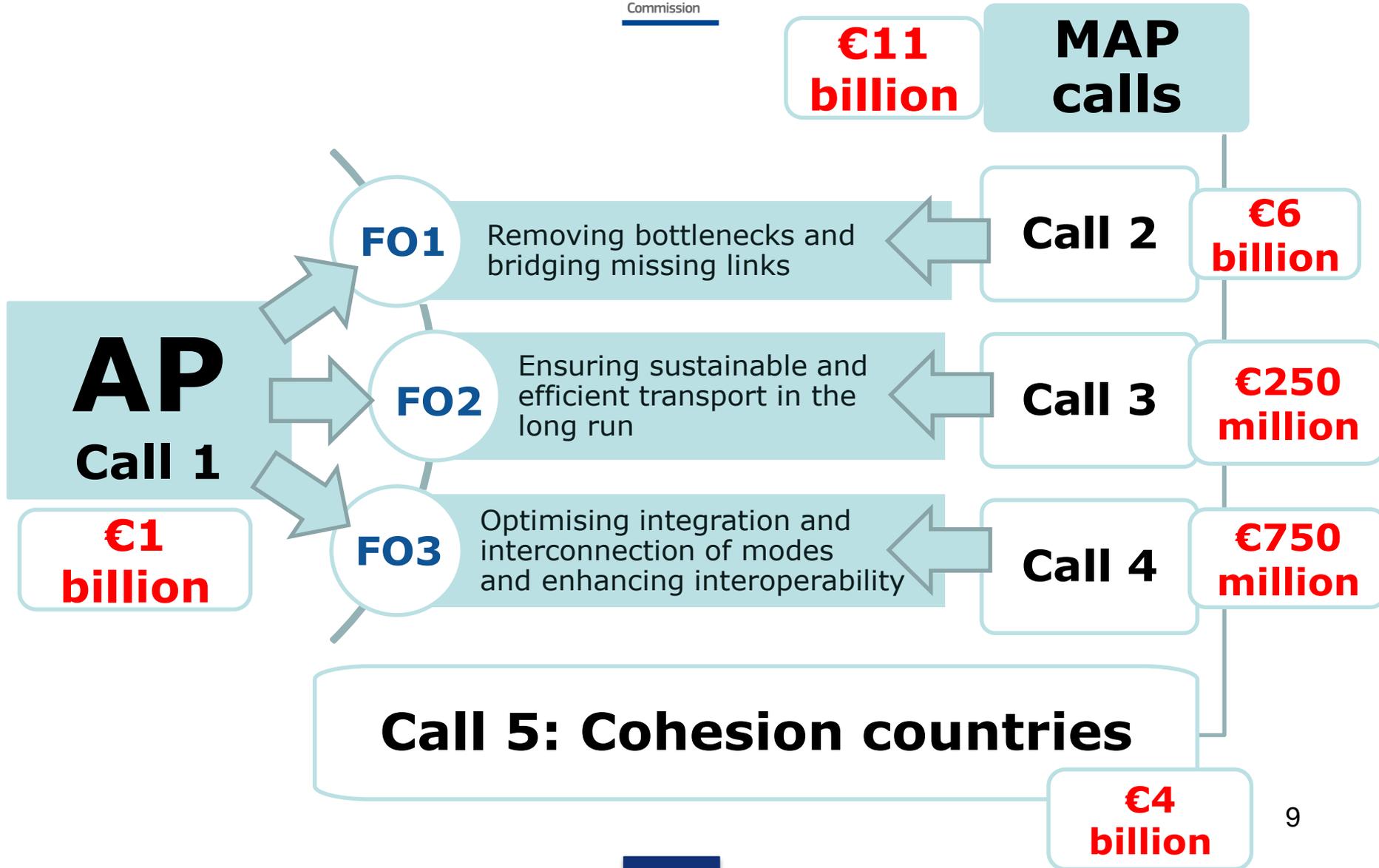
- **Max budget available: €11 billion**
- **Objective:** stimulate efficiency; strengthen visibility of the 9 Corridors
- **Coverage:** pre-identified projects along the 9 Core Network Corridors, other Core Network projects and horizontal priorities (Annex 1 of the CEF Regulation)

AP call

- **Max budget available: €1 billion**
- **Objective:** implementation of the Core Network by 2030 and Comprehensive Network
- **Coverage:** transport infrastructure development/transport services and facilities; projects on the Core and Comprehensive Network



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Cross-cutting issues

- **Promotion of PPPs and use of financial instruments:**
Proposals for technical, financial and legal studies to develop a project finance model (e.g PPP)
- **Economic viability of works proposals:**
Assessed on the basis of a Cost-Benefit Analysis
- **Studies and/or works:**
To be submitted separately but can be combined under certain conditions
 - **budget and activities separated**
 - **works kick-off not depended on studies outcome**

Provisional timeline

Deadline for submission of proposals	26 February 2015
Deadline for submission of translations in English (if applicable)	5 March 2015
Evaluation of proposals	March - April 2015 (indicative)
Consultation of Financial Assistance Committee; scrutiny right of European Parliament	June 2015 (indicative)
Signing of individual grant agreements	As from September 2015 (indicative)



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The Call Process

European Commission
(DG MOVE)

Executive Agency
(INEA)

Call Publication

Info Day event

Proposal opening & Eligibility check

External evaluation

Internal evaluation/Selection

Consultation of other Directorate
Generals

Consultation of the CEF
Coordination Committee (CCC)

European Parliament right of scrutiny

Adoption of the list of
beneficiaries

Delivering CEF- Transport grants



Step 1: External evaluation

Individual assessment

Each proposal is assessed **independently** by at least three independent experts with scores from 0 to 5

Each expert completes an evaluation form, commenting and scoring each criterion

Scores must be in line with comments; minimum threshold per criterion is 60%

No contact between experts

External evaluation

Consensus

Experts agree during the consensus meeting on:

- ✓ Comments and give a score for each of the four award criteria mentioned before
- ✓ A general recommendation

Experts will not recommend for funding proposals that score < 3 points for one or more of the four award criteria!

Step 2: Selection Committee – DG MOVE, INEA & DG ENV

Role: Assess and validate the list of proposals recommended for funding and those not to be funded paying particular attention to:

Contribution to the balanced development of the network

Complementarity with other EU funded projects

Comparative EU added value in relation to other proposed Actions

Budgetary constraints

Potential synergies across the different CEF sectors and/or other EU Programmes

Any risks of double-funding from other Union sources

Two additional aspects for projects funded under the CEF Transport call for Cohesion countries

The programming for the European Structural and Investment Funds in order to ensure complementarity between the two sources of funding

How the proposed Action fits in the national transport plan in the Member State(s) concerned where appropriate



Thank you for your attention!