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## **EU Commission: 7 billion to 134 projects in the area of transport. Railways, waterways, ports and airports**

The European Commission has selected 134 projects in the area of transport that will receive over 7 billions in subsidies from the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF), an instrument for strategic investments in infrastructure. “Around 83% of the funding will support projects that deliver on the EU's climate objectives, improving and modernising the EU network of railways, inland waterways and maritime routes along the trans-European transport (TEN-T) network”. Rail projects will receive 80% of the €7 billion. “Funding will go to major projects to improve cross-border rail connections along the TEN-T core network – in the Baltic Member States (Rail Baltica), between France and Italy (Lyon-Turin), and between Denmark and Germany (Fehmarnbelt tunnel)”. Around 20 maritime ports in Ireland, Spain, Finland, the Netherlands, Germany, Malta, Lithuania, Cyprus, Croatia, Greece and Poland “will receive support for infrastructure upgrades”. Work on inland waterway infrastructure “will improve cross-border connections between France and Belgium in the Seine-Scheldt basin, and between Romania and Bulgaria on the Danube. Inland ports in Austria, Germany and the Netherlands will also receive funding, so that they may continue to promote Europe's network of rivers and canals for sustainable transport”. Air traffic management projects will continue “to develop a Single European Sky so that air transport becomes more efficient, safer and more sustainable”. Finally, several projects will enable greater capacity along the EU-Ukraine Solidarity Lanes.

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