



# EU Financing Opportunities for Urban Mobility

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# 1. European Structural and Investment Funds (ERDF, ESF, Cohesion Fund)

Managed by  
the Member  
States

- €7,9 billion for urban mobility 2007-2013
- €11-12 billion planned for urban mobility 2014-2020 (+40%)
- 24 Member States will benefit, including all 15 cohesion countries
- Commission and Member States develop *Partnership Agreements* on national level and *Operational Programmes* on regional level
- Cities can spend directly 5% of the funds on urban development

[http://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/index\\_en.cfm](http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/index_en.cfm)

[http://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/manage/authority/authority\\_en.cfm](http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/manage/authority/authority_en.cfm)

 <p><b>Low-carbon economy</b></p>	<p><b>Horizontal approach</b> – Thematic Objective 4 "Sustainable multi-modal urban mobility" within low-carbon strategies for all types of territory</p>
 <p><b>Sustainable transport</b></p>	<p><b>Sectorial approach</b> – Thematic Objective 7 "Sustainable regional/local mobility" within a comprehensive plan for developing efficient, environmentally-friendly, low-carbon transport</p>
<p><b>Article 7 ERDF</b></p>	<p><b>Territorial approach</b> – Article 7 ERDF Regulation "Urban mobility within integrated strategies for urban development"</p>

## 1. European Structural and Investment Funds (continued)

Noteworthy, the **JASPERS** programme, co-financed by the EIB, gives assistance to prepare high quality major projects to be financed by the ESI funds in the new Member States\*

- focus on major projects with total eligible cost exceeding €75 million
- assistance may cover project preparation, independent quality review of project, capacity building including a Competence Center and implementation

<http://www.jaspers-europa-info.org/>

\*Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, and Slovakia

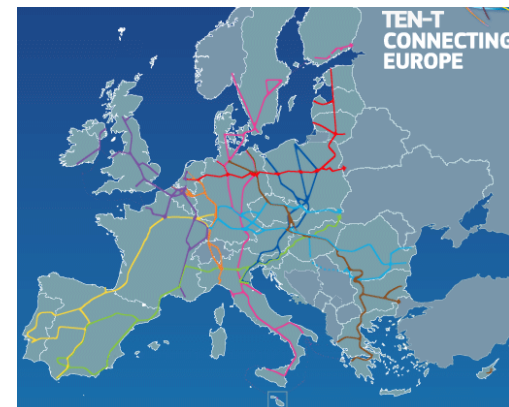
## 2. Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) funds for TEN-T projects

- The TEN-T forms the backbone of the European transport system with nine corridors
- Total budget is €24 billion for 2014-20 vs. €8 billion for 2007-13
- Since 2014, there is specific coverage of "urban nodes" i.e. cities on the network
- The 2014 call has been evaluated; seven urban nodes proposals were retained for around €50 million
- The 2015 call will be published shortly also covering the cohesion countries\*
- Up to €500 million will be spent in total over 2014-20 on urban nodes

<http://ec.europa.eu/transport/themes/infrastructure/>

<http://ec.europa.eu/inea/en/connecting-europe-facility/cef-transport>

\* Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia



### 3. European Investment Bank products

- **Direct loans and guarantees** for large-scale projects (> 25 million Euros)
- **Intermediated loans and guarantees** for small and medium-scale projects, via national and regional intermediary banks

<http://www.eib.org/index.htm>

<http://www.eib.org/infocentre/publications/all/eib-transport-lending-policy.htm>

- **Specific instruments for SMEs**

- **ELENA** programme:

- cover up to 90% of the technical support cost to prepare and implement large energy efficiency and renewables projects
- helps get financing especially from **private investors**
- the Commission is giving ELENA €15 million for the transport sector

<http://www.eib.org/products/advising/elena/index.htm>

### 3. European Investment Bank products (continued)

For Member  
States to  
consider

- **JESSICA** programme:
  - supports sustainable urban development through financial engineering mechanisms
  - Member States can choose to invest some of their EU structural fund allocations in revolving funds
  - contributions from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) are then allocated to Urban Development Funds (UDFs) which invest them in public-private partnerships or other projects

[http://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/en/funding/special-support-instruments/jessica/](http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/funding/special-support-instruments/jessica/)

- **European Energy Efficiency Fund**

- investment fund focusing on energy efficiency, small-scale renewable energy, and clean urban transport projects
- targeting municipal, local and regional authorities and public and private entities acting on behalf of those authorities

<http://www.eeef.eu/home.html>

Direct  
contacts

Regular calls

## 4. INTERREG Europe 2014-2020

- Part of EU cohesion policy
- Co-finances projects: public authorities from different regions work together for 3 to 5 years on a shared policy issue; calls for proposals are launched throughout the programming period
- Co-finances thematic platforms where public authorities can find solutions to improve the way they manage and implement their policies in the four themes of the programme, including low-carbon and resource-efficiency

<http://www.interreg4c.eu/interreg-europe>

## 5. URBACT III programme

- Part of INTERREG
- Co-finances the creation of networks of cities to develop integrated solutions to common urban challenges, by learning from one another, drawing lessons and identifying good practices to improve urban policies
- The first Call for Proposals for the creation of up to 20 Action Planning Networks was open from 16 March to 16 June 2015; other calls will be open in the coming years

<http://www.urbact.eu>

<http://www.urbact.eu/open-calls-networks>

Regular calls



## 6. "Innovative actions in sustainable urban development" initiative

Regular calls

- Has been created to test new approaches to the challenges faced by cities through pilot projects
- Total budget is €371 millions over the 2015-2020
- Projects will be selected through calls for proposals; the first call is to be published end 2015/beginning 2016

[http://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/en/policy/themes/urban-development/portal/](http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/policy/themes/urban-development/portal/)

[http://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/sources/activity/urban/urban\\_innovative\\_actions.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/sources/activity/urban/urban_innovative_actions.pdf)

## 7. LIFE programme

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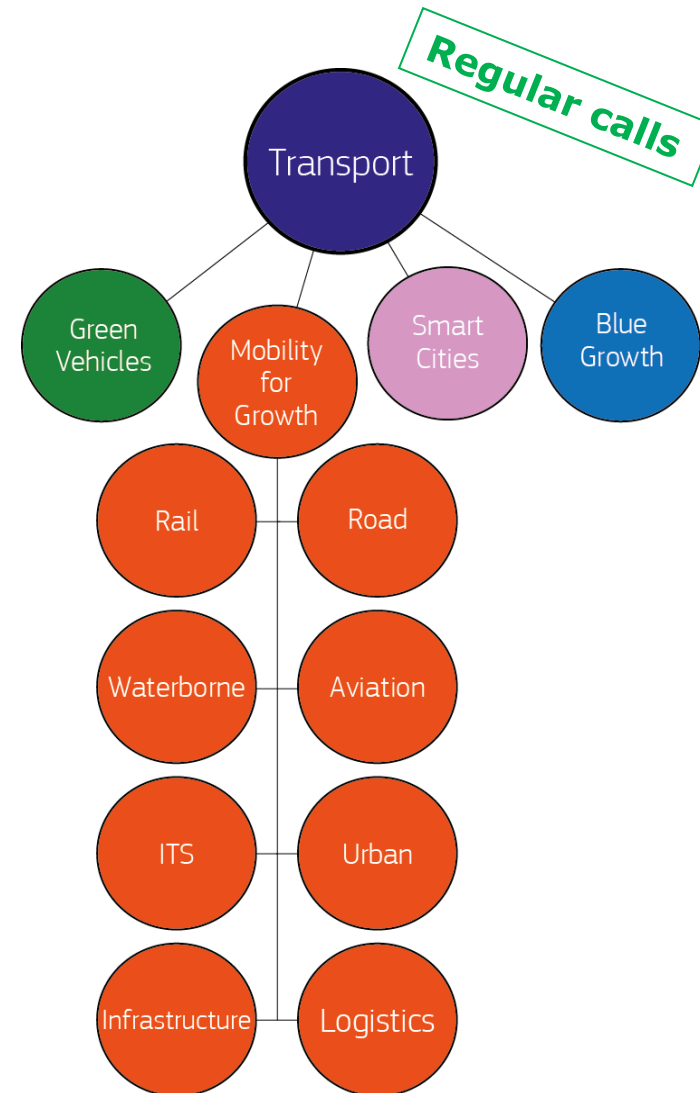
- Is the EU funding instrument for the environment and climate action
- 2014-2017 work programme includes a Thematic priority on "Air quality and emissions, including the urban environment"
- Calls are published regularly

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/about/>

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/life.htm>

## 8. Horizon 2020 - "Smart, Green and Integrated Transport"

- Finances the CIVITAS initiative
- All projects require cooperation between min 3 countries
- 2014/15 topics in Mobility For Growth–Urban:
  1. Transforming the use of conventionally fuelled vehicles in urban areas
  2. Reducing impacts and costs of freight and service trips in urban areas
  3. Tackling urban road congestion
  4. Strengthening knowledge and capacities of local authorities
  5. Demonstrating and testing innovative solutions



Regular calls

## 8. Horizon 2020 - "Smart, Green and Integrated Transport" (continued)

- 2016/2017 calls will be published on 15 Oct:
  1. 2016: Facilitating public procurement
  2. 2016: New ways of supporting neighbourhood-level innovations
  3. 2017: Increasing the take-up and scale-up of innovative solutions
  4. Supporting smart electric mobility
  5. Innovative approaches for integrating urban nodes

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/horizon2020>

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/home.html>

## 9. The European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI)

- Is the tool set up for the "Juncker Investment Plan":  
<http://www.eib.org/about/invest-eu/>
- Consists in a €21 billion guarantee from the Commission and the EIB
  - This guarantee allows to increase EIB's financing capacity with €60 billion
  - This is expected to give extra reassurance to other public and private investors, resulting in an extra financing capacity of €255 billion => total extra financing in the EU economy of €315 billion
- Cities should partner together to group their projects in order to be more attractive for investors in terms of scale
- Cities and private promoters active in cities should engage with the EIB and the National Promotional Banks to benefit from the EFSI
- Investment Platforms will be created under the EFSI Regulations for certain countries and sectors, for example transport
- An Advisory Hub has been created and regional hubs are likely to be created in the future: <http://www.eib.org/eiah/index.htm>
- There is also FI-Compass providing advisory services on financial instruments under the ESIF: <http://www.fi-compass.eu>

**Thank you for your attention!**

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