Dual-use infrastructure funding through the Connecting Europe Facility

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Proposal for dual-use infrastructure funding

- In May 2018, the Commission officially proposed the 2021-2027 EU budget
- For the first time, the proposed budget contains a €6.5 billion military mobility envelope as part of the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) to fund dual-use transport infrastructure projects
CEF military mobility envelope: context (1)

“By 2025 we need a fully-fledged European Defence Union”

- President Juncker, State of the Union Address, September 2017
CEF military mobility envelope: context (2)

- March 2018: Joint Commission and EEAS Action Plan on Military Mobility
  - Reason: the transport of military assets and troops is hampered by physical and administrative obstacles
  - Outlines recommended actions, implementing actors and timelines to address identified barriers to further protect the Union and its citizens
  - Transport infrastructure as one of the key areas of action
Synergies exist between civilian and military transportation needs

Existing EU civilian policies are leveraged to facilitate military mobility

Military mobility is part of the wider and unprecedented EU Security and Defence agenda

Military mobility is a key priority area for the implementation of the 2016 EU-NATO Joint Declaration
Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T)

- Allows to coordinate transport infrastructure investments across EU
- Consists of two layers:
  - Comprehensive network – to be completed by 2050;
  - Core network (a subset of the Comprehensive network) – to be completed by 2030
- 9 Core Network Corridors – backbone of the TEN-T
Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)

- EU financial instrument that contributes to the implementation of the TEN-T policy
- Has successfully handled over €30 billion of projects
CEF military mobility envelope: timeline

- Agreement on CEF 2021-2027 text by co-legislators
- CEF budget decision
- Calls for proposals for dual-use projects

March 2019: Dual-use requirements
Summer 2019: Agreement on CEF 2021-2027
Autumn 2019: CEF budget decision
By 2020: Calls for proposals for dual-use projects
From 2021: Possible adaptation of TEN-T framework to include military or dual-use requirements
By 2023: CEF dual-use project pipeline
CEF military mobility envelope: co-funding

- Up to 50% of eligible actions
- Cohesion Member States may transfer funds from the Cohesion Fund to potentially reach up to 85% co-funding
- Construction of new or upgrades of existing infrastructure
- Up to the dual-use component
- Funding on both Core and Comprehensive networks
- Open to all transport modes
- Selection process will be the same as for current CEF projects
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