

Mid-term evaluation of the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)

(Technical questionnaire)

Fields marked with * are mandatory.

A. About you

This section consists of questions about the respondent. We would like to know who our respondents are in order to better understand their perspective, expectations and needs regarding the Connecting Europe Facility.

*1. In what capacity are you responding to this consultation?

- In my private capacity (i.e. as an individual)
- On behalf of an organisation/institution

*1.1. If you respond on behalf on an organisation/institution, which one do you represent?

- European Institution
- National Ministry
- Regional/local Authority
- Infrastructure manager
- Infrastructure operator
- Standardisation body
- IT solution provider
- Industry
- Consulting company involved or commissioned in preparing the proposals
- University/Research center
- Civil society organizations (NGOs, think tanks, consumer associations...)
- Other European Bodies
- Other

- *2. Is the entity on whose behalf you are replying registered in the EU Transparency Register?
If your organisation is not registered, we invite you to [register](#), although it is not compulsory to be registered to reply to this consultation.

[Why a transparency register?](#)

- Yes
 No

- *2.1. If so, please indicate the registration number in the Transparency Register

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- *3. Please communicate your contact details (name, email address) in order to reach you

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*4. In which country are you located?

- Austria
- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Italy
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- Netherlands
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Slovak Republic
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- United Kingdom
- Iceland
- Liechtenstein
- Norway
- Other

5. If your projects have already received funding from the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF), in which countries are these projects located? (multiple answers are possible)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Austria | <input type="checkbox"/> Belgium | <input type="checkbox"/> Bulgaria | <input type="checkbox"/> Croatia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cyprus | <input type="checkbox"/> Czech Republic | <input type="checkbox"/> Denmark | <input type="checkbox"/> Estonia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finland | <input type="checkbox"/> France | <input type="checkbox"/> Germany | <input type="checkbox"/> Greece |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hungary | <input type="checkbox"/> Ireland | <input type="checkbox"/> Italy | <input type="checkbox"/> Latvia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lithuania | <input type="checkbox"/> Luxembourg | <input type="checkbox"/> Malta | <input type="checkbox"/> Netherlands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poland | <input type="checkbox"/> Portugal | <input type="checkbox"/> Romania | <input type="checkbox"/> Slovak Republic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Slovenia | <input type="checkbox"/> Spain | <input type="checkbox"/> Sweden | <input type="checkbox"/> United Kingdom |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Iceland | <input type="checkbox"/> Liechtenstein | <input type="checkbox"/> Norway | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

*6. In which sector are you working in or related to (multiple answers are possible)?

- Transport
- Energy
- Telecommunications/ICT
- Other

7. How involved are you or your organisation in the CEF Programme?

- Fully
- To a large extent
- To some extent

8. Please specify the nature of your involvement in the CEF Programme (multiple answers are possible)?

- CEF coordination
- Project applicant
- Project promoter
- Project beneficiary
- Procurement authority
- Service/solution provider
- Executive institution / Implementing body
- Infrastructure manager
- Consultancy for proposal preparation
- Institutional/core investor
- End user
- Other

*9. Are you interested in contributing to this evaluation in a more in-depth way by participating in future interview?

- Yes
- No

*10. Your contribution

Note that, whatever option chosen, your answers may be subject to a request for public access to documents under [Regulation \(EC\) N° 1049/2001](#)

- can be published with your personal information** (I consent the publication of all information in my contribution in whole or in part including my name or my organisation's name, and I declare that nothing within my response is unlawful or would infringe the rights of any third party in a manner that would prevent publication)
- can be published provided that you remain anonymous** (I consent to the publication of any information in my contribution in whole or in part (which may include quotes or opinions I express) provided that it is done anonymously. I declare that nothing within my response is unlawful or would infringe the rights of any third party in a manner that would prevent the publication.

B. Relevance

The following questions examine how well the objectives and activities of the CEF Programme fit its purpose, namely supporting the development of trans-European transport, energy and telecommunications networks.

1. In your opinion, should investments in the fields of transport, energy and telecommunications be supported by the EU budget?

- Yes
- No

2. In your opinion, how important is each of the following CEF objectives to the goal of developing trans-European transport, energy and telecommunications networks?

	Very important	Important	Moderately important	Slightly important	Not important at all	I don't know
Develop the physical transportation, energy and telecommunications infrastructure	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reduce disparities in social and economic development across the regions of the EU	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Create an environment that attracts private financing to infrastructure projects	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Develop projects that combine infrastructures for transportation, energy and ICT (e. g.: intelligent and sustainable transport systems)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improve the competitiveness of the transport, energy and telecommunications sectors on the global market	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

3. CEF is meant to contribute to the EU policies in the transport, energy and telecommunications sectors. Are the sector-specific priorities listed below contributing to the objectives of CEF listed in the question B.2 above?

3.1. In the transport sector?

	Fully	To a large extent	To some extent	Not at all	I don't know
Removing bottlenecks (capacity improvements)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bridging missing links, in particular cross-border sections	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Enhancing interoperability in all modes	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ensuring sustainable and efficient transport systems in the long run	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improving safety on the networks	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Optimising the integration and interconnection of transport modes	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

3.2. In the energy sector?

	Fully	To a large extent	To some extent	Not at all	I don't know
Increasing competitiveness by Promoting the further integration of the internal energy market	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increasing competitiveness by promoting the interoperability of electricity and gas networks across borders	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Enhancing the security of the Union's energy supply	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Contributing to the sustainable development and protection of the environment, inter alia by the integration of energy networks and carbon dioxide networks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

3.3. In the telecommunications sector?

	Fully	To a large extent	To some extent	Not at all	I don't know
Increasing competitiveness of the European economy, social and economic growth (including SMEs) in the telecommunications sector	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Achieving an effective Digital Single Market	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ensuring non-discriminatory access to broadband networks and digital inclusion	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improvements in daily life for citizens, businesses (including SMEs) & public administrations	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

4. In your opinion, how determining are the following features of the CEF Programme for addressing the needs presented in question B.2 and the sector specific objectives listed in question B.3 above?

(Loans, guarantee and equity are part of the European Investment Bank financial products where the EU budget can be used for attracting private investment to a project/corporate. See more at : <http://femip10.eib.org/products/index.htm>)

	Fully relevant	Very relevant	Moderately relevant	Not relevant	I don't know
The multi-sectorial dimension (transport, energy and telecom) and potential synergies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Financing of projects and studies through non-repayable grants for transport	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Financing of projects and studies through non-repayable grants for energy	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Financing of projects and studies through non-repayable grants for telecommunications	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

Direct purchase of services via procurement for transport	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Direct purchase of services via procurement for energy	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Direct purchase of services via procurement for telecommunications	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Financing of projects and studies through repayable instruments (use of financial instruments) such as Loans for transport	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Financing of projects and studies through repayable instruments (use of financial instruments) such as Loans for energy	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Financing of projects and studies through repayable instruments (use of financial instruments) such as Loans for telecommunications	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Financing of projects and studies through repayable instruments (use of financial instruments) such as Guarantees for transport	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Financing of projects and studies through repayable instruments (use of financial instruments) such as Guarantees for energy	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Financing of projects and studies through repayable instruments (use of financial instruments) such as Guarantees for telecommunications	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Financing of projects and studies through repayable instruments (use of financial instruments) such as Equity for transport	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

Financing of projects and studies through repayable instruments (use of financial instruments) such as Equity for energy	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Financing of projects and studies through repayable instruments (use of financial instruments) such as Equity for telecommunications	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Central management (work programmes, projects selection done at EU level by the Commission) for transport	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Central management (work programmes, projects selection done at EU level by the Commission) for energy	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Central management (work programmes, projects selection done at EU level by the Commission) for telecommunications	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Budget appropriations per sector (ex-ante ring-fencing for transport, energy and telecommunications)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Providing technical assistance to help prepare and deliver projects for transport	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Providing technical assistance to help prepare and deliver projects for energy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Providing technical assistance to help prepare and deliver projects for telecommunications	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
For transport, protection of national allocations in the cohesion envelope until 31 /12/2016	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

For transport, level playing field without national allocations for the general envelope	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
For transport, early project selection focus on projects that are mature at the beginning of the programming period	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
For transport and energy, pre-identification of projects for energy and telecoms in the annex of the CEF	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

5. Please provide any other comment on the relevance of the CEF objectives and features

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C. Coherence

The questions in this section look at the complementarities, consistencies, overlaps or contradictions that may exist both internally to the Program between its various parts, and externally with other EU interventions in terms of objectives, scope and activities.

1. To what extent do you agree that the transport, energy and telecommunication sectors face common challenges?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- I don't know

1.1. If you agree or strongly agree, please explain to which extent

2000 character(s) maximum

The three infrastructures are sharing the problem that de-bottlenecking may lack an obvious business case for the operator. But they are also facing different challenges, such as lack of public acceptance in case of energy and transport, but less in communication. In addition technology life-cycles are varying strongly. Overall, the ongoing digitisation of industry requires infrastructure investment in all three sectors that are heavily interlinked with each other (e.g.: electric vehicles require the underlying physical transport, energy and communication infrastructure, including an electricity market design that empowers consumers.

2. In your opinion, is the approach of combining all three sectors under one funding instrument the correct one, or should each sector be funded separately?

- One overall funding instrument for all three sectors
- One funding instrument per sector
- I don't know

2.1. Please explain why

2000 character(s) maximum

Particularly the differences in technology life-cycles and the differences in the business priorities of the infrastructure operators are justifying different mechanisms per sector

3. To what extent are the specific objectives of the three CEF sectors referred to in questions B.3.1 to B.3.3 consistent and mutually supportive?

- Fully
- To a large extent
- To some extent
- Not at all
- I don't know

3.1. Please explain why

2000 character(s) maximum

4. In your opinion, to what extent is the CEF Programme aligned to and complementary with other EU policy objectives and initiatives in the fields of transport, energy and telecommunication?

	Fully	To a large extent	To some extent	Not at all	I don't know
Transport	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Energy	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Telecom	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

4.1. Please explain which policy initiatives and objectives you refer to

2000 character(s) maximum

The process of identifying projects of common interest based on the TYNDP, by that identifying such projects to which priority should be given from a European perspective.

5. How would you describe the complementarity between CEF and the following EU funding instruments?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	I don't know
European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cohesion Fund	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Horizon 2020	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

5.1. How do you assess the impact on CEF of the creation of the EFSI in 2015?

- Very positive
- Quite positive
- Quite negative
- Very negative
- I don't know

5.2. Please explain why

2000 character(s) maximum

There is a huge risk to lose the trust of the private sector when reallocating money from the existing CEF programme, especially if it means moving money from energy projects to non-energy areas. We urge decision-makers to be extremely careful not to disturb the ongoing process

6. To what extent are the CEF-sectorial programmes complementary and coherent with Member States' interventions/initiatives?

	Fully	To a large extent	To some extent	Not at all	I don't know
In the transport sector	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
In the energy sector	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
In the telecommunications sector	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

7. Please provide here any other comment on synergies, complementarities or overlaps among CEF Programme components and with other Programmes

2000 character(s) maximum

D. EU added value

The questions in this section look at the extent to which the EU level CEF Programme creates benefits that are additional to the value that would have otherwise been created by Member State action alone, both at public and private level.

1. Compared to what could be achieved without the intervention of CEF, to what extent do you expect the CEF Programme will...

	Fully	To a large extent	To some extent	Not at all	I don't know
Foster the technical/operational development of cross-border projects for transport	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

Foster the technical/operational development of cross-border projects for energy	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Foster the technical/operational development of cross-border projects for telecommunications	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Remove bottlenecks in networks for transport	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Remove bottlenecks in networks for energy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Remove bottlenecks in networks for telecommunications	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Bridge the interconnection gaps for transport	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Bridge the interconnection gaps for energy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bridge the interconnection gaps for telecommunications	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Promote transnational cooperation for transport	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Promote transnational cooperation for energy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Promote transnational cooperation for telecommunications	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Stimulate an acceleration of investments in the area of Trans-European networks for transport	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Stimulate an acceleration of investments in the area of Trans-European networks for energy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Stimulate an acceleration of investments in the area of Trans-European networks for telecommunications	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

2. How do you rate the overall added value of the CEF Programme compared to other programmes at national and/or regional level?

- Substantially higher
- Somewhat higher
- Similar
- Somewhat lower
- Substantially lower
- I don't know

3. Please provide here any other comment on the EU Added value of the CEF

2000 character(s) maximum

E. Effectiveness

The following section tackles the extent to which the CEF has achieved its general and sectorial objectives, as well as its contribution to EU policy.

1. Do you expect the CEF Programme to effectively achieve...

	Fully	To a large extent	To some extent	Not at all	I don't know
the development of modern and high-performing trans-European networks for/in the area of transport ?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
the development of modern and high-performing trans-European networks for/in the area of energy ?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
the development of modern and high-performing trans-European networks for/in the area of telecommunications ?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
the increase in availability of digital services infrastructures?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
the improvement of the economic, social and territorial cohesion in the internal market?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
the creation of an environment that attracts private financing to infrastructure projects?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
the development of projects presenting synergies across the transport, energy and telecommunications sectors?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
the improvement of the competitiveness on global markets of the transport sector?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
the improvement of the competitiveness on global markets of the energy sector?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
the improvement of the competitiveness on global markets of the telecommunication sector?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, increase of energy efficiency and use of renewable energy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2. In your opinion, to what extent is the CEF Programme achieving the following specific objectives set for the use of financial instruments?

2.1 For the Debt Instrument

	Fully	To a large extent	To some extent	Not at all	I don't know
to contribute to overcoming deficiencies of the European debt capital markets	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
to create additional risk capacity in the entrusted entities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
to facilitate financing for project companies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2.2. For the Equity Instrument

	Fully	To a large extent	To some extent	Not at all	I don't know
to contribute to overcoming the deficiencies of European capital markets	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

3. In what ways could the products offered by the European Investment Bank (EIB) under CEF Debt Instrument (or CEF Equity Instrument, if applicable) be improved to keep them attractive to the market in the long term?

2000 character(s) maximum

4. In your opinion, to what extent do the following issues pose a challenge for the implementation of the CEF Programme?

(please skip if the question is not relevant to the sector you are working in)

4.1. In the transport sector

	Fully	To a large extent	To some extent	Not at all	I don't know
Capacity to identify/propose eligible projects	<input type="radio"/>				
Transparency in the selection of projects	<input type="radio"/>				
Obstacles relating to the granting of financing	<input type="radio"/>				
Lack of involvement/investment from the private sector (e.g. public-private partnerships, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>				
Lack of available EU budget	<input type="radio"/>				
Lack of available budget for the national funding/from the beneficiaries	<input type="radio"/>				
Obstacles relating to the granting of permits/regulation	<input type="radio"/>				
Obstacles in delivering complex (cross-border) infrastructures on time	<input type="radio"/>				
Obstacles in improving compatibility between the different systems used in each sector in order to achieve interoperability	<input type="radio"/>				
Obstacles in creating/exploiting synergies between sectors	<input type="radio"/>				
Obstacles in reflecting changes in the technological development and innovation	<input type="radio"/>				
Creation of market distortions	<input type="radio"/>				
Administrative burden	<input type="radio"/>				

4.2. In the energy sector

	Fully	To a large extent	To some extent	Not at all	I don't know
Capacity to identify/propose eligible projects	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Transparency in the selection of projects	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Obstacles relating to the granting of financing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Lack of involvement/investment from the private sector (e.g. public-private partnerships, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of available EU budget	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of available budget for the national funding/from the beneficiaries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Obstacles relating to the granting of permits/regulation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Obstacles in delivering complex (cross-border) infrastructures on time	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Obstacles in improving compatibility between the different systems used in each sector in order to achieve interoperability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Obstacles in creating/exploiting synergies between sectors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Obstacles in reflecting changes in the technological development and innovation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Creation of market distortions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Administrative burden	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

4.3. In the telecommunications sector

	Fully	To a large extent	To some extent	Not at all	I don't know
Capacity to identify/propose eligible projects	<input type="radio"/>				
Transparency in the selection of projects	<input type="radio"/>				
Obstacles relating to the granting of financing	<input type="radio"/>				
Lack of involvement/investment from the private sector (e.g. public-private partnerships, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>				
Lack of available EU budget	<input type="radio"/>				
Lack of available budget for the national funding/from the beneficiaries	<input type="radio"/>				
Obstacles relating to the granting of permits/regulation	<input type="radio"/>				
Obstacles in delivering complex (cross-border) infrastructures on time	<input type="radio"/>				
Obstacles in improving compatibility between the different systems used in each sector in order to achieve interoperability	<input type="radio"/>				
Obstacles in creating/exploiting synergies between sectors	<input type="radio"/>				
Obstacles in reflecting changes in the technological development and innovation	<input type="radio"/>				
Creation of market distortions	<input type="radio"/>				
Administrative burden	<input type="radio"/>				

5. Please provide here any other comment on the implementation of the CEF.

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E. Efficiency

The questions in this section examine if the CEF Programme's resources are being used in an optimal way to achieve the desired results.

1. In your opinion, to what extent is the common management of the 3 sectors under CEF Programme conducive to economies of scale (in terms of project appraisal and management)?

- Fully
- To a large extent
- To some extent
- Not at all
- I don't know

2. In your opinion, how efficiently are the following aspects of the implementation of the CEF Programme handled:

	Very efficiently	Somewhat efficiently	Slightly inefficiently	Somewhat inefficiently	Not at all	I don't know
Managing the national envelopes under the Cohesion Fund	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Minimizing the administrative burden	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
The allocation of funds in Work Programmes and per priority	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
The frequency and duration of calls for proposals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
The application and selection process managed by INEA	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
The application and selection process managed by European Investment Bank (EIB)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
The awareness raising and promotion of the programme	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

3. For the projects you are involved in, to what extent do you appreciate the following features?

	Fully	To a large extent	To some extent	Not at all	I don't know
Cost efficiency	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Financing commitment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Mitigation of refinancing risk	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Clear financial close procedure	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Process timing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Blending, with regards to bridging the financing gap	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

4. Please provide here any other comment on the implementation of the CEF.

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E. Forward-looking questions

1. In your opinion, is there still a need to continue financial support from the EU budget for the development of trans-European networks?

- Yes
- Yes, albeit in a slightly different manner
- Yes, albeit in a significantly different manner
- No
- I don't know

2. What could the CEF Programme do differently?

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There is a need to overcome the inappropriate situation for smart grids projects under the TEN-E Regulation. As long as this is not fixed, aim at better complementarity of CEF with EFSI: EFSI should better support investments in the modernisation of energy networks, in energy efficiency and smarter technologies, in the areas of buildings, transport, energy and industry.

Projects should be supported in the following areas:

- Complement the support for Projects of Common Interests (PCI) by closing the gap of the TEN-E Regulation for smart grids projects.
- Build electricity interconnections and electricity highways: there are too few of such projects in the current PCI Union wide list.
- Ensure that the necessary investments in a flexible European power system will be made: storage technologies and demand side management are needed to integrate intermittent renewable energy, highly flexible power generation.
- Support investments in alternative fuels infrastructure, for example in electro-mobility and shore-side electricity in harbours.

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