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Spain-France-Italy-Slovenia-Croatia-Hungary

Med RFC

CEF 2021-2027 financing opportunities

September 2021



Co-financed by the Connecting Europe
Facility of the European Union

Co-financing opportunities 2021-2024

Technical Assistance Infrastructure Managers

- Title: support to stakeholders involved in the governance of RFCs
- Covering the period
1st January 2021 – 31 December 2024
- 10 Millions available for all RFC
Med RFC est. share **150-200k/year**
- Form: lump sum
- Recipients: IM, in charge of covering full cost of RFCs

Expected results: fulfilment of RFCs activities as foreseen by EU Regulation (e.g. routine activities C-OSS, EEIG management , etc)

Sure money, reserved to IMs
for RFCs financing

Technical Assistance RailNetEurope

- Title: development of common rules, processes, functions and ICT systems including support to RFCs (CIP about 25k€/year; RFC network secretary 6k€/year; others tbd)
- Covering the period
1st January 2021 – 31 December 2024
- Co-financing rate up to max. 100%
- 13 Millions €
- Recipient: RNE

Expected results: support effective implementation of EU Regulation 913/2010 and Directive 2012/34

Sure money, reserved to RNE,
including support to RFCs

Actions related to smart and interoperable mobility 6.2.1

- General objective: to modernize transport infrastructure on the TEN-T
- Covering the period 2021 – 2027
(MAP for period 2021-2023)
- Co-financing rate up 50%-85% for studies and actions relating cross-border links, telematic applications, rail interoperability, new technologies and innovation
- Amounts: 1,6 billion for 2021-2022-2023
- Form: reimbursement of eligible costs
- Needed the agreement by concerned MS
- Eligible applicants: all EU Legal entities, Int'l organizations (RFCs included)
- Minimum threshold: 1 million € (tbv)

Proposal to be prepared,
partners tbd, high competition

6.2.1 Actions related to smart and interoperable mobility

The following Actions will be supported:

Smart application for transport

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- Actions to support the creation, collection, management, sharing and dissemination of **accurate and up-to-date transport, traffic and travel data** for all modes, in particular **enabling interoperability** and through digitalization of processes, such as [...] actions related to increasing availability of **data for collaborative logistics** and multimodal travel [...].

Transport interoperability

- Actions supporting **new technologies and innovation**, including **automation, integrated infrastructure capacity and traffic management, enhanced transport services, modal integration** in accordance with Article 9(2)(b)(iv) of the CEF Regulation, including aspects of the Mobility as a Service (MaaS) development, such as combined and e-ticketing for passengers or **track and tracing features for goods**.
- Actions **removing interoperability barriers** in compliance with the Technical Specifications for Interoperability (TSI) adopted by Directive 2016/797 on the interoperability of the rail system²³, including automatic gauge-change facilities in rail freight traffic in accordance with Article 9(2)(b)(v) of the CEF Regulation.

Investments concerning rolling stock, notably the installation of sensors or other devices on wagons, will not be supported.

CEF 2021-2027 - Actions related to smart and interoperable mobility eligible for RFCs

Main CEF Areas

- ✓ Cross-border links capacity and performance upgrade
- ✓ Rail Connection to Freight Terminals and Ports capacity and performance upgrade
- ✓ Support Railway interoperability
- ✓ Collect and share accurate and up-to-date rail traffic data, enabling collaborative logistics and multimodal supply chains
- ✓ Support New Technologies and Innovation
(in the field of telematic applications, automation, integrated infrastructure and traffic management, enhanced transport services, modal integration and track&trace management)

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CEF 2021-2027 – Next Steps

BRIEFING

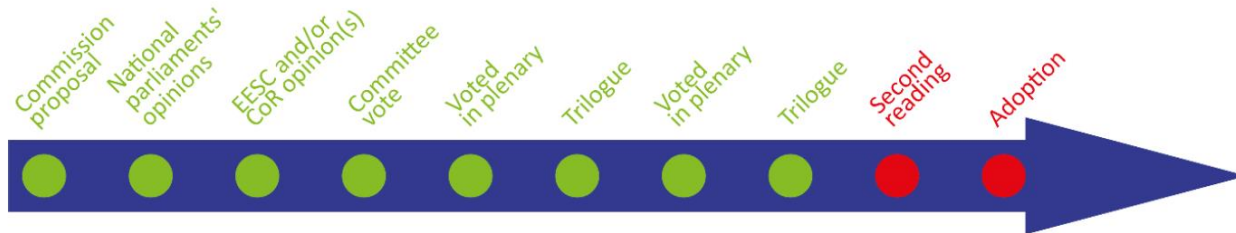
EU Legislation in Progress
2021-2027 MFF



Connecting Europe Facility 2021-2027 Financing key EU infrastructure networks

OVERVIEW

The EU supports the development of high-performing, sustainable and interconnected trans-European networks in the areas of transport, energy and digital infrastructure. It set up the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) as a dedicated financing instrument for the 2014-2020 period, to channel EU funding into the development of infrastructure networks, help eliminate market failures and attract further investment from the public and private sectors. Following a mid-term evaluation, the European Commission proposed to renew the programme under the long-term EU budget for the 2021-2027 period.



- ⇒ The Connecting Europe Facility 2021-2027 has been adopted on **14 July 2021** with EU Regulation **1153/2021**
- ⇒ The relevant **Multi-Annual Programme 2021-27** was approved by CEF Committee on 15 July 2021 and **adopted** by the **European Commission** on **5 August 2021** with EC Decision C(2021) 5763.



CEF 2021-2027 – Next Steps

The first call under the Connecting Europe Facility Energy programme for the period 2021-2027 has been published by CINEA on 7 September 2021.

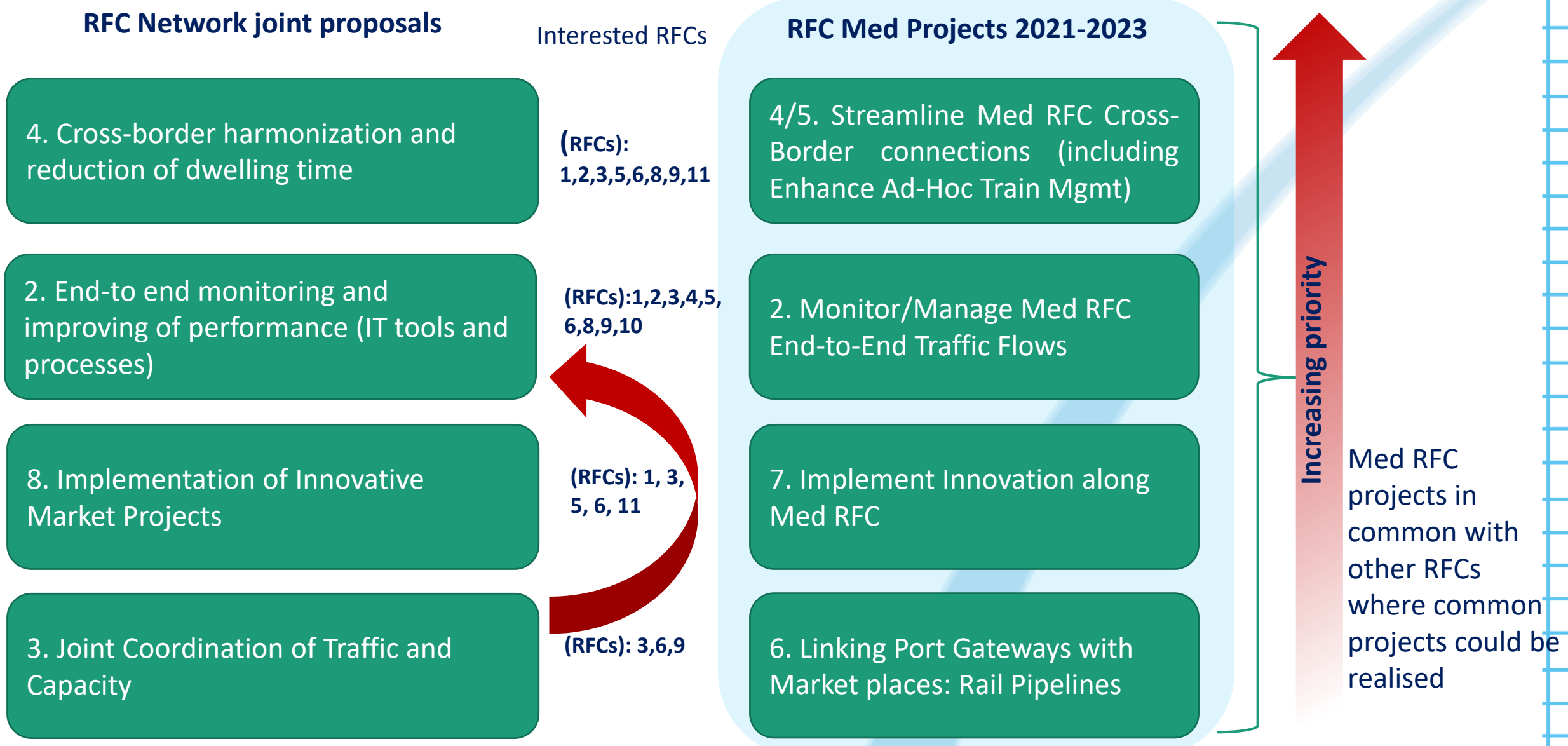
The new call for proposals addresses studies and works for Projects of Common Interest (PCIs) in the field of trans-European energy infrastructure, and it will be open until 19 October.



- ⇒ The first call under the Connecting Europe Facility Transport programme for the period 2021-2027 is planned on **16 September 2021**.
- ⇒ A virtual **info day** to present the call, explain its policy context and inform about the application and evaluation process is planned on **27 September 2021**.



RFC Med project proposals vs RFC Network



RFC Med projects within CEF 2021-2027

	RFC Network Common Project	Main CEF Areas
4. Streamline Med RFC Cross-Border connections (including Enhance Ad-Hoc Train Mgmt)	✓	1 3 4
2. Monitor/Manage Med RFC End-to-End Traffic Flows	✓	2 4
6. Linking Port Gateways with Market places: Rail Pipelines	✓	2 3
7. Implement Innovation along Med RFC	✓	4 5

RFC Med projects in common with other RFCs

Project Name	RFC Network Project area	Maturity	Estimated working hours PMO			Estimated working hours per IM/AB			Estimated working hours per RUs/Term		
4. Streamline Med RFC Cross-Border connections	4. Cross-border harmonization and reduction of dwelling time (Operations)	High Started in 2021 (VOPT Task Force + Modane QCO)	PMO	2021 1.100	2022 1.500	RFI SZ-I SNCF R	2021 900 400 150	2022 1.200 550 800	RUs Term	2021 900	2022 1.500 -
2. Manage Med RFC End- to-End Traffic Flows	2. End2End monitor and enhance performance (ICT and processes) (Punctuality)	Medium Pilot in 2020 New Pilots in 2022	PMO	2021 -	2022 500	IMs	2021 -	2022 tbd	RUs Term	2021 -	2022 tbd
6. Link Port Gateways with Market places	3. Joint Coordination of Traffic and Capacity (Planning/Operations)	Low To be started in 2022	PMO	2021 -	2022 tbd	IMs	2021 -	2022 tbd	RUs Term	2021 -	2022 tbd
7. Implement Innovation along Med RFC	8. Implementation of Innovative Market projects (Innovation)	Low To be started in 2022	PMO	2021 -	2022 tbd	IMs	2021 -	2022 tbd	RUs Term	2021 -	2022 tbd

4. Streamline Med RFC Cross-Border connections

Project Team

Med RFC PMO, Med RFC IMs (depending on project sub-project), Med RFC RUs (depending on project sub-project), Med RFC selected Ports/Terminals, RNE (for ICT application)

Project goals

1. Reduce dwelling times at cross-borders locations along Med RFC (by harmonising rules and operations, in an End2End perspective and removing existing bottlenecks)
2. Enhance Med RFC performance and overall capacity (by increasing avg train speed and harmonizing connections with Terminals)
3. Improve interoperability and service reliability along Med RFC (by streamlining End2End flows and introducing effective monitoring tools for shipments)

Sub-projects

State of play

Planned End

1. Villa Opicina Task Force	Started in 2020, first results achieved, Future Action Plan defined	2023
2. Modane QCO	Started in 2021, still in a preliminary phase	2023
3. Streamline Eastern Med RFC flows (enhance ad-hoc train management)	Start-up planned in 2022, ICT tools required	2024
4. Streamline Western Med RFC flows (LFP tunnel + Port Bou)	Start-up planned in 2022 – 2 nd half	2024

Med RFC Projects' timeline

