



# Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) Financing Opportunities

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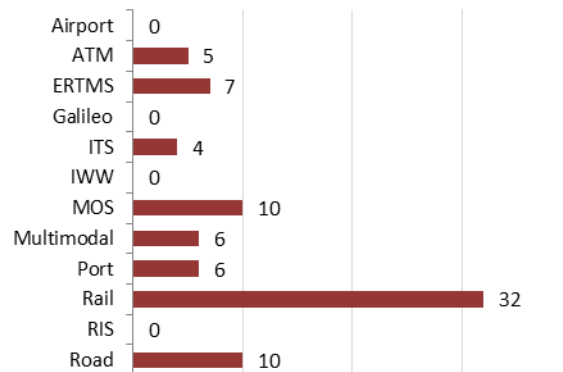
# ES Portfolio Characteristics (2007-2013)

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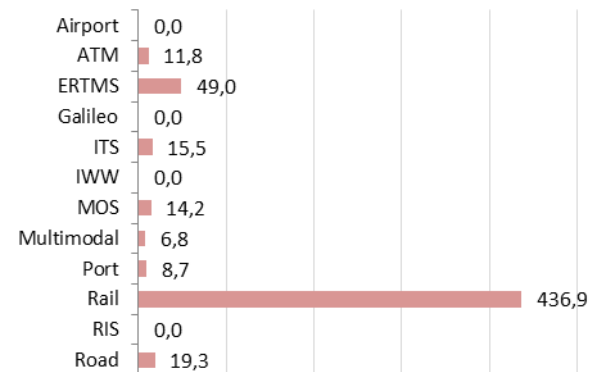
- 80 funding Decisions. Total investments: € 3,038.4 M ; TEN-T contribution: € 562.3 M (~18.5%). Biggest project: "Implementation of UIC gauge on the Mediterranean corridor. Section Castellbisbal – Nudo de Vilaseca phase 1" €340.9/68.2M

## PRIORITIES

- Rail, ERTMS



No. of Projects



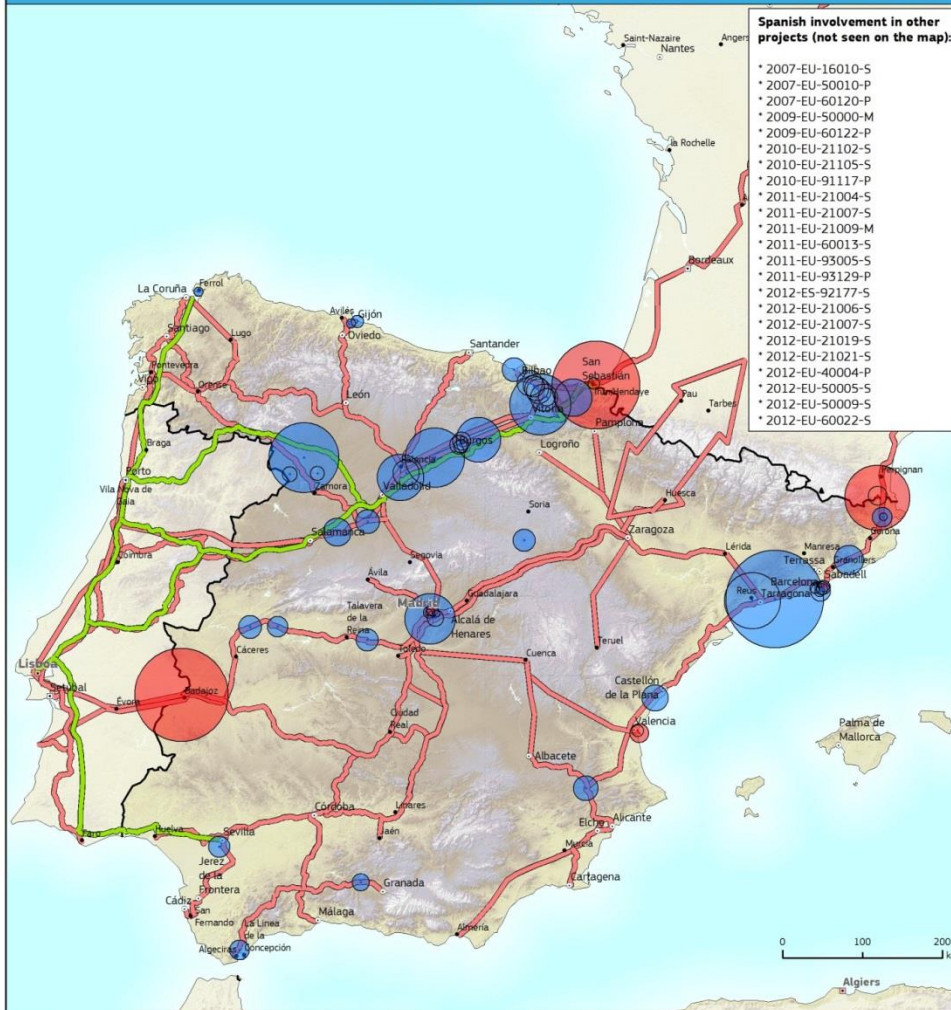
Actual TEN-T funding (€ million)



# TRANS-EUROPEAN TRANSPORT NETWORK

Innovation and Networks Executive Agency

## Country based analysis on TEN-T project portfolio (2007-2013) The case of Spain



### Spanish involvement in other projects (not seen on the map):

- \* 2007-EU-16010-S
- \* 2007-EU-50010-P
- \* 2007-EU-60120-P
- \* 2009-EU-50000-M
- \* 2009-EU-60122-P
- \* 2010-EU-21102-S
- \* 2010-EU-21105-S
- \* 2010-EU-91117-P
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### TEN-T funding (Spanish share)



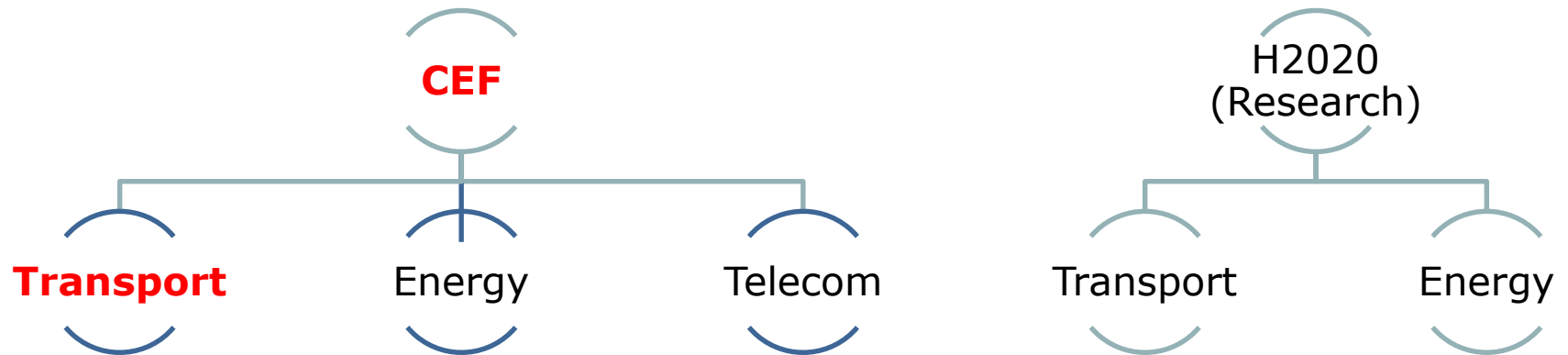
### TEN-T projects

- Cross-border
- Other

### TEN-T Priority Axes

- Road
- Railway
- Inland Waterway

# INEA (Innovation & Networks Executive Agency)



# Legal framework: key elements

- *TEN-T Guidelines Regulation 1315/2013*
  - **Priorities per mode**
  - **+ Innovation, telematic applications, urban nodes, multimodal platforms, accessibility, safe & secure infra,...**
- *CEF Regulation 1316/2013, annex I part I.1*
  - **Pre-identified projects / sections Core Network**
- *Clean Power for Transport Regulation (to be adopted),*
- *PCP Regulation (SESAR),*
- *Naiades, etc.*



## Eligibility of costs

### MAP

Costs incurred as from 1 January 2014 may be considered eligible.

Indirect costs are not eligible

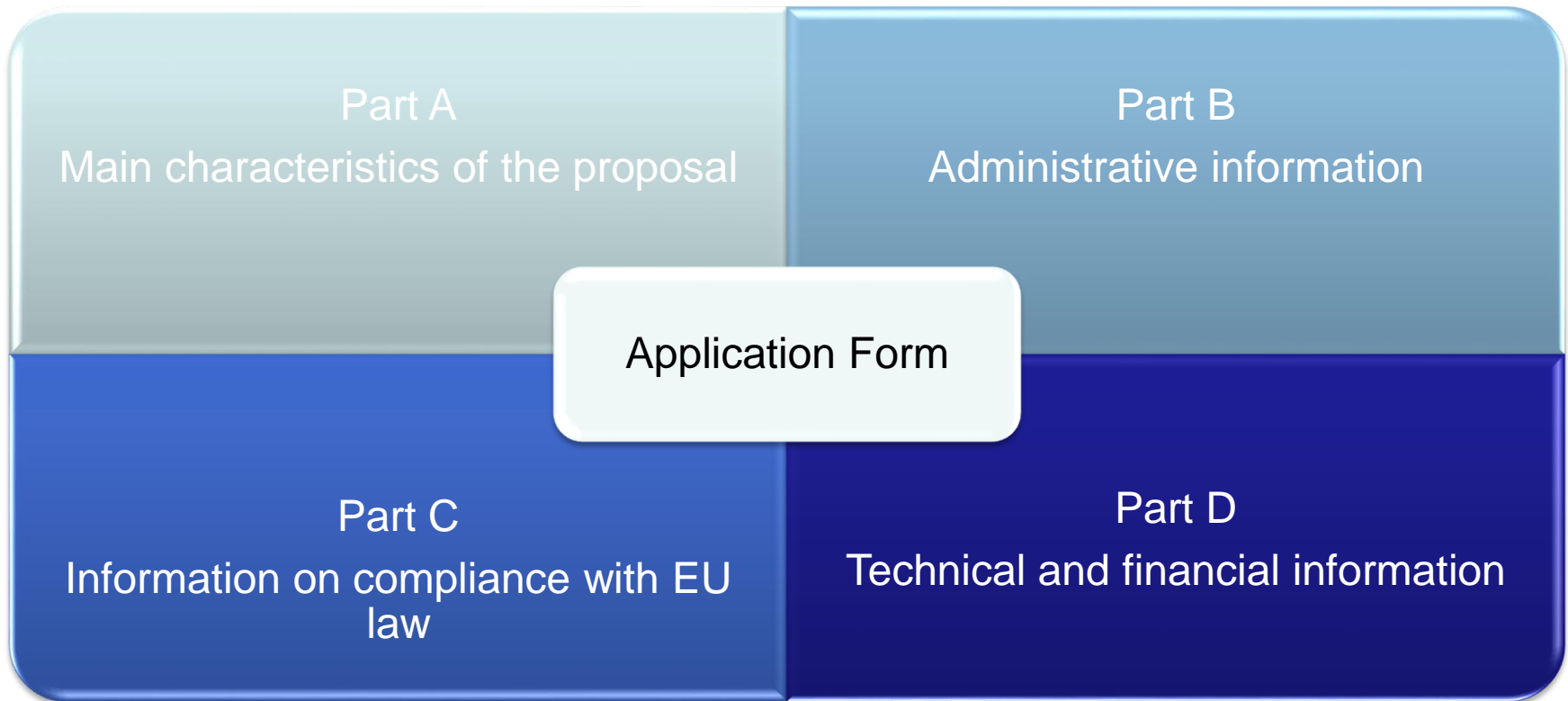
The total requested Union contribution to the eligible costs of a proposed Action should not be less than €500,000 for studies and not less than €1,000,000 for works.

### AP

## Maximum cofunding rates for the Connecting Europe Facility

Types of Projects		All MS (€14.9bn )	€11.3bn
<b>(a) STUDIES (all modes)</b>		<b>50%</b>	<b>85%</b>
<b>(b) WORKS on</b>			
<b>Rail</b>	<b>Cross border Bottleneck</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>85%</b>
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<b>Inland transport connections to ports and airports (rail and road)</b>		<b>20%</b>	<b>85%</b>
<b>Development of ports</b>		<b>20%</b>	<b>85%</b>
<b>Development of multi-modal platforms</b>		<b>20%</b>	<b>85%</b>
<b>Reduce rail freight noise by retrofitting of existing rolling stock</b>		<b>20%</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Freight transport services</b>		<b>20%</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Secure parkings on road core network</b>		<b>20%</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Motorways of the sea</b>		<b>30%</b>	<b>85%</b>
<b>Traffic management systems</b>	<b>SESAR, RIS, VTMIS (ground/onboard)</b>	<b>50 / 20%</b>	<b>85%</b>
	<b>ERTMS</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>85%</b>
	<b>ITS for road</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>85%</b>
<b>Cross border road sections</b>		<b>10%</b>	<b>85%</b>
<b>New technologies and innovation for all modes of transport</b>		<b>20%</b>	<b>85%</b>

# Preparing an application







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## The Call Process

European Commission  
(DG MOVE)

Executive Agency  
(INEA)

Call Publication

Info Day event

Proposal opening & Eligibility check

External evaluation

Internal evaluation/Selection

Consultation of other Directorate  
Generals

Consultation of the CEF  
Coordination Committee (CCC)

European Parliament right of scrutiny

Adoption of the list of  
beneficiaries

Innovation  
and Networks  
Executive Agency

# Delivering CEF- Transport grants



# Step 1: External evaluation

- **Individual assessment**
- Each proposal is assessed **independently** by at least three independent experts which give scores from 0 to 5
- Each expert completes an evaluation form, commenting and scoring each criterion
- Scores must be in line with comments; minimum threshold per criterion is 60%
- No contact between experts

# Award criteria

## Relevance

- Contribution of the proposed Action to the TEN-T & CEF priorities and priorities of the calls
- EU added value

## Maturity

- Is the proposed Action ready to go?

## Impact

- Expected effect on financial viability
- Expected socio-economic effects, climate and environmental aspects

## Quality

- Completeness and clarity of the proposal
- Description of the planned activities
- Coherence between objectives, activities and planned resources
- Soundness of the project management process

# Step 1: External evaluation

- **Consensus**
- Experts agree during the consensus meeting on:
  - ✓ Comments and give a score for each of the four award criteria mentioned before
  - ✓ A general recommendation
- Experts will not recommend for funding proposals that score  $<3$  points for one or more of the four award criteria!

## Step 2: Selection Committee – DG MOVE, INEA & DG ENV

Role: Assess and validate the list of proposals recommended for funding and those not to be funded paying particular attention to:

Contribution to the balanced development of the network

Complementarity with other EU funded projects

Comparative EU added value in relation to other proposed Actions

Budgetary constraints

Potential synergies across the different CEF sectors and/or other EU Programmes

Any risks of double-funding from other Union sources

# Preparing successful proposals

- Assess maturity – better to propose a more mature project in future CEF calls
- In case of clear revenue stream, study possibility to benefit from CEF innovative financial instruments
- Proving EU added value is paramount – clear benefits for transnational projects & inclusion in Corridor perspective
- Liaise with the relevant Coordinators' teams and with national authorities

# Preparing successful proposals

- Anticipate competition and oversubscription
- Read the work programme, call text and Guide for Applicants very carefully
- Take available guidelines seriously, especially on formal, selection and award criteria
- Use the application check list & **consult the FAQ regularly** for updates

# Preparing successful proposals

- **Start early** (especially for MS endorsement, compliance with EU law and multi-applicant proposals)
- Pay attention to each question, they may not seem important to you, but they are for evaluators (project management, risk assessment, communication, etc.)



# Preparing successful proposals

- Provide enough detail
  - ✓ Objectives and the means to achieve these
  - ✓ Realistic planning & reliable financial data
  - ✓ Elaborate and explain on each question, avoid mere statements
- Do a consistency check of the financial tables, double check formatting of decimals

# Preparing successful proposals

- Re-read your proposal and ask yourself
  - ✓ Is it clear and does it cover all points the evaluators need to know?
  - ✓ Does it make the case for why it should receive EU funding above others?
- Do not submit by mistake Part A based on MS Word, only submit the eSubmission print out!

## Still more questions?

- Consult the FAQ on the INEA website and **follow the updates** (final update = 19 February 2015)
- Send your questions to the Helpdesk by **13 February 2015 at the latest:**

**[INEA-CEF-transport-calls-2014@ec.europa.eu](mailto:INEA-CEF-transport-calls-2014@ec.europa.eu)**

Please note that:

- To ensure equal treatment between applicants, only general questions will be answered and published in the FAQ list

## Provisional timeline

Deadline for submission of proposals	26 February 2015
Deadline for submission of translations in English (if applicable)	5 March 2015
Evaluation of proposals	March-April 2015 (indicative)
Consultation of Financial Assistance Committee; scrutiny right of European Parliament	June 2015 (indicative)
Signing of individual grant agreements	As from September 2015 (indicative)



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**Thank you for your attention!**