



## CEF Transport 2019 Blending call

The European Commission has launched a Blending Facility to support sustainable transport projects and to combine EU-funding and external financing from the Implementing Partner (Blending). The aim of the call is to promote investments in the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T). The 2019 CEF Blending calls for proposals was published on 15 November 2019 and the next deadline for submission is **13 November 2020**. The call is open until March 2021, unless the budget is exhausted earlier. Applications could be submitted on a quarterly basis. The commission virtual information day was organized on 05 December 2019. [Recording from the virtual information day](#)

Indicative call timeline	Date	
Call publication	15.11.2019	
Deadlines for applicant	4. cut-off	5. cut-off
Short project description to the Ministry of Transport and Communications	16.10.2020	<i>tbc</i>
Application Form Part C to the Ministry of the Environment	16.10.2020	<i>tbc</i>
Application Form Part A to the Ministry of Transport and Communications	30.10.2020	<i>tbc</i>
Deadline for submission of proposals ( <b>applicant</b> )	<b>13.11.2020</b>	<b>15.02.2021</b>
Deadline for submission of proposals ( <b>Implementing Partner</b> )	<b>15.12.2020</b>	<b>15.03.2021</b>
Costs eligible at the earliest	Since submitting the application (Implementing partner)	
Evaluation of proposals	After each cut-off days	
Latest project completion date	31.12.2023	

The 2019 CEF Transport Blending calls for proposals has a total budget of € 198 million. Co-funding rates vary between the funding priorities.

Priority	Indicative available funding (M EUR)
European Rail Traffic Management System (ERTMS)	99
Innovations and new technologies (Alternative fuels)	99
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>198</b>

## Eligibility requirements and additional information

- When the application is submitted by the applicant (Grant Application), the Implementing Partner i.e. the financial institution will evaluate the financial readiness of the project. The Implementing Partner must deliver the necessary documents (Application File) in time (see the schedule above). The Implementing Partner can be the EIB or any other bank approved by the Commission. Please check the list of approved Implementing Partners on the INEA [webpage](#). The actual project funding is negotiated during the 12 months after signing the contract and the grant agreement. The final lender can be other than the one involved in the application. The granted EU-funding is conditional on private funding.
- The project summary template can be found on [the webpage of the Finnish Transport Infrastructure Agency](#). The template must be filled carefully following the instructions and to be sent on time to the contact person referred in the Agency who will collectively submit all abstracts to the Ministry of Transport and Communications
- Delivering application forms early enough to national authorities for signatures is in the applicant's responsibility. National deadlines are scheduled well before the Commission's deadline for submission.
  - Member state needs to approve the application (Ministry of Transport and Communications)
  - An acceptance is required from the Ministry of the Environment to the Application form part C regarding compliance of the proposal with EU policies and law, particularly on environmental protection.
- More information on the call in the [Commission webpage](#).
- Projects that include partners from other EU member states need to follow national timelines and procedures.

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