



# Military Mobility

Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)

&

Dual-use transport infrastructure

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# Military Mobility initiative in Europe

Situation in 2017:

- Transport of military assets and troops hampered by physical and administrative obstacles
- Troops and capabilities blocked for days and weeks before being able / allowed to advance
- Parts of EU infrastructure unsuitable for military movement

# Action Plan on Military Mobility: DG MOVE's focus

## Action Plan on Military Mobility – 28 March 2018

Three main areas of action:

- **Transport infrastructure** – exploring the possibilities of the Trans-European transport network policy (TEN-T Guidelines: Regulation 1315/2013)
- Regulatory / procedural issues – transport of dangerous goods, customs and VAT formalities, and cross-border movement permissions
- Other cross-cutting issues – e.g. countering hybrid threats (influence and exploit vulnerabilities to incur damage below the threshold of overt aggression: information manipulation, cyber-attacks)
- **Military requirements** for transport infrastructure and geographical data: identified as starting point for an effective approach to military mobility across the EU
  - The European External Action Service (EEAS) and the EU Military Staff developed military requirements, reflecting the needs of the EU and its Member States, including the infrastructure needed for military mobility
- **Gap analysis (2019):**
  - To identify synergies between civilian and military transportation
  - Very high overlap (93%) between **civilian** and **military** geographic **networks**

# European Transport Corridors

**TEN-T** policy: Regulation 1315/2013

- EU-wide network of rail, inland waterways, short sea shipping routes and roads

- Nine core network corridors and two horizontal priorities

- TEN-T network can serve a **dual use** – the Commission ensures that the network is coherent and meets the requirements (military and civilian) of both types of use

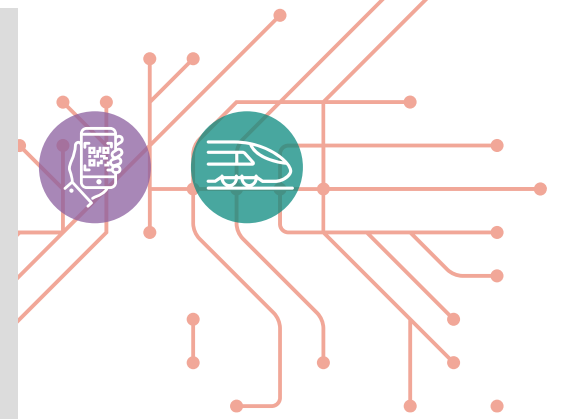
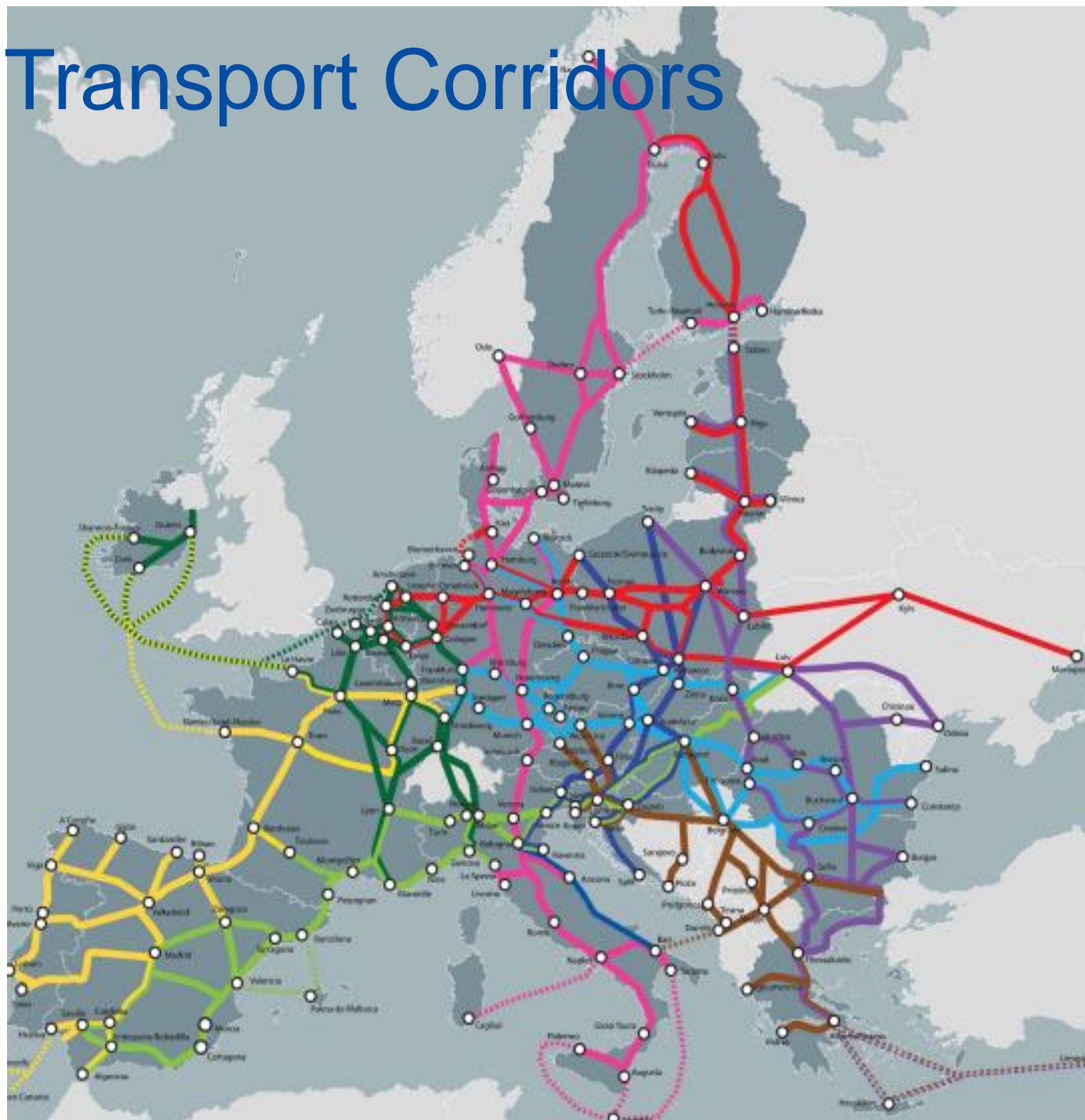
**Revised** TEN-T Regulation (2024)

- Supports the transition to a cleaner, greener and smarter mobility

- Reflects for the first time also **military** mobility in TEN-T

- Obligation that MS projects consider military mobility needs

- TEN-T transport corridors will be extended into neighbouring countries (UA, MD, Western Balkans)



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# Action Plan on Military Mobility: DG MOVE's focus

## Action Plan 2.0 on Military Mobility – 10 November 2022

- Builds on the success of the first Action Plan of 2018
- Broadens the scope of Military Mobility – addressing threats and challenges stemming from the new security environment
- Brings together a wide range of EU and national actors
- Implemented in a coordinated manner at EU-level (Commission services, the European External Action Service – including EU Military Staff, and the European Defence Agency – in close consultation with EU Member States)
- Particularly relevant for DG MOVE:
  - Identify gaps and bottlenecks in the physical transport infrastructure in the Member States, which might hamper short notice and large-scale deployments of military forces
  - Adoption (2023) by the Council of revised military requirements to align standards of TEN-T transport networks and the EU transport network

# Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)

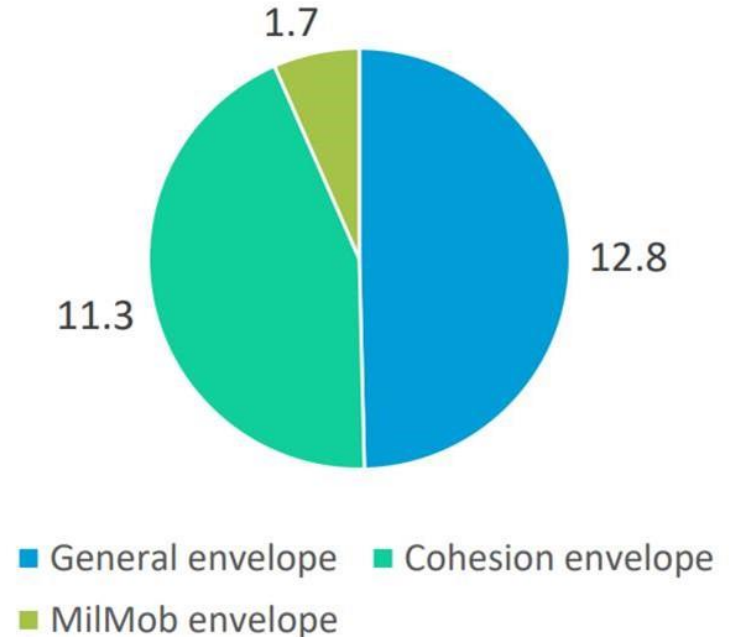
- Political Military Mobility initiatives – backed with budget
- CEF funding instrument for strategic investment in EU transport infrastructure (CEF Regulation (EU) 2021/1153) in force since 14 July 2021
- Contributes to the completion of the TEN-T, including adaptation of parts of it for civilian-defence **dual use**
- Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine – Solidarity Lanes: ensure passenger and freight mobility (UA/MD and neighboring MSs) and reduce reliance on Russian fossil fuels in transport sector

# CEF dual-use transport infrastructure funding (1/5)

Specifically: dedicated **CEF budget** of EUR 1.7 billion (2021-2027) to **military mobility transport infrastructure projects**

- **Objectives:**
  - to create a well-connected network, to ensure swift and seamless movement of military personnel, materiel and assets – including at short notice and at large scale – to respond better, more rapidly and at sufficient scale to crises erupting at the EU's external borders and beyond
- **Eligibility:**
  - Part of both **TEN-T** and the **EU military** transport network
  - In line with the dual-use requirements (**Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1328**)
- Relevant for both **civilian** and **military** purposes
- Up to **50% co-funding rate**
- **Competitive selection procedure** – evaluation on 5 criteria, taking into account the input from EU Military Service

CEF-T budget 2021-2027  
€ 25,8 billion



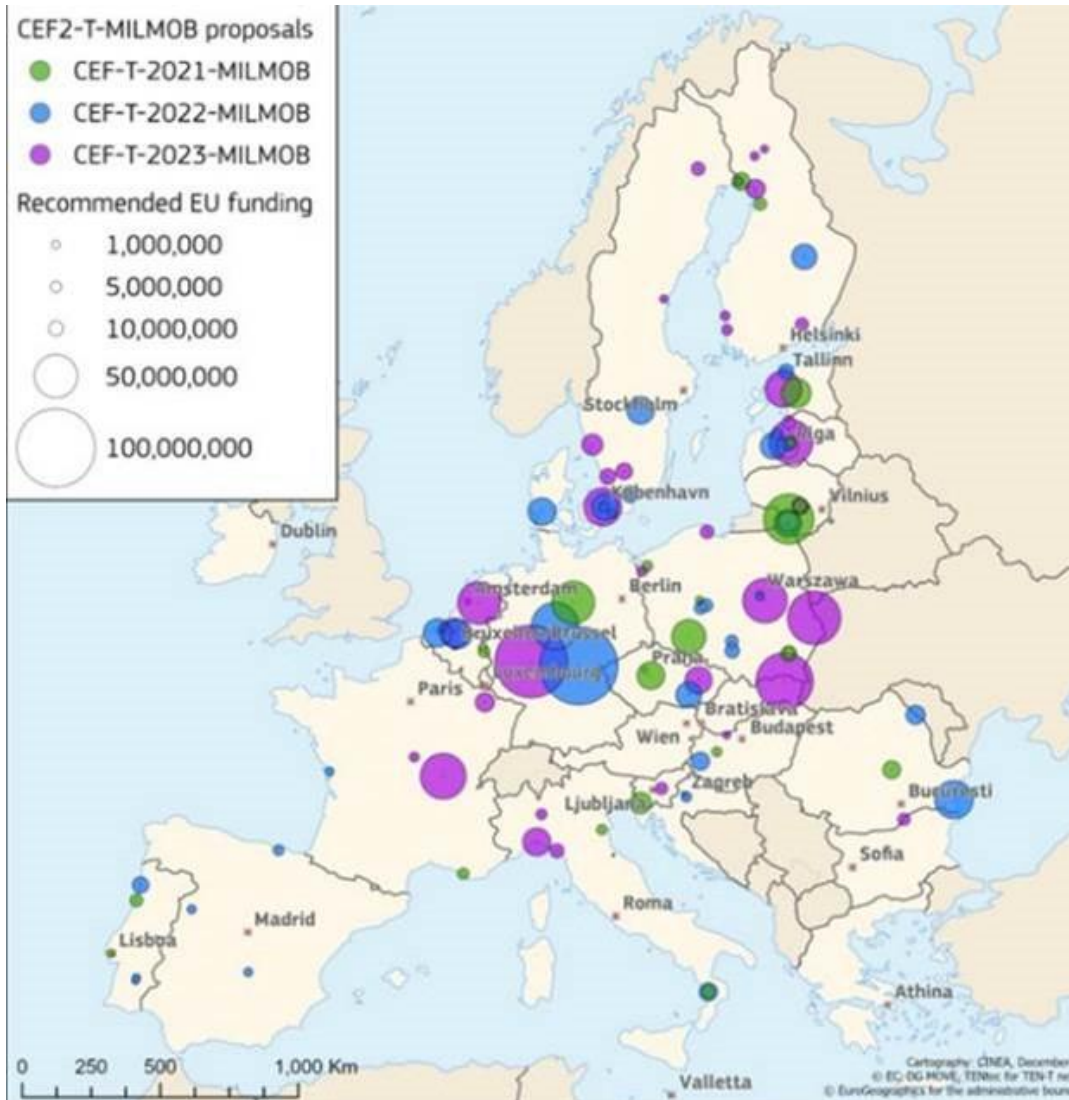


# CEF dual-use transport infrastructure funding (2/5)

- 1st Call for proposals: September **2021**
  - Indicative budget: EUR 330 million EUR
  - Evaluation accelerated due to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine
  - 22 projects selected for a total of EUR 339 million EU co-funding (oversubscription rate of **1.2**)
- 2nd Call for proposals launched in May **2022**
  - Call advanced because of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine
  - Same conditions as the 1st call, indicative budget of EUR 330 million
  - 35 projects selected for a total of EUR 616 million EU co-funding (budget frontloaded due to high oversubscription rate of **4.2**)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Call for proposals launched in May **2023**
  - Indicative budget of EUR 790 million – remainder of total envelope
  - Highest oversubscription of **4.7** rate
  - 38 projects selected for a total of EUR 807 million EU co-funding



# CEF dual-use transport infrastructure funding (3/5)

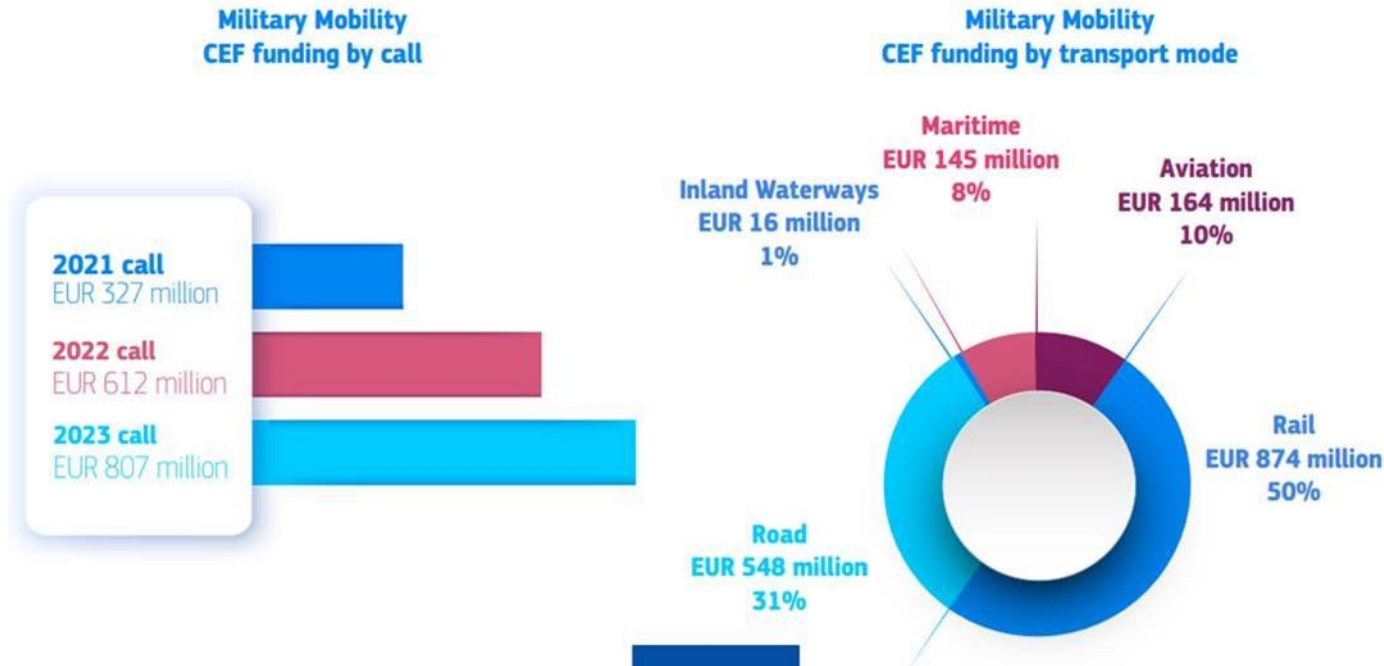


**95** projects selected under the three Calls, underway in **21** Member States.

- Fairly balanced geographical coverage across EU
- Good density of projects on the Eastern flank
- Projects in neighbouring MS – supporting the cross-border dimension

# CEF dual-use transport infrastructure funding (4/5)

## CEF Transport support to Military Mobility projects

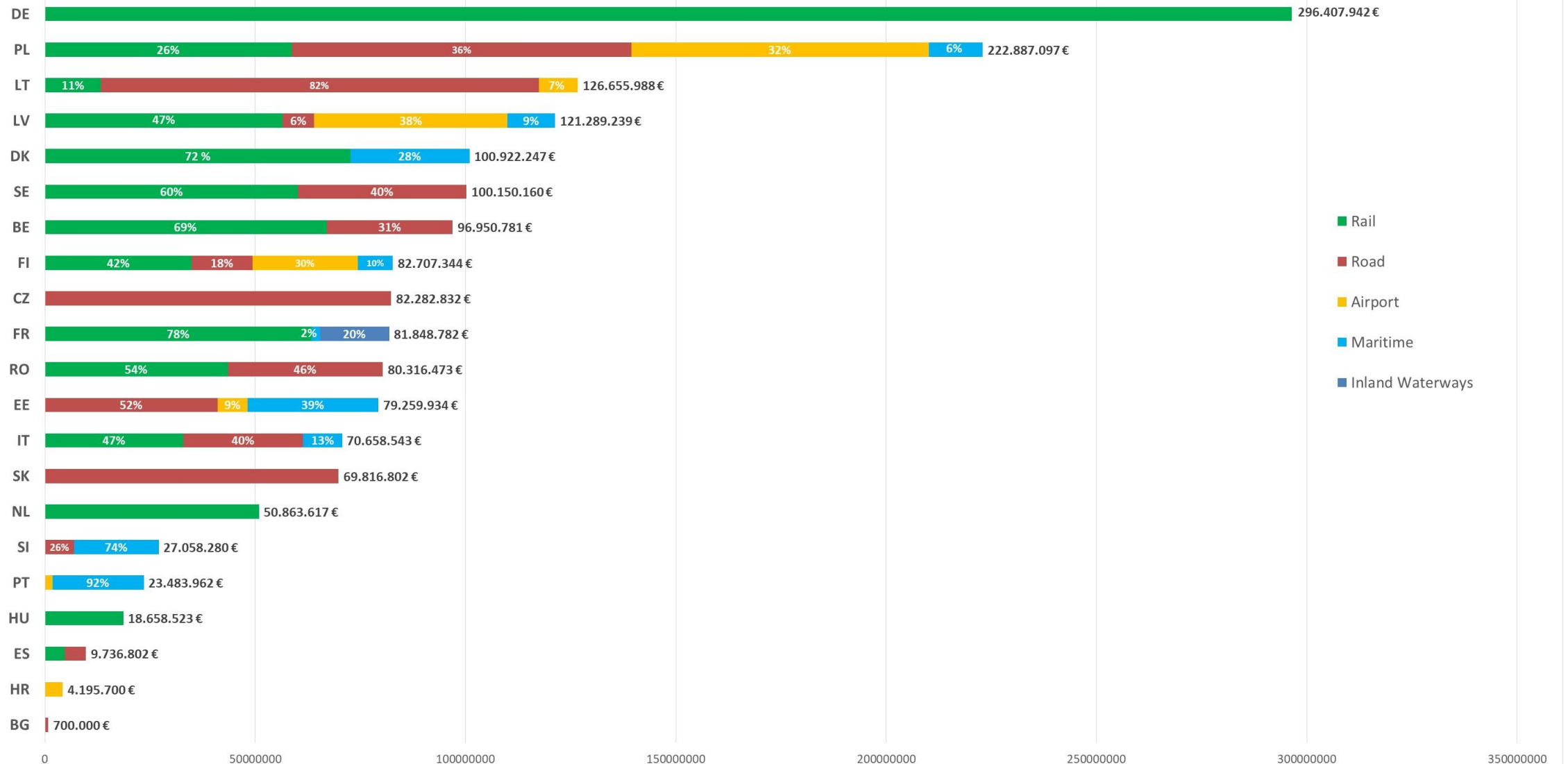


All modes of transport are represented in the 95 selected projects of the three MilMob calls.

**Railways** (e.g. upgrade of rail bridges; construction of low-speed track sections for longer and heavier trains; addressing standards - minimum height of tunnels / the P400); **Road** (e.g. upgrade of road stretches; upgrade & construction of bridges); **Airports** (e.g. increase of the operational capabilities; accessibility); **Ports** and terminals (e.g. purchase of ice-breaker; rail & road access to the ports)

# CEF dual-use transport infrastructure funding (5/5)

Funding per MS and transport mode (without EU category)



# The way forward

- **Budget** is very important – but **strategic investment** is essential
- **Political endorsement & necessary framework / instruments** in place:
  - **Strategic Compass** (2022) – EU Plan of action for strengthening the EU’s security and defense policy by 2030 (complementary to NATO which remains the foundation of collective defense)
    - One of the actions – Military mobility: Develop dual-use infrastructure; Harmonise cross-border procedures; Invest in digitalization; Reinforce the resilience of infrastructure.
  - **Action Plan 2.0** & achievements reflected in the progress report (December 2023)
  - **Partnerhips** (e.g. **NATO-EU** Structured Dialogue, **NATO-EU Task Force** on the resilience of critical infrastructure, **PESCO** etc.)
- **Challenges**: lack of necessary investment funds
  - CEF funding (2021-2027) exhausted with the three calls. However: **TEN-T revision & New article** (military component in construction/upgrade of infrastructure)
  - SESI+ (EIB): to explore opportunities
  - Negotiations on next Multi-Annual Financial Framework – need to place security high on the agenda and focus on investment funding needs
  - Need also the buy-in of MS – Ministers of Budget/Finance, Defence, Transport

# Useful links

Military Mobility factsheet – **CEF Calls** (CINEA)  
[9348283c-1a54-4c66-9428-195439b084ca\\_en \(europa.eu\)](#)

Military Mobility factsheet – **Action Plan 2.0** (EEAS)  
[Military Mobility | EEAS \(europa.eu\)](#)

**Dual-use requirements** (Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1328)  
[undefined \(europa.eu\)](#)

**Selected projects:** Commission Implementing Regulations  
[Reference Documents - Work Programmes - Selection Decisions \(europa.eu\)](#)

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