5G Coverage along Transport Corridors

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- Multi-country project (MCP) Vision: Pan-EU 5G corridors for Connected and Automated Mobility
- Private investment with public funding of cross-border and "challenge" areas
- CEF Digital
 - Objective: 26.000km transport paths along TEN-T intra-EU borders; Investment required: ~EUR 5,4 bn
 - Planned EC funding ~€800M for 5G Corridors
 - Call-1: projects launched in 2023
 - Call-2: closed, evaluation results in Q4 2023
 - <u>Call-3: 17 October 2023 20 February 2024</u>
- Blending or coordination with RRF, InvestEU and national programmes
- <u>Smart Networks and Services Joint Undertaking</u> formally tasked to coordinate Strategic Deployment Agendas(Road & Rail)





5G Corridor Planning



			CEF Digit	al 5G cori	ridor dep	loyment	calendar a	& plann	ing			
Year		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	EU Budget
Early Wave	y Wave Call 1		Call Q4-Q1		Studies							
		Call Q	4-Q1	Deployment (CEF)		/RRF)						42 MM €
Call 2			Call Q4-Q1		Studies							
			Call Q4-Q1		Deployment (CEF		/RRF)					28 MM €
1st big Wave (Call-3)				Call Q4-Q1		Studies						
				Call Q	4-Q1	Deploy	/ment (CEF/	RRF)				100 MM €
2nd big Wave (TBC)						Call Q1-Q2	Stud	ies				
						Call Q1-Q2	Deploy	ment (tb	c)			
Last Wave (TBC)												ТВС

5G Corridor CEF Budget: 170 MM € for 2021-23

- Call-1 Studies and Projects launched in 2023 (8 studies & 7 works)
- Call-2 Studies & Projects will launch in 2024: winning projects to be announced in November 2023
- Call-3 : Published on 17/10/23, EU budget 100 MM € (50% co-financing)



Call 3 Objectives



- Leverage the needed private investment to establish a full pan-European network of 5G corridors, for road, rail and waterways, with a focus on cross-border sections
- Deploy paths following the TEN-T corridors (indicative list in Part V of CEF Regulation Annex), but not limited to
- ✓ Attain uninterrupted coverage across borders and along national sections of transport paths, thus enabling service continuity for vehicles, trains, barges etc., on the move
- ✓ Provide 5G connectivity that meets stringent QoS requirements for CAM, FRMCS, RIS and multi-service application of 5G services, including non-safety related services
- Transport modes covered: rail, road, inland waterways and/or a multimodal combination thereof (i.e., smart logistics use cases in multimodal logistics platforms and ports, etc.)



Call 3: What to expect?



- Proposals for deployment works based on the 8 CEF-funded inception studies conducted as part of Call 1
- New deployment work proposals based on preparatory work done outside of the CEF-Digital Work Programme
- **Inception studies** to prepare the groundwork for deployment projects to be submitted in upcoming calls under the 2nd big wave in 2025

CEF Digital Budget EUR 100 million Up to 50% co-financing for Works & Studies



Scope – 5G deployment works

Investing in challenging areas where market forces alone will not deliver needed quality of service

Deployment/ installation of

✓ Passive network elements including civil works: dark fibre, 5G radio stations, towers, masts and/or pylons, etc.

✓ Active network elements: antennae, storage and computing capabilities such as network controllers, routers, switches, exchanges, edge MEC/node etc.

✓ Specific track side devices (road, rail) for CAM use cases, such as sensors, cameras to monitor traffic, including connected road-side units

Studies for preparatory works, such as network planning, to be deployed as part of proposed works within the same application



Consortium Composition



 Minimum 2 applicants (beneficiaries; not affiliated entities) from at least 2 Member States or a Member State & an associated/ 3rd country

 Exception: minimum 2 applicants (beneficiaries, not affiliated entities) from at least one Member State - when there is no terrestrial border with another Member State -5G corridor deployment projects crossing the border into a 3rd country or terminating at a port with maritime connections to other EU Member States



Possible Consortium Members



- ✓ 5G spectrum band owners / telecom operators
- ✓ Tower companies
- ✓ Public authorities/agencies in charge of traffic and infrastructure management
- ✓ Road operators
- ✓ Rail infrastructure managers
- ✓ Original equipment manufacturers (OEM)
- Mobility service providers (such as innovative solutions providers for traffic management and intelligent transport systems)

A broad range of cooperation models



Call requirements: deployment works

✓ Cross border areas – Threshold 15%, more if market failure

✓ Use of 5G pioneer bands

✓ FRMCS 900MGhz and 1900MHz also in scope

✓ If C-ITS using 5.9 GHz is covered by the project, compatibility/analysis to be addressed

✓ Go beyond coverage obligations (self-declaration MNO required)

Digital security requirements ! declarations and guarantees

 "Market failure declaration" from coordinator – no other 5G infrastructure present or credibly planned



Efficiencies and Synergies

- Sharing Network infrastructure (passive/active) is encouraged to reduce costs and speed-up deployment, e.g., where road and rail transport paths run in parallel
 - Passive: Civil works, backhauling, mast, pylons, co-location
 - Active: Secure Radio Access Network (RAN) slicing for different use cases
- Integrating 5G corridors with Edge nodes and Cloud infrastructure to develop innovative mobility ecosystems and to also meet the needs of local communities on the way
- Synergies with CEF Transport could be foreseen
- Complementarity with national deployment projects covered by different instruments, such as the RRF, ESIF, or Invest EU



5G NETC: Northern European Transport Corridor

Largest 5G Corridor deployment project of ~2000km): road & rail

- Lead by Mobile Network Operators (MNOs to facilitate enabling applications and services for CAM and for Future Railway Mobile Communication Systems (FRMCS) use case solutions
- Improve cross-border network service continuity for already established services & deploy 5G infrastructure along the Northern European part of the Scandinavian- Mediterranean & North Sea-Baltic corridors to support new 5G services and applications
- Ensure dedicated capacity through High Value Connectivity for CAM and FRMCS/ Future Railway Mobile Communication Systems services & other industrial or public services with special quality requirements
- Drive 5G service and application development as an enabler of CAM and FRMCS Services to close the gap between the two layers

Consortium: Telia Sweden & Finland & Latvia's Mobilais Telefons



5G Corridors beneficial to TEN-T Development

- Deploy paths along the 9 TEN-T Corridors
- Enable seamless cross-border service interoperability and ensure business continuity (i.e., FRMCS/)Future Railway Mobile Communication System
- Serve as an innovation platform for the development of mobility ecosystems
- Deploy 5G related infrastructure in a timely fashion and a relatively low cost vs. traditional infrastructure
- Forward planning of new transport infrastructure projects is key, such as plans to install 5G passive network elements (backhauling, ducts, radio station buildings, masts, pylons)



Questions & Answers

Questions on current Call 3 to be submitted at least 10 days before call closing to: <u>HADEA-CEF-DIGITAL-CALLS@ec.europa.eu</u>

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