THE CONNECTING EUROPE FACILITY

The Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) is a key EU funding instrument to promote growth, jobs and competitiveness through targeted infrastructure investment at European level.

- **CEF Energy -** The EU's energy infrastructure is aging and, in its current state, not suited to match future demand for energy, to ensure security of supply or to support large-scale deployment of energy from renewable sources.
- **CEF Telecom**
- **CEF Transport-** is the funding instrument to realise European transport infrastructure policy. It aims at supporting investments in building new transport infrastructure in Europe or rehabilitating and upgrading the existing one.
/cross-border projects/removing bottlenecks or bridging missing links/traffic management systems.

CEF TELECOM

The Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) in Telecom is a key EU instrument to **facilitate cross-border interaction between public administrations, businesses and citizens,** by deploying digital service infrastructures (DSIs) and broadband networks. Supported projects will contribute to the creation of a European ecosystem of interoperable and interconnected digital services that sustain the Digital Single Market.

In previous years the calls have been opened from January to June and deadlines start proportionally from May to November. Timetable might be similar in 2018.

CEF TELECOM BUILDING BLOCKS (1)

Business Registers Interconnection System (BRIS) - Businesses are increasingly expanding beyond national borders, using the opportunities offered by the internal market.

Electronic Exchange of Social Security Information (EESSI) - This Digital Service Infrastructure is an IT system – EESSI - that will help institutions across Europe to exchange information needed for the social security coordination more rapidly and securely.

European e-Justice Portal - The European e-Justice Portal is a key element in the architecture of the European e-Justice system. The Portal is conceived as a one-stop-shop in the area of justice and, as such, operates as a decentralised platform for e-Justice services.

Cyber Security - The Cybersecurity DSI promotes the establishment and deployment of a voluntary core cooperation platform of cooperation mechanisms.

CEF TELECOM BUILDING BLOCKS (2)

eHealth - eHealth refers to tools and services using information and communication technologies (ICTs) that can improve prevention, diagnosis, treatment, monitoring and management.

eProcurement - E-procurement can significantly simplify the way procurement is conducted and deliver better procurement outcomes by stimulating greater competition across the Single Market.

Europeana - Digital resources of European heritage have a big potential to serve as input for the economy of the cultural and creative sector, which accounts for around 4% of EU jobs and GDP.

Public Open Data - The public sector produces and collects a wide range of information like, for example, geographical information, statistics, weather data, data from publicly funded research projects and digitised books from libraries.

CEF DIGITAL BUILDING BLOCKS

eDelivery - Supporting electronic registered delivery of data and documents.

eSignature - Creating and verifying electronic signatures.

eID - Extending the use of online services to citizens of other EU Member States.

eTranslation - Exchanging information across language barriers in the EU Member States.

eInvoicing - Helping public entities adopt the European standard on electronic invoicing.

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and interesting webinars (link to their event calendar):

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