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CEF transport Funding: Malta's story



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Dear readers,

Following the first newsletter issued by the National Contact Point for Malta for Connecting Europe Facility - CEF Transport, this second edition focuses on CEF Funding in Malta over the years. It showcases several projects co-funded under this EU-financed programme and highlights the importance of these funds for efficiency, connectivity and sustainability in the Maltese transport sector. These projects have built and improved Malta's infrastructure by supporting our connections to Europe.

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Malta's Success Story with CEF Transport Funding

The Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) Transport fund has played a crucial role in transforming Malta's transport infrastructure within the Trans-European Network in Transport (TEN-T). Through this strategic EU co-funding, Malta has implemented projects that improve connectivity, efficiency, and sustainability across its transport systems. The allocation of funds has been strategically divided to address the nation's needs with more than half invested in road infrastructure, 40% in maritime infrastructure, and 9% in air traffic management services.

Through this programme Malta invested circa €70 million in its road infrastructure. Key projects, such as upgrades to the Marsa Junction and the junctions at Malta International Airport (MIA) and Dinitrol Junction, have alleviated traffic bottlenecks, enhanced connectivity, and reduced environmental impacts. These projects have also improved safety and accessibility, particularly on core TEN-T routes, ensuring continuous connections to key transport hubs like Malta's International Airport and the Port of Valletta.

Towards the end of 2024, €1.6 million were secured by Transport Malta to support the digital transformation as part of the Efti4ALL project. This advanced digital freight management platform aims to reduce administrative burdens for operators and authorities, enhance data security, and ensure compliance with both EU and national regulations. Efti4ALL, as part of a broader multi-country initiative, will strengthen Malta's role within a connected and efficient European freight network.

With the help of CEF funding, Malta has begun to implement its plan to decarbonise the maritime sector, with €25 million invested in Onshore Power Supply (OPS) systems at the Valletta's Grand Harbour. This project reduces emissions from cruise ships, improves air quality for local communities and supports Malta's and the EU's broader environmental goals. An additional €15 million were secured to increase onshore power supply capabilities across the Southern Part of the Grand Harbour. Safety enhancements in the maritime sector have also been a focus, with the €178,000 PICASSO project enabling real-life emergency simulations to be conducted to improve readiness and security.

Additionally, the aviation sector has seen €9 million invested in improving Malta's air traffic management systems. Initiatives under the BLUE MED program have enhanced international interoperability and communication, while future investments will digitise

airspace management and introduce Free Route Airspace. These measures aim to increase safety, reduce emissions, and make air travel more flexible and sustainable.

Through CEF Transport funding, Malta is building a greener, smarter, and more connected transport system across all domains. These projects are not only enhancing the nation's infrastructure but are also fostering long-term economic and environmental benefits. With the European Union's support, Malta is positioning itself at the forefront of modern and sustainable transport development.

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