

## Press release

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# CER endorses Declaration for more investment in clean and modern transport

**Today, on the occasion of the 2018 TEN-T Days in Ljubljana, over 40 stakeholders from the transport and related sectors jointly unveiled the Ljubljana Declaration, asking for more investment in clean and modern transport under the post-2020 EU budget.**

CER Executive Director **Libor Lochman** said: *"The Connecting Europe Facility offers the best guarantee to deliver high EU added value in the transport sector, and provides an opportunity to finance the actual deployment of sustainable transport projects. An increased EU budget for CEF under the next Multiannual Financial Framework will ensure the completion of the TEN-T core network by 2030"*

The **Ljubljana Declaration** calls upon European policymakers **to increase the EU budget for the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)** under the post-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) in order to facilitate the completion of the core network, requiring EUR 500 billion between 2021 and 2030, and to continue providing grants as the conventional tool for funding transport projects on the TEN-T core and comprehensive networks.

The **CEF Transport Campaign**, which produced the Ljubljana Declaration, consists of **over 40 European associations and stakeholders** representing transport infrastructure managers, operators, contractors, local and regional authorities, logistics service providers, shippers, users and equipment suppliers in the maritime, inland waterways, railways, road, cycling, aviation and intermodal sectors, as well as supporting industries and companies.

As an active member of the CEF Transport Campaign, **CER fully endorses** the Ljubljana Declaration and calls upon European policymakers **to prioritise actions leading to climate-friendly, digital and innovative transport solutions** under the post-2020 MFF. CER promotes the development of smart and innovative technologies in the transport and logistics sector in order to improve transport management throughout the entire supply chain, leading to savings in terms of time, cost and emissions, and improving transport safety.

The declaration is available for download on the [CER website](#).

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### About CER

The Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies (CER) brings together more than 70 railway undertakings, their national associations as well as infrastructure managers and vehicle leasing companies. The membership is

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<p>M: +32 (0) 473 32 20 94</p>	<p>made up of long-established bodies, new entrants and both private and public enterprises, representing 73% of the rail network length, 77% of the rail freight business and about 93% of rail passenger operations in EU, EFTA and EU accession countries. CER represents the interests of its members towards EU policy makers and transport stakeholders, advocating rail as the backbone of a competitive and sustainable transport system in Europe. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.cer.be">www.cer.be</a> or follow <a href="https://twitter.com/CER_railways">@CER_railways</a> on Twitter.</p>
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