Dual-use mobility project preparation with JASPERS assistance

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The European Commission proposal of the CEF2 Regulation initially allocated EUR 6.5bn for Military Mobility

The published CEF2 regulation in force: EUR 1.69bn for Military Mobility;

Meaning: importance of the subject significantly lessened

Extraordinary TEN-T Committee meetings on Military Mobility

Preconditions: Gap analysis (civil/military use); COM Implementing Decision 2021/1328 specifying the infrastructure requirements applicable to certain categories of dual-use infrastructure actions

Civil/military dual-use: starting always from civil use towards military use
**Important eligibility precondition:** Projects must be not just on the TEN-T network but also on the military map.

**The chosen project proposal:** „Adaptation of TEN-T railway stations in Western Hungary to civilian and military dual use” (establishing new loading facilities, railheads, siding spurs, track connections in **12 designated railway stations** in Western Hungary)

**In the first step just as study project** because of the eligibility period (until 31/12/2026)

**The project proposal was consulted several times with JASPERS - joint working group with the Ministry of Defence / Hungarian Defence Forces, HU State Railways Co.**

**Most important result:** - the need for a strategic background document that can be referred to – Western Hungarian Railway Masterplan

**The application was submitted in January 2021**
Positive: The Selected civil/military rail loading docks in West Hungary project proposal was among the winners

However: It was the only study project – all other proposals were works projects

Conclusions:

- HU has to concentrate on works projects in the 2nd round
- The Hungarian military map must be updated/expanded to present the current situation and thus make more project proposals eligible for EU Military Mobility funding.

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- Date of signature of the Grant Agreement by CINEA, Ministry of Technology and Industry: 27/09/2022
- Work has already paralelly started: preparation of the public-procurement procedure
Completely new international political environment in the meantime: RU attacked UA on 24/02/2022

EU Communication published on 11/05/2022 – An action plan for EU-Ukraine Solidarity Lanes to facilitate Ukraine's agricultural export and bilateral trade with the EU

Meaning of this:

- The importance of Military Mobility has grown enormously,
- The countries neighboring Ukraine have become of great importance.

Ukrainian grain shipment in the Budapest/Csepel TEN-T Port area
Co-operation with JASPERS – strategic consultations for all project proposals (Ministry, joint working group with the Ministry of Defence / Hungarian Defence Forces, HU State Railways Co.)

1 study and 4 works project proposals were submitted on 29/09/2022 for the call.

Eligibility period: 31/12/2026

Under evaluation at present
Conclusions / Actions done

- After the 1st call, **Hungary realized the definite need for works project proposals**
- **Hungary applied for 4 works (+ 1 study) project proposals in the 2nd round** Military Mobility call.
- **Hungary has updated its military map** to meet current and future requirements and thus to make more project proposals eligible for EU Military Mobility funding.
Hungary asks for the **EU approval of the new Military maps** of the Member States **as soon as possible**.

The eligibility of the **third Military Mobility call should already be based on the new Military maps**. We already think about the possible project proposals to be presented for the 3rd Military Mobility call (possibly published in February/March 2023).

Hungary **supports a significant increase in the current 2nd round Military Mobility call budget** and the increase of the budget of the 3rd Military Mobility call in 2023.

It is crucial to allocate enough **financing for a Military Mobility call for proposals even in 2024**. Thus the previously approved and financially supported "study projects" can be implemented as works projects.

In the current situation we require **additional EU financing for Military Mobility** calls for proposals.
Thank you for your attention