

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**The campaign “More EU budget for transport – The best investment plan for Europe” is launched at the Connecting Europe event in Tallinn.**

Today, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017 in Tallinn, 30 associations representing the transport & mobility sector – the cross-mode “CEF Transport Coalition” – joined forces to call on the European Union’s institutions to secure and foster investments for transport in the future.

The leaflet of the campaign “More EU budget for transport – The best investment plan for Europe” is available: [here](#)

EIM – the association representing the European rail infrastructure managers – strongly supports the campaign which advocates a stronger Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) programme in the forthcoming Multi-Annual Financial Framework. CEF will be fundamental to deliver EU high added value and to complete the landmark Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) project.

Monika Heiming, EIM Executive Director, said: *“Transport is the backbone of the European economy. Continuing to invest in transport and strengthening the CEF programme means investing in long-term growth and jobs for the benefit of the whole European society. Transport, and particularly rail, has made and will continue to make the most indispensable contribution to the achievement of the internal market, social cohesion, connectivity and decarbonisation”.*

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EIM, the association of European Rail Infrastructure Managers, was established in 2002 to promote the interests and views of the independent infrastructure managers in Europe, following the liberalisation of the EU railway market. It also provides technical expertise to the appropriate European bodies such as the European Railway Agency. EIM’s primary goal is promoting growth of rail traffic and the development of an open sustainable, efficient, customer orientated rail network in Europe.