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The Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1715¹ on the Lyon–Turin cross-border project sets out the necessary steps and timetable for planning and constructing the new high-speed railway line between Lyon and Turin, covering the base tunnel, the French access lines, and the Italian access lines. However, it does not commit to specific financial amounts nor guarantee the future allocation of EU funding to Tunnel Euralpin Lyon Turin (TELT), Rete Ferroviaria Italiana (RFI) or Société Nationale des Chemins de Fer français (SNCF) Réseau under the Commission proposal for the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) Transport programme 2028-2034. As set out in the CEF proposal², funding allocation will continue to be based on competitive calls between eligible projects.

The Commission proposal for CEF provides an overall budget envelope of EUR 51.515 billion for transport objectives. CEF grants will be awarded through competitive calls for proposals. The Commission, however, remains committed to continuing support for works on the Lyon–Turin tunnel, one of the TEN-T (trans-European transport network) flagship projects.

The Commission proposal for CEF maintains the possibility for EU co-financing of up to 50% of eligible costs. The programme's objective is to support the implementation of the TEN-T, with a particular focus on cross-border projects of common interest. Lyon-Turin is listed in the indicative annex of such projects. However, the budget, co-funding rates, and scope of CEF 2028-2034 are currently under negotiation by the co-legislators.

¹ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2025/1715/oj/eng.

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52025PC0547>.