



**European Committee  
of the Regions**

# **CLIMOVE Study visit: EU Institutions**

*From policies to practice: What's next for Cities in Sustainable Urban Mobility and Climate Goals?*

**Outlook from the European Committee of the Regions**

**COTER secretariat, 15 April 2026**

# Multiannual Financial Framework 2028-2034

- The MFF 2028-2034 proposal is divided into four headings (and 16 multiannual programmes):
  - Economic, social, territorial cohesion, agriculture, rural and maritime prosperity and security
  - Competitiveness, prosperity and security
  - Global Europe
  - Administration



# Overview of MFF-related CoR opinions

Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) post 2027, including own resources package	COTER	Sari RAUTIO (FI/EPP)
Performance Framework	COTER	Luca MENESINI (IT/PES)
Common Agriculture Policy for the period from 2028 to 2034 (CAP)	NAT	Piotr CAŁBECKI (PL/EPP)
Common Fisheries Policy, to the European Ocean Pact and of the Union's maritime and aquaculture policy	NAT	Thibaut GUIGNARD (FR/EPP)
NRPP Fund	COTER	Vasco ALVES CORDEIRO (PT/PES) - Emil BOC (RO/EPP)
ERDF including ETC and CF	COTER	Maria GUARDIOLA MARTÍN (ES/EPP)
ESF	SEDEC	Carlos MARTINEZ MINGUEZ (ES/PES)
Union support for asylum, migration and integration	CIVEX	Arnoldas ABRAMAVIČIUS (LT/EPP)
Regulation establishing the Union Support for Internal Security (2028–2034)	CIVEX	Anne RUDISUHLI (FR/renew E.)

Horizon Europe - the 10th Framework Programme for Research and Innovation	SEDEC	Anne BESNIER (FR/PES)
European Competitiveness Fund	ECON	Pehr GRANFALK (SE/EPP)
Connecting Europe Facility	COTER	Juraj DROBA (SK/ECR)
Union Civil Protection Mechanism	NAT	Adam BANASZAK (PL/EA)
Common Market organization in agricultural products and EU school scheme	NAT	Alessio MAMMI (IT/PES)
Erasmus+	SEDEC	Roberto PELLA (IT/EPP)
AgoraEU	SEDEC	Csaba BORBOLY (RO/EPP)
Regulation establishing Global Europe	CIVEX	Joško KLISOVIĆ (HR/PES)
Single Market and Customs Programme	ECON	Emma BLAIN (IE/EPP)
OIO - Mainstreaming climate, energy and environmental priorities across the Multiannual Financial Framework	ENVE	Rafal TRZASKOWSKI (PL/EPP)
OIO - Future of the Rural Development 2028+	NAT	Radim SRŠEŇ (CZ/EPP)

# COTER opinions – MFF 2028-32 package and beyond

## MFF package:

- Post 2027 MFF incl own resources (Rautio FI/EPP) - *adopted March 2026*
- NRPP Fund regulation (Boc RO/EPP & Cordeiro PT/PES)
- Performance framework regulation (Menesini IT/PES)
- ERDF/CF/Interreg 2028-2034 (Guardiola ES/EPP)
- CEF 2028-2034 regulation (Droba SK/ECR)

# Five cross-cutting themes set out in the Rautio opinion and further developed across the package

- Dedicated sub-headings needed, notably for economic, social and territorial cohesion
- Multilevel governance and partnership principle must be mandatory!
- Territorial impact and place-based approach
- Active subsidiarity ≠ risk of centralisation
- Institutional role for the CoR

# Draft opinion on the NRPP Regulation (Boc RO/EPP) /Cordeiro PT/PES)

## **Main messages:**

- Stronger multi-level governance and genuine partnership
- A Cohesion policy for all regions
- Clearer objectives to support Cohesion and just transition
- Boosting the territorial dimension
- Subsidiarity brake

*> without these guarantees, opportunities for place-based and integrated investments in local and regional mobility under Cohesion policy are likely to be significantly reduced*

# Performance Framework - Main messages


- This will apply to all spending programmes under the next MFF (the new CPR)!
- Technical concerns on the suitability of indicators proposed across many sectors
  - *The CoR highlights the risk of overly-rigid indicators discouraging innovation – which is particularly relevant for urban mobility;*
  - *We also note the concern that achievement of EU policy objectives such as modal shift may not be accurately reflected in performance indicators over the short- to medium term.*

# Draft opinion on CEF 2028-2034 regulation (Droba SK/ECR)

- Urban nodes are critical for TEN-T performance
- Importance of reinstating urban nodes as a dedicated CEF objective
- Cities and regions to be recognised as key implementers
- Focus on multimodal connectivity and first/last-mile links
- Link with sustainable urban mobility (SUMP)

# CEF 2028-2034 regulation

## COTER VIII-007 (Droba SK/ECR)

- **CoR organisation of work**
  - **Stakeholder consultation:** 19 November 2025
  - **Exchange of views in the COTER Commission:** 01 Dec 2025
  - **Deadline for amendments:** 23 January 2026
  - **Discussion and adoption in the COTER Commission:** 5 Feb 2026
  - **Adoption at the CoR Plenary Session:** 6–7 May 2026
- **European Parliament**
  - **Rapporteurs:** TRAN MEP Agirregoitia (ES/RENEW); ITRE MEP Kamila Gasiuk- Pihowicz (PL/EPP) appointed on 03/10.
  - **Committees for opinion:** REGI, ENVI, SEDE
  - **Timeline:** see table 
- **Council**
  - **Working group:** Transport, Telecommunications and Energy (TREE)
  - **Status:** [Partial General Approach](#) voted on 10/12

Provisional Timetable Joint ITRE/TRAN	
Presentation of the proposal by the COM	5-6/11/2025 (TRAN)
Send the draft report to translation	25/03/2026
Consideration of draft report	15-16/04/2026 (ITRE)
Deadline for amendments	22/04/2026 12:00
Deadline for delivery of opinions (Rule 57)	24/04/2026
Consideration of amendments	3-4/06/2026 (TRAN)
Date by which last shadows meeting must take place	29/06/2026
Deadline for tabling compromise amendments	2/07/2026 at 12:00
Deadline for requests for oral amendments, split or separate votes.	5/7/2026 at 12:00
Deadline for requests for RCV + Final VL	9/07/2026 at 12:00
<b>Vote in ITRE-TRAN committee (tbc)</b>	<b>13-14/07 (ITRE) or 15-16/07 (TRAN)</b>
<b>Plenary(tbc)</b>	<b>September 26</b>
Inter institutional negotiations	Autumn 26



# Combating transport poverty to strengthen European cohesion and competitiveness

## COTER VIII-005 (Schwarcz-Kiefer HU/EPP)

- ‘Transport poverty’ in all its forms is affecting **all types of regions**
- Persistent under-investment is now resulting in **trade-offs** between service frequency and decarbonisation of fleets
- Calls for the **Social Climate Fund (SCF)** to prioritise measures which will make a tangible difference to the provision of transport services on the ground in the short-term, especially for vulnerable groups and daily commuters
- Cohesion policy provides a **‘ready-to-use’ framework** for place-based investments; Member States have the opportunity to reallocate 15% of their SCF allocations to Cohesion policy for rapid deployment

## Moreover, it is driving demographic change...


- A driver of **depopulation** of peripheral rural areas – and of **urban overcrowding**.
- The CoR calls for **strengthening urban-rural linkages** and rural mobility.
- Particularly prevalent in **less densely populated territories**, where there is not a market for competitive services.
- The CoR supports strengthening the **PSO framework** and developing a **European action plan for quality services of general interest**, towards more balanced territorial development.



# Agenda for Cities

## COTER VIII-012 (McCarthy IE/EA)

- **CoR organisation of work**
  - Exchange of views in the COTER Commission: **27 April**
  - Stakeholder consultation: **7 May**
  - Discussion and adoption in the COTER Commission: **24 June**
  - Adoption at the CoR Plenary Session: **13-14 October 2026**
- **Council:** Ministers approved Council Conclusions on the EU Agenda for Cities in General Affairs Council (GAC) - Cohesion format on 26 February 2026
- **Key questions :**
  - How should the Agenda take account of key differences between cities in terms of size, GDP, territorial considerations, administrative capacity?
  - What role for the CoR in supporting the intended regular structured dialogue with local and regional authorities?
  - How should progress be monitored (non-legislative Agenda)?



# Automotive Package

## COTER VIII-013 (Chivite ES/PES)

- **CoR organisation of work**
  - Stakeholder consultation: **17 March**
  - Exchange of views in the COTER Commission: **27 April**
  - Discussion and adoption in the COTER Commission: **24 June**
  - Adoption at the CoR Plenary Session: **13-14 October 2026**
- **European Parliament, Council**
  - Several EP committees involved
  - Council working group: Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council (TREE)
- **Key questions:**
  - Does the package provide sufficient regulatory predictability for investment decisions across the automotive value chain, while managing the pace of the transition to climate-neutral mobility?
  - Does the revised CO<sub>2</sub> framework (incl. flexibilities such as super-credits and multiannual compliance) provide enough support for the industrial transition without undermining the EU's climate-neutrality objectives?

# Sustainable and Connected Transport System

## COTER VIII-011 (Marsilio IT/ECR)

- Covering the Sustainable Transport Investment Plan (STIP) and the High Speed Rail (HSR) communications
- **CoR organisation of work**
  - Stakeholder consultation: **22 April**
  - Exchange of views in the COTER Commission: **27 April**
  - Discussion and adoption in the COTER Commission: **24 June**
  - Adoption at the CoR Plenary Session: **13-14 October 2026**
- **European Parliament, Council**
  - Possible interaction with planned CY Presidency work programme on transport
  - The EP (TRAN commission) will prepare an opinion on HSR (not on STIP)

### Key questions:

- Are the realities and needs of territories across the EU sufficiently reflected in the STIP and HSR Communications? Where are the gaps?
- What are the opportunities and challenges for regions and cities in relation to clean fuel deployment under the STIP?
- Should local and regional authorities be more actively involved in the governance and implementation of the STIP and HSR initiatives?

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