CEF Broadband Ex-ante Assessment

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Purpose of this call for tenders:

The European Commission will launch soon a call for tenders for a service contract of a maximum value of EUR 35 000.

The purpose of this call for tenders is the assessment of the specific financing needs in the broadband market.

On 19 November the European Parliament plenary adopted the CEF Regulation, and the Council followed on 5 December. For the telecoms part of CEF, the co-legislators reached political agreement on the sector-specific guidelines on 5 November 2013. With this, it is now clear that CEF will make available 15% of the budget (150m EUR in 2011 prices) to support the priority of "efficient flow of private and public investments to stimulate the deployment and modernisation of broadband networks in view to contribute towards achieving the broadband targets of the Digital Agenda for Europe."

The legal bases establish that CEF can only support broadband projects through financial instruments.

The CEF Regulation requires the Commission to carry out an ex-ante assessment for CEF financial instruments.

The policy question to be considered by the contractor is whether most of the limited CEF broadband resources should be committed to the cross-sectoral debt instrument or to an equity instrument (or to both).

More specifically, such evaluation should address the following main question:

- Which financial instrument promises the greatest contribution towards the CEF broadband objectives?

Also, considering the above policy options, this assessment should furthermore answer the following queries:

- The effectiveness of each of the policy options

- The acceptability of both policy options, i.e. the extent to which stakeholders accept either option.

- The coherence of both policy options with other relevant Union policies, such as the Structural Funds, as well as with relevant policies by Member States, regions and municipalities.

- Which of the two policy options is more likely to be taken up by Structural Funds managing authorities?

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