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## **FIEC Press Release**

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## FIEC joins campaign « More EU budget for transport – the best Investment Plan for Europe »

- On 20<sup>th</sup> October, the European Construction Industry Federation (FIEC) officially joined the coalition of stakeholders promoting a stronger budget for transport for after 2020.
- « Together with a number of other organisations involved in transport matters, FIEC believes that investing in transport, and in particular in the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T), is crucial for Europe's growth and jobs, » stressed FIEC President Jean-Louis Marchand. « This is why we advocate for a stronger budget for the Connecting Europe Facility for after 2020, with grants remaining the major component, » added Marchand.

Indeed, FIEC considers that there are a number of transport infrastructure projects which are vital for EU's competitiveness but do not generate the necessary return on investment in order to attract private investors. They therefore require a strong commitment from the EU and national public authorities.