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Subject: Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing the Connecting Europe Facility and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1316/2013 and (EU) No 283/2014 **(first reading)**
- Adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reasons
= Statement

Joint statement by the Council of the European Union and the European Commission on the implementation of the Connecting Europe Facility 2021-2027

In accordance with the European Council Conclusions of 21 July 2020, the Council and the Commission recall that, in the implementation of the Connecting Europe Facility 2021-2027, from the amount specified in Article 4(2), point (a)(i), of the CEF Regulation, an amount of EUR 1 384 000 000 (in 2018 prices) will be used for the completion of missing major cross-border railway links between Member States eligible for funding from the Cohesion Fund.