EU funding aims to incentivise and bring closer the national investments with the European priorities. The Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) is dedicated to the realisation of projects of common interest on the trans-European transport (TEN-T) network. The funds of the CEF are managed directly by the Commission and the projects which are co-funded are selected through calls for proposals. However, the budget of the programme - around EUR 25 billion - is by far insufficient compared to the needs to realise the TEN-T core network by 2030, which are estimated at EUR 500 billion. The Recovery and Resilience Facility can also be used by the Member States to complement the CEF allocations and national funding.

Several projects selected under the CEF are located on the Mediterranean Core Network corridor, mainly on sections between Barcelona, Tarragona and Valencia.

The developments on the Core network corridor are closely monitored by the European Coordinator and the Commission. The fifth work plan analysing the developments of the corridor should be published in course of the fourth quarter of 2022. It will include an analysis of the state of implementation of the projects on the corridor and the future priorities.

The European Court of Auditors is fully independent as regards the preparation of its work plan. The Commission communicates openly with it on the risks it faces and on areas of common interest, but does in practice not formally request the performance of specific audits. In the present cases, the Commission considers it has the necessary instruments at its disposal to ensure a close follow-up of the corridor and the projects on the corridor.