

## Opening of the EU-funded cross-border bridge connecting Hungary and Slovakia

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The new Monoštor bridge connecting Komárom (Hungary) and Komárno (Slovakia) was officially opened for traffic.

The new road connection, which improves both road transport and inland navigation on the Danube, was supported with €100 million of EU funding through the Connecting Europe Facility (85% of the total costs).

Commissioner for Transport Adina Vălean said: "Transport is about connecting people. This bridge does not only better connect the two cities, but it also has a strong European dimension as it will remove a crucial transport bottleneck on the trans-European Rhine Danube Corridor. It benefits both heavy goods vehicles needing to cross the river and vessels circulating on the Danube."

The new two-lane, 600-metre bridge links the ports of the two Danube cities and removes a crucial bottleneck – the existing Erzsébet Bridge is not suitable for vehicles heavier than 20 tonnes. The bridge alleviates congestion, improves safety, increases capacity and includes two bicycle lanes.

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