

Canada

Investing in Canada Plan



TYPE OF TOOL:
Plan



MAIN SECTORS:
All sectors



THEMES:
*Green;
Gender and
intersectionality*



INFRASTRUCTURE GOVERNANCE PILLARS:
Long-term strategic vision

In a nutshell:



OBJECTIVE: The Investing in Canada Plan aims at generating long-term economic growth and transition to a clean growth economy, and improving social inclusion.



Agency in charge
Infrastructure Canada



Levels of government
Federal and provincial



Year of implementation:
2016



Current status:
Fully operational

Overview:

The Investing in Canada Plan is the Government of Canada's long-term infrastructure strategy. Beginning in 2016, it will commit more than CAD 180 billion over 12 years in order to: generate long-term economic growth; improve the resilience of communities and transition to a clean growth economy; and improve social inclusion and socio-economic outcomes for all Canadians. The Plan targets five areas for investment: Public Transit; Green Infrastructure; Social Infrastructure; Trade and Transportation Infrastructure (including the National Trade Corridors Fund); and Rural and Northern Communities. Infrastructure Canada reports on progress made towards its objectives on an annual basis. Infrastructure Canada reports on progress made towards its objectives through quarterly updates of an online reporting tool as well as on an annual basis through its Departmental Plan and Departmental Report on Results. This Plan includes funding programs that are delivered through Infrastructure Canada and subordinated financing via the Canada Infrastructure Bank. Investing in Canada funding mechanisms include direct delivery/application, transfer-based, and allocation-based programs. In allocation-based programs, sub-national governments are responsible for defining the prioritisation of projects based on local needs and objectives. This includes public transit systems that involve subways or light rail elements. Planning and monitoring at the sub-national levels can vary greatly depending on the size, population and needs of a region.

To ensure that infrastructure is leveraged to best address vulnerabilities and social inequalities projects included in the plan were assessed using the Gender-based Analysis Plus (GBA Plus) framework to understand the range of intersecting factors which influence vulnerability to infrastructure gaps. The Plan seeks to ensure that the projects are targeted to communities in which investments are needed most, acknowledging that some populations and groups face different challenges and have varying needs.

REFERENCES:

- Infrastructure Canada, Investing in Canada Plan - Building a Better Canada, <https://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/about-invest-afropos-eng.htm>