

United States

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act



TYPE OF TOOL:
Legal instrument



MAIN SECTOR:
All sectors



THEME:
Green



INFRASTRUCTURE GOVERNANCE PILLARS:
*Co-ordination across levels of government;
Coherent, predictable and efficient
regulatory framework*

In a nutshell:



OBJECTIVE: The United States' Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act is aimed at improving the country's infrastructure and competitiveness.



Agency in charge
Executive Office of the President



Levels of government
National and sub-national



Year of implementation:
2021



Current status:
Fully operational

Overview:

The United States has taken several actions to ensure that the 1.2 Trillion USD passed in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act is used effectively and meets sustainability objectives:

1. Steering mechanisms: An Executive Order sets six implementation priorities, including one for infrastructure that is climate resilient and helps combat the climate crisis. An Infrastructure Implementation Task Force established by Executive Order and led by a newly-appointed White House Infrastructure Implementation Coordinator, provides guidance from the Centre of Government (National Economic Council Director as co-chair, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the Domestic Policy Council, and the Climate Policy Office in the White House), alongside the heads of eight federal agencies.

2. Strengthening project alignment: Given that the vast majority of infrastructure investment is implemented at the State level, infrastructure coordinators have been appointed in 53 states and territories to work with the Task Force. The White House has produced a Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Guidebook and a Rural Playbook, factsheets and videos to help local communities understand how they can benefit from funding under the law. The Administration has released a new Permitting Action Plan to strengthen and accelerate federal permitting and environmental reviews by fully leveraging existing permitting authorities and new provisions of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The Action Plan outlines the Administration's strategy for ensuring that federal environmental reviews and permitting processes are effective, efficient, transparent, guided by the best available science to promote positive environmental and community outcomes and shaped by early and meaningful public engagement.

3. Capacity building: To ensure efficient and effective implementation, OMB issued implementation guidance for the various government ministries and agencies. The federal government is hiring over 8000 essential and mission-driven roles to implement the law including engineers to repair and rebuild infrastructure and scientists to combat climate change.

REFERENCES:

- The White House (2022), [FACT SHEET: Biden-Harris Administration Hits the Ground Running to Build a Better America Six Months into Infrastructure Implementation](#)