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Ireland's National Development Plan 2021-2030 and Budget 2022

The Government published NDP 2021-2030, the largest to date, foreseeing €165 billion of public investment in infrastructure projects over 2021-2030 and setting out Departmental allocations for 2021-2025. An updated project map is available at gov.ie/2040.

Budget 2022 allocates €11.1 billion under the NDP, along with further non-Exchequer investment. The Minister for Finance also confirmed that Ireland's implementation of the interest limitation rules in the EU Anti-Tax Avoidance Directive will include an exception for "certain long-term infrastructure projects".

Transport

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- **Department of Transport** | Allocation of €35 billion
- **Public Transport** | €11.6 billion for new public transport infrastructure including BusConnects, DART+, Metrolink and LUAS |€3.8 billion for public transport protection, renewal, and energy transition |€350m for renewing and expanding regional and rural bus fleets
- Roads | €5.8 billion on new roads | €8 billion on protection and renewal of national, regional and local roads | €1 billion for carbon reduction measures including EV charging infrastructure
- **Active Travel** | €360 million / year for walking and cycling infrastructure by 2025
- International | €2.4 billion on airports to enhance international connectivity | €42m on ports in 2021-2026
- **Shared Island** | Replacement of the Dublin-Belfast Enterprise train fleet
- Budget 2022 | €1.4 billion for public transport upgrades | BusConnects, DART+ and MetroLink to enter the planning system | €1.37 billion for national, regional and local roads | €100 million for EV grants and charging infrastructure | Increase in Vehicle Registration Tax & €5000 relief for EVs extended to end of 2023 | €360 million for Active Travel & Greenways | €36 million for capital and operational funding for regional airports | €108 million for maritime transport and safety



Housing and Urban Regeneration

- **Housing** | €4 billion / year for 2021-2025 | 9,500 new-build social homes, 4,000 local authority Affordable Purchase homes, and 2,000 'Cost Rental' homes per year up to 2030. | Fund (accessed through competitive bidding) to support building of lower cost apartments for selling
- **Retrofitting** | 500,000 homes (including 36,500 local authority owned homes) to B2/Cost Optimal Equivalent BER standard
- Urban Regeneration and Development Fund extended to 2030
- Budget 2022 | €6 billion for Department of Housing | €2.5 billion for 9,000 new-build social homes | €174 million for 4,000 affordable homes, including cost rental and affordable purchase | €18 million for Traveller accommodation | Help-to-buy scheme extended to 2022 | €65 million for housing adaptation grants | €85 million for retrofitting | Tax on land zoned suitable for residential with two-three year lead in time

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Energy Transition and Resources

- Carbon Tax Receipts (€9.5 billion additional revenue anticipated) | €5 billion for energy efficiency (includes measures under Housing and retrofitting of public buildings) | €1.5 billion to decarbonise agriculture | €3 billion for Just Transition and fuel poverty
- Energy Transition | RESS auctions estimated to provide €7.2-€12.5 billion in supports to deliver 2.5GW of grid-scale solar, 8GW onshore wind, 5 GW offshore wind | €16 billion spend by State Owned Enterprises on energy projects | Interconnector projects underway | Climate Action Fund to leverage investment (€500 million to 2027)
- Water | €6 billion investment to be undertaken by Irish Water | €243 million for non-Irish Water investment in rural water infrastructure
- Budget 2022 | €368 million for Energy
 Transformation (including €202 million from
 carbon tax revenue for retrofitting / Carbon Tax
 to rise by €7.50/tonne) | €152 million for Just
 Transition | €98 million for Circular Economy
 | €1.6 billion for water services | Modest tax
 disregard for personal income from selling
 surplus energy to grid



Telecommunications

- **Broadband** | €2.7 billion for the National Broadband Plan
- **Cable** | EirGrid's Celtic Interconnector to include fibre telecommunications cable
- Budget 2022 | €251 million for connectivity and communications including through NBI and the National Cyber Security Centre



Education and Healthcare

- Schools | Capital funding of €4.4bn on school infrastructure over 2021-2025 | Aim to deliver 150-200 school building projects / year | Focus on refurbishment of existing stock to transition to net zero carbon
- Further & Higher Education | €2.9 billion on infrastructure, research & innovation (2021-2025)
- Health | €5.7 billion on infrastructure up to 2025 including on Primary Care Centres, Community Care, Community Nursing Units and ICT
- Budget 2022 | €792 million capital budget for Department of Education | €50 million in ICT grants for schools | Funding for Department of Health increased by €1 billion to include more hospital and community care capacity