



Overall performance

Denmark is a global leader in infrastructure governance and funding capacity. Its strong credit rating, low government debt and high GDP per capita, places it in an excellent position to fund infrastructure investment. In addition, the quality of Denmark's regulatory frameworks and governance systems promote competition among suppliers and encourage private investment. To improve the efficiency of infrastructure investment, Denmark could look to develop a national infrastructure plan and publish a pipeline of future projects.

Drivers	Rank (/16)	Rank change (2017-20)	Score (/100)	Emerging	Aspiring	Contender	Top performer	Global leader
Governance	2	↑ 1	83	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
Regulatory frameworks	8	↑ 3	76	Green	Green	Green	Green	Light Blue
Permits	4	↓ 1	91	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Planning	74	↓ 1	11	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey
Procurement	16	↓ 11	91	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green
Activity	68	↓ 14	16	Dark Green	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey
Funding capacity	1	—	84	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange
Financial markets	13	—	63	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Grey

Denmark at a glance



\$59,795
GDP per capita
(USD, 2019)



5.8 million
Population
(2019)



—
Infrastructure investment
(2019 estimate)



—
Infrastructure gap
(2019 estimate)



87.1
Infrastructure quality
(0-100, 100 is best, 2019)



\$113 million
Private infrastructure investment
(5-year average, USD, 2019)

Top performing metrics



100/100

Transparency in public procurement

Denmark's public procurement notices are made available online and tender documents detail both procurement procedures and shortlisting criteria. This transparency encourages more participation and competition, which drives value for money.



100/100

Summary credit rating

Denmark's institutional strength and high GDP per capita has seen it maintain a AAA credit rating from the major ratings agencies. Denmark's credit rating allows the government to borrow at a lower cost to fund investment in infrastructure.



99.6/100

Cost to start a business

According to the World Bank, it costs only 0.2% of income per capita to start a business in Denmark, far lower than the average of 4.7% for High Income Countries, easing the entry of new firms.

Opportunities to grow



No

Published project pipeline

Denmark does not publish a national list of infrastructure projects. The addition of an infrastructure pipeline could help provide infrastructure participants with a clear indication of prospective and confirmed infrastructure activity.



No

Published infrastructure plan

Denmark does not have a national or sub-national infrastructure plan. The addition of an infrastructure plan could highlight infrastructure challenges and opportunities for investment, as well as detail the government's planned responses.



No

Market sounding and/or assessment

According to the World Bank, there is no formal requirement for a market sounding process in Denmark. Adding one could allow the government to determine if there is an interest from investors and lenders to provide commercial financing for projects.

For guidance on how to improve these metrics, please see the [Denmark Country Page](#) on the InfraCompass website.



ECONOMY OVERVIEW

GDP (\$US billion, 2019)	347.2	Population (million, 2019)	5.8	Unemployment rate (2019)	4.8%
GDP per capita (\$US, 2019)	59,795	Urbanisation ratio (2018)	88.0%	Inflation rate (2019)	1.3%
GDP growth rate (annual, 2019)	1.7%	Gross Government Debt (% of GDP, 2019)	33.0%	Digital Adoption Index (0-1 best, 2016)	0.79
GDP per capita growth rate (annual, 2019)	-1.8%	Sovereign risk rating (2019)	100	Gini coefficient (0-100 worst, 2015)	28.2

METRIC SCORES

The below metrics are normalised so that they all range from 0 to 100. For original metrics and data sources, please see <https://infracompass.github.org/>

GOVERNANCE		REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS		PERMITS	
Post-completion reviews?	Yes -	Effect of taxation on incentives to invest	34.5 ↑	Cost to start a business	99.6 -
Infrastructure or PPP unit/agency?	Yes -	Prevalence of foreign ownership	76.4 ↑	Dealing with construction permits	79.7 -
Recovery rate	88.5 ↑	Product market regulation, network sectors	72.4 -	Quality of land administration	81.7 -
Rule of law	86.7 ↓	Regulatory (including competition) quality	83.5 ↑	Registering property	96.4 -
Shareholder governance	53.3 -	Strength of insolvency framework	75 -	Time required to start a business	92.3 -
Political stability and absence of violence	66 ↑	Investment promotion agency?	Yes -		

PLANNING		PROCUREMENT		ACTIVITY	
Published project pipeline?	No -	Average procurement duration – transaction RFP	52.3 [^] ↓	Infrastructure investment	40 [^] ↑
Published infrastructure plan?	No -	Degree of transparency in public procurement	100 -	Private infrastructure investment	3.5 ↓
Preparation of PPPs	36 ↓	Published procurement guidelines?	Yes -	Value of closed PPP infrastructure deals	4.3 ↓
Economic analysis assessment?	No -	Procurement of PPPs	77 -	Value of closed infrastructure deals with foreign equity sponsorship	17.4 ↓
Market sounding and/or assessment?	No -	PPP contract management	45 -		
Environmental impact analysis?	Yes -				

FUNDING CAPACITY		FINANCIAL MARKETS	
GDP per capita	76.3 ↑	Domestic credit to private sector	77.8 ↓
Gross government debt	74.2 ↑	Financing through local equity market	53.3 ↓
Long term GDP growth trend	9.1 ↑	Stocks traded	29.1 [^] -
Summary credit rating	100 -	Financial depth	79.3 ↑
		Financial stability	93.8 ↑

Drawing on data from: International Monetary Fund, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, World Bank, World Economic Forum, IJ Global, CEPII, Oxford Economics, Trading Economics, and Deloitte.

Metric key:

↑ Increase from InfraCompass 2017 ↓ Decrease from InfraCompass 2017 - No change from InfraCompass 2017

Note:

'Top performing metrics' are the metrics with the highest score out of 100.

'Opportunities to grow' are generally the metrics with the lowest weighted score out of 100.

[^]Denotes interpolated metric data. See Technical Appendix for further explanation on the interpolation techniques.