The government has infrastructure plans in the pipeline, but it will need to make good on its promises, writes Arlene Hicks

There was a time when Ireland was renowned for its lack of quality infrastructure. The country’s transport network, including its roads, has been characterised by a lack of investment and maintenance, resulting in a poor quality infrastructure. The situation has improved in recent years, but there is still a long way to go. The new National Planning Framework (NPF) Project Ireland 2040—the belief was that this would be a once-in-a-lifetime, full-scale infrastructure development project, aiming to benefit every facet of life. The Ireland (ACEI) believes the NPF will be instrumental in making Ireland a better place for the future.

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