



Designing a global framework for quality infrastructure

A tremendous amount of infrastructure investment is required to meet the needs of billions of people worldwide who continue to lack access to the most basic infrastructure – whether it be clean energy and water, healthcare services or digital telecommunications. However, infrastructure projects can only serve their purpose if they are sustainable, non-exploitative and meet high standards. Meeting future infrastructure investment needs cannot be done through public resources alone. Bridging the investment gap will require investment from the private sector.

The Blue Dot Network

The [Blue Dot Network](#) was established to tackle the USD 2.5-3.5 trillion-investment gap. This new initiative founded by the United States, Australia and Japan will establish a globally recognised seal of approval for major infrastructure projects. It brings together governments, the private sector, and civil society organisations to promote a shared vision of quality infrastructure investment that is open and inclusive, transparent, economically efficient, financially viable, resilient, environmentally and socially sustainable.

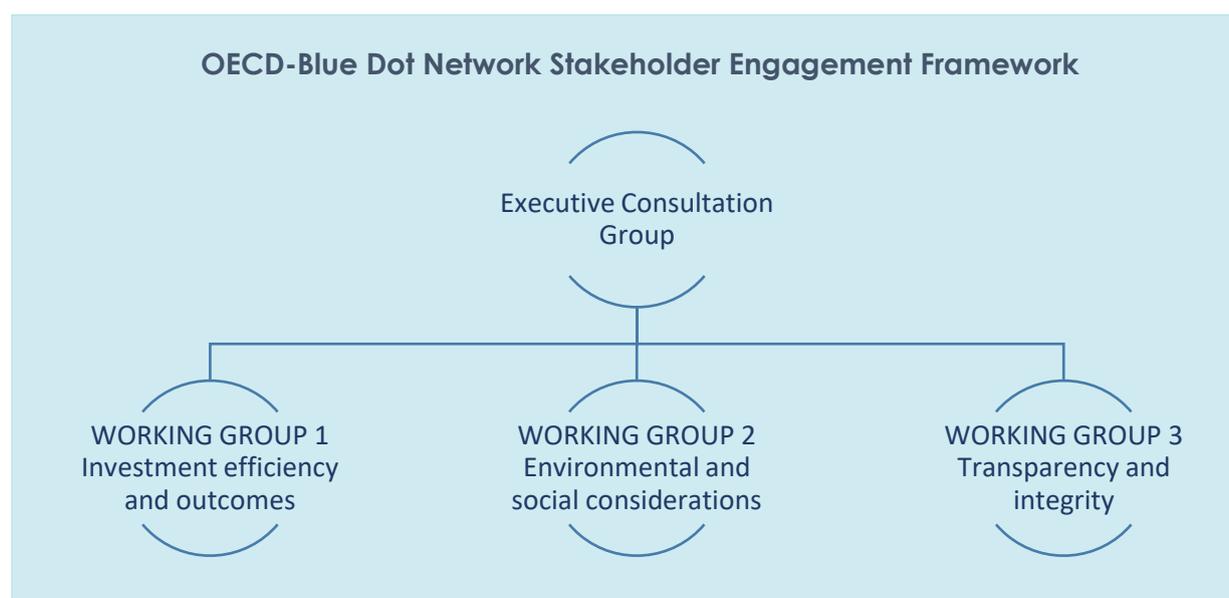
Certified Blue Dot Network projects will exemplify quality infrastructure standards as set out in the *G20 Principles for Quality Infrastructure Investment*, the *G7 Charlevoix Commitment on Innovative Financing for Development*, the *Equator Principles*, and OECD standards. The Blue Dot Network aims to align and operationalise existing global infrastructure standards to form a user-friendly and practical solution to certify sustainable infrastructure projects. For investors, a Blue Dot Network certification will signal investment-worthy projects to catalyse private infrastructure financing around the world.

The role of the OECD

At the request of the founding members of the Blue Dot Network, the OECD, through its [Trust in Business initiative](#), has been engaged to convene a multi-stakeholder network provide high-level guidance and technical input to operationalise the global certification process and review framework.

The OECD will set up an **Executive Consultation Group** and a set of technical **Working Groups**. Leaders and experts from the private sector, civil society and academia will be invited to provide strategic inputs to ensure that the Blue Dot Network certification is efficient, legitimate, and serves the needs of all stakeholders.

The **Executive Consultation Group** will convene virtual bi-annual meetings and the Working Groups will meet more frequently throughout 2021.



Private sector and civil society organisations interested in learning more about the Blue Dot Network are invited to contact the Trust in Business initiative team.

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About the OECD Trust in Business initiative - The OECD works to build better policies for better lives by establishing international standards with governments and convening stakeholders from business, labour, and civil society. The Trust in Business initiative is the OECD's leading public-private sector platform for business conduct and works with stakeholders to implement international standards and strengthen trust in the business ecosystem.

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