



# **OECD STUDY**

## **PUBLIC INVESTMENT ACROSS LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT IN COLOMBIA**

### **OBJECTIVES AND METHODS**

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## *Outline of the presentation*

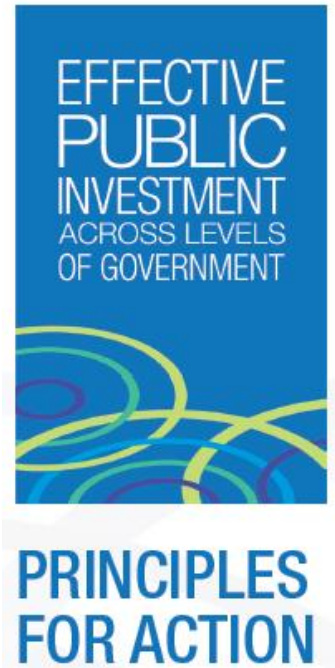
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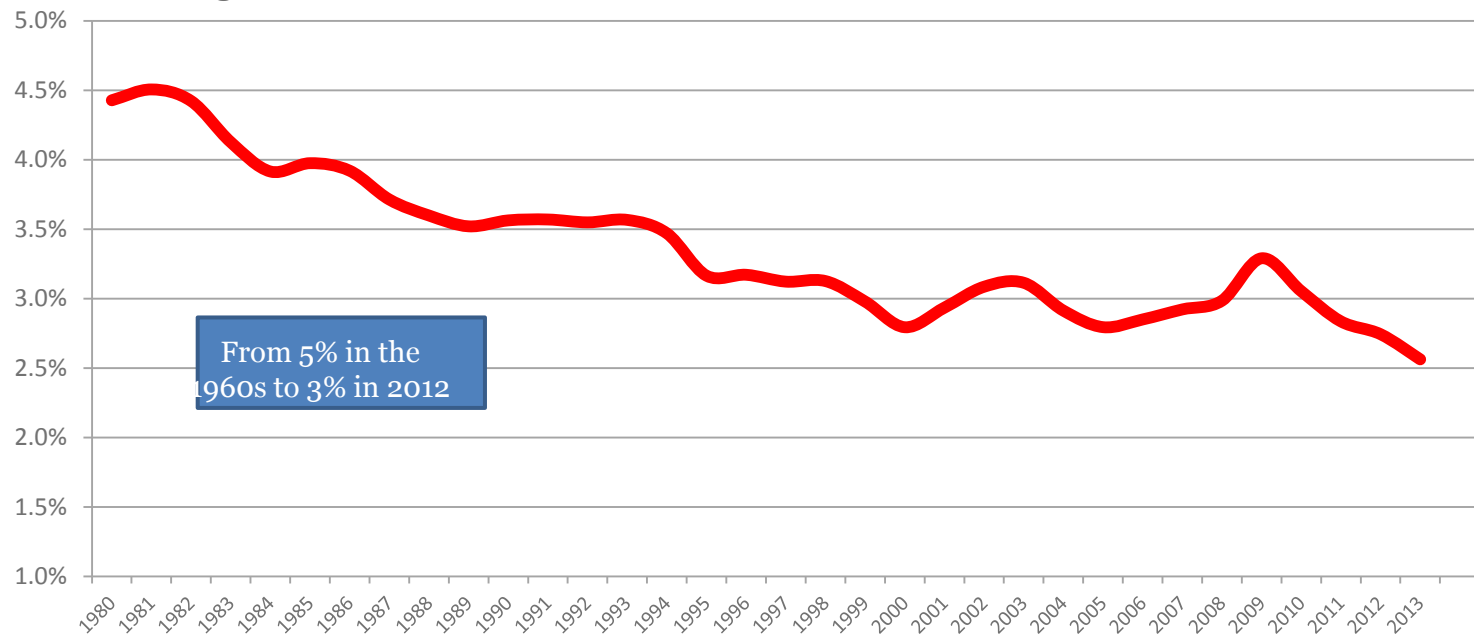


## *What is the rationale for the OECD instrument?*

**Broad picture: public governance increasingly recognized as a determinant factor to enhance the impact of investment**

- ❑ The impact of public investment on economic output has been subject to debate for decades
- ❑ Considerable focus on the financing dimension... much less on governance..
- ❑ Growing recognition on the role of institutional quality to enhance the outcomes of public investment
- ❑ Governance also influences the capacity for public investment to leverage private investment

**Figure 1. Public investment as a share of GDP in OECD countries over 1980-2013**



From 5% in the  
1960s to 3% in 2012

**Note:** since 1995, all OECD countries except Chile, Greece, Iceland, Mexico, Slovenia and Turkey. Australia: 2007 instead of 2008-2013. Canada: 2010 instead of 2011-2013. Israel, Korea and the US: 2011 instead of 2012-2013. New Zealand and Switzerland: 2012 instead of 2013. Data from SNA93. Sources: ECO Division from 1980-1995, OECD National Accounts from 1995-2013.



## ***What is the rationale for the OECD instrument?***

*Systemic approach and strong focus on multi-level governance*

### **OECD Council Recommendation on *Effective Public Investment across Levels of Government:***

#### **Pillar 1**

**Co-ordinate across governments and policy areas**

- Invest using an integrated strategy tailored to different places
- Adopt effective co-ordination instruments across levels of government
- Co-ordinate across SNGs to invest at the relevant scale

#### **Pillar 2**

**Strengthen capacities and promote policy learning across levels of government**

- Assess upfront long term impacts and risks
- Encourage stakeholder involvement throughout investment cycle
- Mobilise private actors and financing institutions
- Reinforce the expertise of public officials & institutions
- Focus on results and promote learning

#### **Pillar 3**

**Ensure sound framework conditions at all levels of government**

- Develop a fiscal framework adapted to the objectives pursued
- Require sound, transparent financial management
- Promote transparency and strategic use of procurement
- Strive for quality and consistency in regulatory systems across levels of government



## Supporting the implementation in countries

### Toolkit, indicators and country studies

### Implementation Toolkit with:

- Practical guidance for each of the 12 Principles
- Country profiles with data & indicators
- Recent developments and good practices in countries
- Checklist and self assessment tools

### Key objectives

- **Peer learning and capacity-building:** Disseminate examples of good practices, data and indicators and help governments at all levels diagnose key challenges for investment
- **Monitoring:** Follow-up reforms and recent developments in this field

EFFECTIVE PUBLIC INVESTMENT  
ACROSS LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT

TOOLKIT

Information

12 Principles for action

OECD-EU survey

Effective public investment  
brochure

Background information

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Country profiles

Country profiles in alphabetical order (OECD members and non-members)

Australia

Austria

Belgium

Canada

Chile

Colombia

Czech Republic

Denmark

Estonia

European Union

Finland

France

Germany

Greece

Hungary

Iceland

Ireland

Israel

Italy

Japan

Korea

Luxembourg

Mexico

Netherlands

New Zealand

Norway

Poland

Portugal

Slovak Republic

Slovenia

Spain

Sweden

Switzerland

Turkey

United Kingdom

United States



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## Toolkit, indicators and country studies

### Examples of good practices for the implementation of the Recommendation in OECD countries

Check the map to discover an example of a good practice per country.





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TABLE 1. Indicators to measure the Implementation of the OECD Recommendation for Effective Public Investment Across Levels of Government

You may use this checklist in your city/region, or at the national government level.

System is in place and works in a satisfactory way
 System is in place but improvements are needed
 System is not in place or not functioning well

PRINCIPLE 2. Adopt effective instruments for co-ordinating across national and sub-national levels of government				
OBJECTIVES	INDICATORS			
To coordinate across levels of government to reduce asymmetries of information	<b>Co-ordination bodies across levels of government</b> There are formal mechanisms/bodies for co-ordination of public investment (formal platforms and <i>ad hoc</i> arrangements) across levels of government			
	<b>Cross-sectoral approach</b> These co-ordination bodies/mechanisms have a multi-sector approach			
	<b>Mobilisation of co-ordination arrangements</b> There co-ordination mechanisms are mobilised regularly and produce clear outputs/outcomes			
	<b>Efficacy of co-ordination platforms</b> Stakeholders' perception (or empirical data) regarding the efficacy of these different platforms			
	<b>Contractual agreements/partnerships</b> Contractual agreements/partnerships across levels of government have been developed to manage joint responsibilities for sub-national public investment			
	<b>Effectiveness of contractual agreements</b> The share of sub-national public investment covered by these agreements is measured			
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## Set of indicators developed :

- Over 70 indicators
- Comprehensive multi-disciplinary approach (multi-level governance, public finances, regional policy, public management)
- Mix between factual indicators and indicators that require a part of judgement
- Used as self-assessment tools or analytical frameworks in country studies (like Colombia)

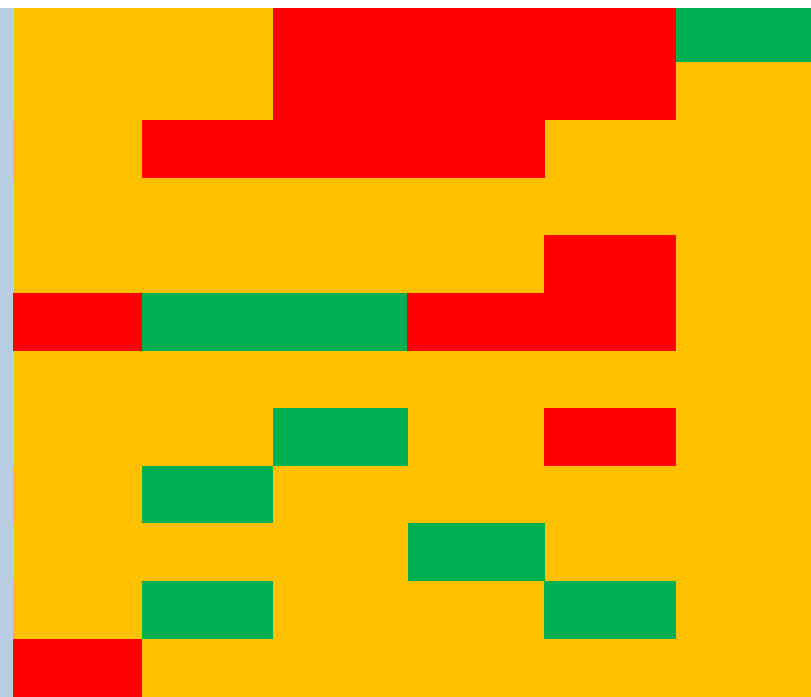


## *Supporting the implementation in countries*

*Country studies in Slovakia, Colombia, Sweden, Chile (on-going)*

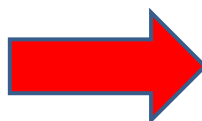
### Comprehensive picture: indicators on MLG of public investment applied to Slovakia

- 1-Investment strategy tailored to places
- 2-Vertical coordination
- 3-Horizontal coordination
- 4-Ex-ante appraisals
- 5-Stackeholders' engagement
- 6-Private sectors' involvement
- 7-Management capacities of SNGs
- 8-Performance monitoring and evaluation
- 9-Clear intergovernmental fiscal framework
- 10-Transparent financial management at all levels
- 11-Strategic use of procurement
- 12-Regulatory coordination across levels



OECD (2016)

	System in place		
	In place, but need improvements		
	System not in place or not functioning		



**Identify the areas which need priority actions**





## Supporting the implementation in countries

13 indicators collected for all OECD countries + Colombia

- A preliminary set of 13 pilot indicators
- Systemic approach: focus on the different facets of these multi-level governance relations (institutional, fiscal, regulatory and planning) both vertically & horizontally

Preliminary set of 13 indicators, based upon the OECD *Recommendation on Effective Public Investment Across Levels of Government*

### A. Institutional coordination for regional development investment

Pillar 1: Co-ordinate across governments and policy areas

1. Coherent planning across levels of government
2. Co-ordination across sectors in the national planning process
3. Tailored investment/development plans for urban or rural areas
4. Vertical co-ordination instruments
5. Multilevel platforms of dialogue to define investment priorities for regional development
6. Horizontal co-ordination across jurisdictions

Pillar 2: Strengthen capacities and promote learning

7. Performance monitoring and evaluation

Pillar 3

Ensure sound framework conditions at all levels of government

### B. Framework conditions: fiscal and regulatory coordination

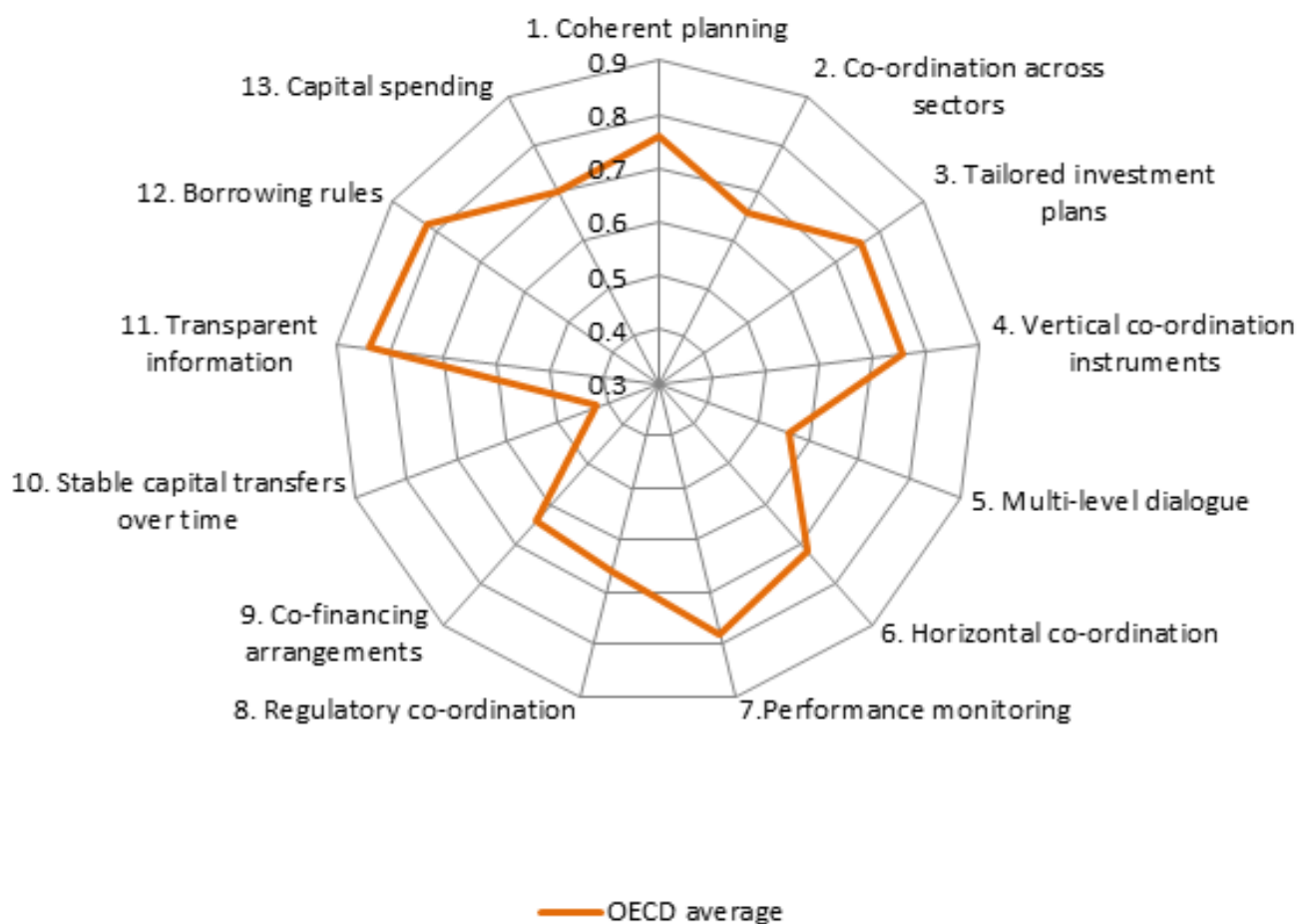
8. Regulatory co-ordination across levels of government
9. Co-financing arrangements across national and sub-national levels
10. Variation of capital transfer to SNGs over time
11. Transparent information across levels of government
12. Borrowing rules for SNGs
13. Capital spending at subnational level



## Supporting the implementation in countries

### 13 indicators on multi-level governance of public investment

Figure 1. Results of indicators for OECD countries (average)



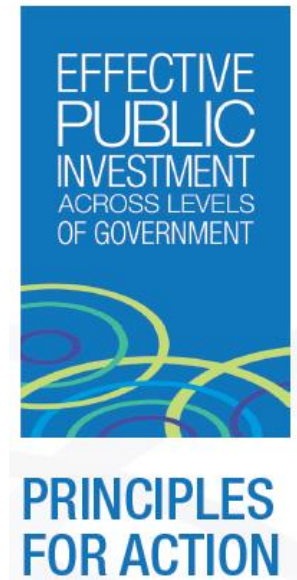


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## *Colombia' study*

### *Objectives*

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- ***Diagnosis*** -- Assess the strengths and challenges of the MLG system for public investment in Colombia, using the analytical framework of the instrument
- ***Peer learning*** -- Identify benchmarks in OECD countries which can benefit to Colombia , as well as good practices from Colombia which can benefit other countries
- ***Data and indicators*** – provide a clear picture of public investment trends at national and subnational levels, and indicators on MLG practices
- ***Policy recommendations*** – provide a set of recommendations for policy makers at all levels of government





## **Colombia' study**

### *Methods and timing for the study*

Self-  
assessment  
questionnaire  
completed by  
Colombia  
(Jan-Feb  
2016)

Analysis  
relying on  
OECD  
datasets,  
indicators,  
Reviews on  
Colombia

Policy  
dialogue:  
mission  
conducted to  
interview key  
stakeholders  
(May 2016)

Report for  
fact checking  
(July 2016)

Launch in  
**fall 2016**



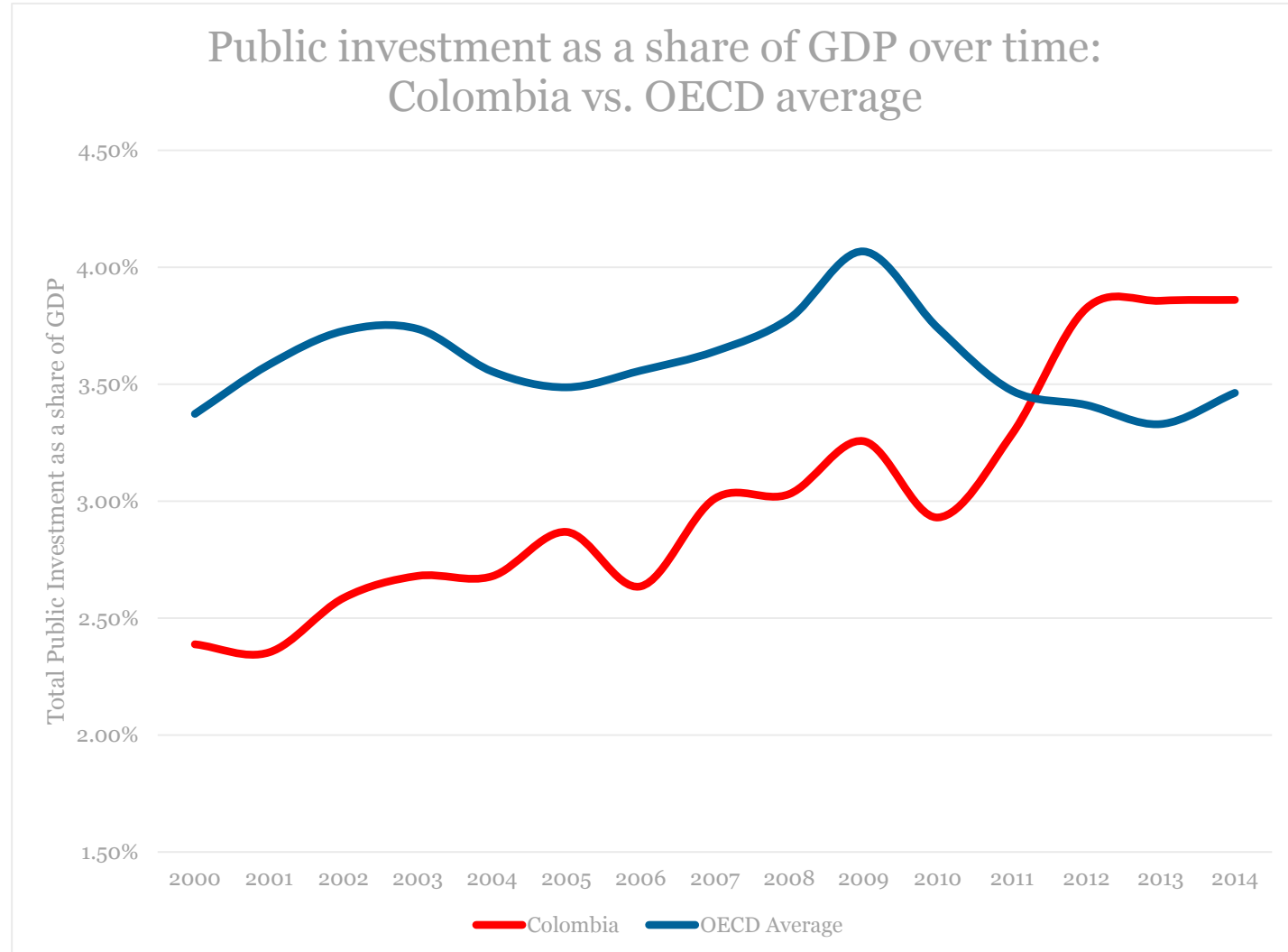
## Colombia' study

Questionnaire completed by Colombia

<b>PRINCIPLE 2:</b>	
To co-ordinate across levels of government to reduce asymmetries of information	<p><b>CO-ORDINATION BODIES ACROSS LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT</b> There are formal mechanisms/bodies for co-ordination of public investment (formal platforms and ad hoc arrangements) across levels of government.</p> <p><b>CROSS-SECTORAL APPROACH</b> These co-ordination bodies/mechanisms have a multi-sector approach</p>
<b>MOBILISING</b> There co-ordinate clear outputs	<p><b>PRINCIPLE 3:</b></p> <p>To co-ordinate with other jurisdictions to achieve economies of scale across boundaries</p> <p><b>HORIZONTAL CO-ORDINATION</b> Cross-jurisdictional partnerships involving investment are possible.</p> <p><b>CROSS-SECTORAL APPROACH</b> Cross-jurisdictional partnerships cover more than one sector</p> <p><b>INCENTIVES FROM HIGHER LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT</b> Higher levels of government provide incentives for cross-jurisdictional co-ordination.</p> <p><b>EFFECTIVENESS OF HORIZONTAL CO-ORDINATION</b> The share of investment co-ordination arrangements measured by metropolitan areas</p>
<b>EFFICACY</b> Stakeholders of these contracts have been national	<p><b>PRINCIPLE 4:</b></p> <p>To identify social, environmental and economic impacts, ensure value for money and limit risks</p> <p><b>DEFINITION OF FUNCTIONAL REGION:</b> Functional region:</p> <p><b>USE OF FUNCTIONAL REGION:</b> Functional region:</p> <p><b>EX ANTE APPRAISALS</b> A large share of public investment is subject to ex-ante appraisal.</p> <p><b>RESULTS OF EX-ANTE APPRAISALS</b> The results of ex-ante appraisals are used to prioritise investments.</p> <p><b>QUALITY OF APPRAISAL PROCESS</b> Ex-ante appraisals are conducted by staff with project evaluation skills.</p> <p><b>INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF EX ANTE APPRAISALS</b> Share of ex-ante appraisals</p>
To plan investment at the right functional level, in particular in metropolitan areas	<p><b>PRINCIPLE 7:</b></p> <p>To develop institutional capacity and professional skills</p> <p><b>SPECIFIC FOCUS ON INVESTMENT REQUIRED SKILLS</b> Human resource management policies demonstrate attention to the professional skills of staff involved in public investment (e.g. hiring is targeted, needs assessments are made, appropriate training is available and used).</p> <p><b>DEDICATED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE</b> Dedicating financial assistance is made available for technical training of civil servants involved with public investment; training utilisation rates.</p> <p><b>TECHNICAL GUIDANCE</b> Technical guidance documents are available for actors at all levels of government to clarify approaches to planning, implementation, and evaluation of public investment.</p> <p><b>ASSESSMENT OF BINDING CAPACITY CONSTRAINTS</b> Specific assessments are conducted to assess binding constraints for effective public investment and identify the needs and the proper sequence of reforms.</p>
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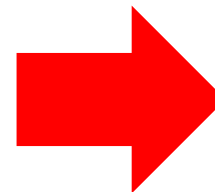
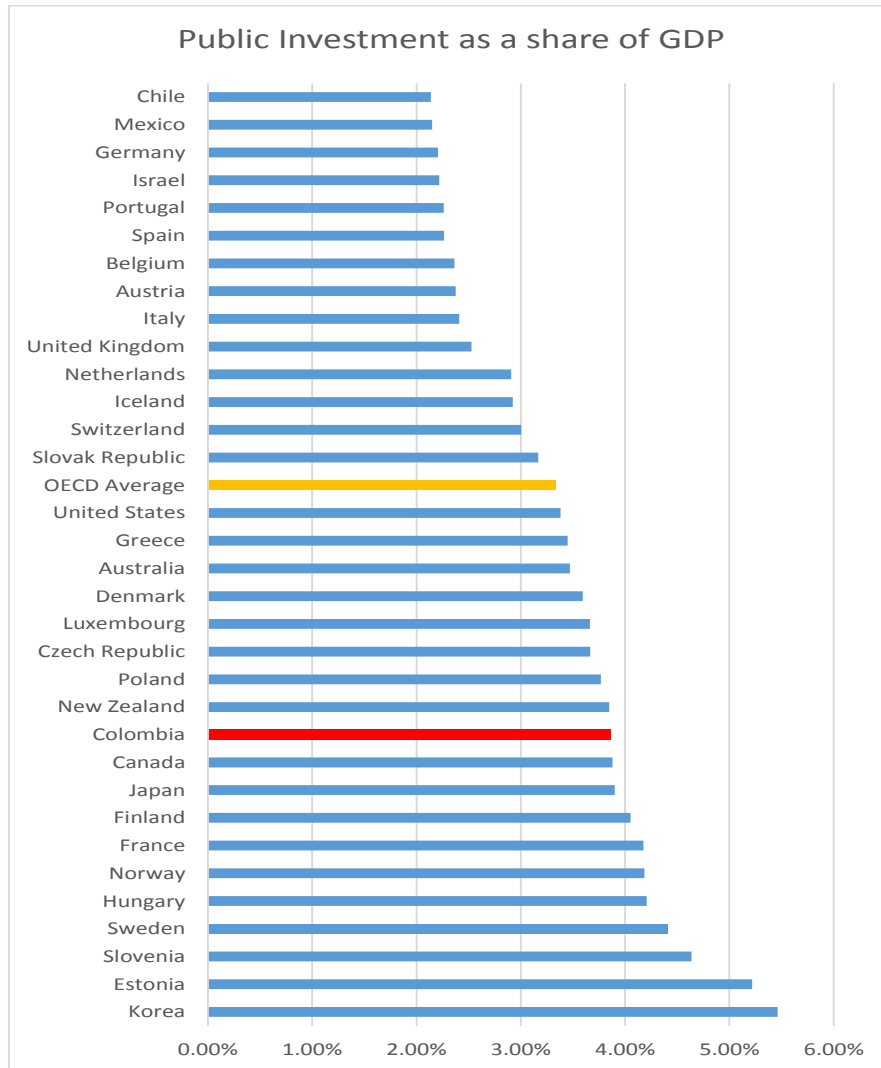


# Strong increase in public investment in Colombia in recent years





# A high share of GDP spent on public investment compared to OECD countries



**3.9% of GDP spent on public investment (national account) in 2013**



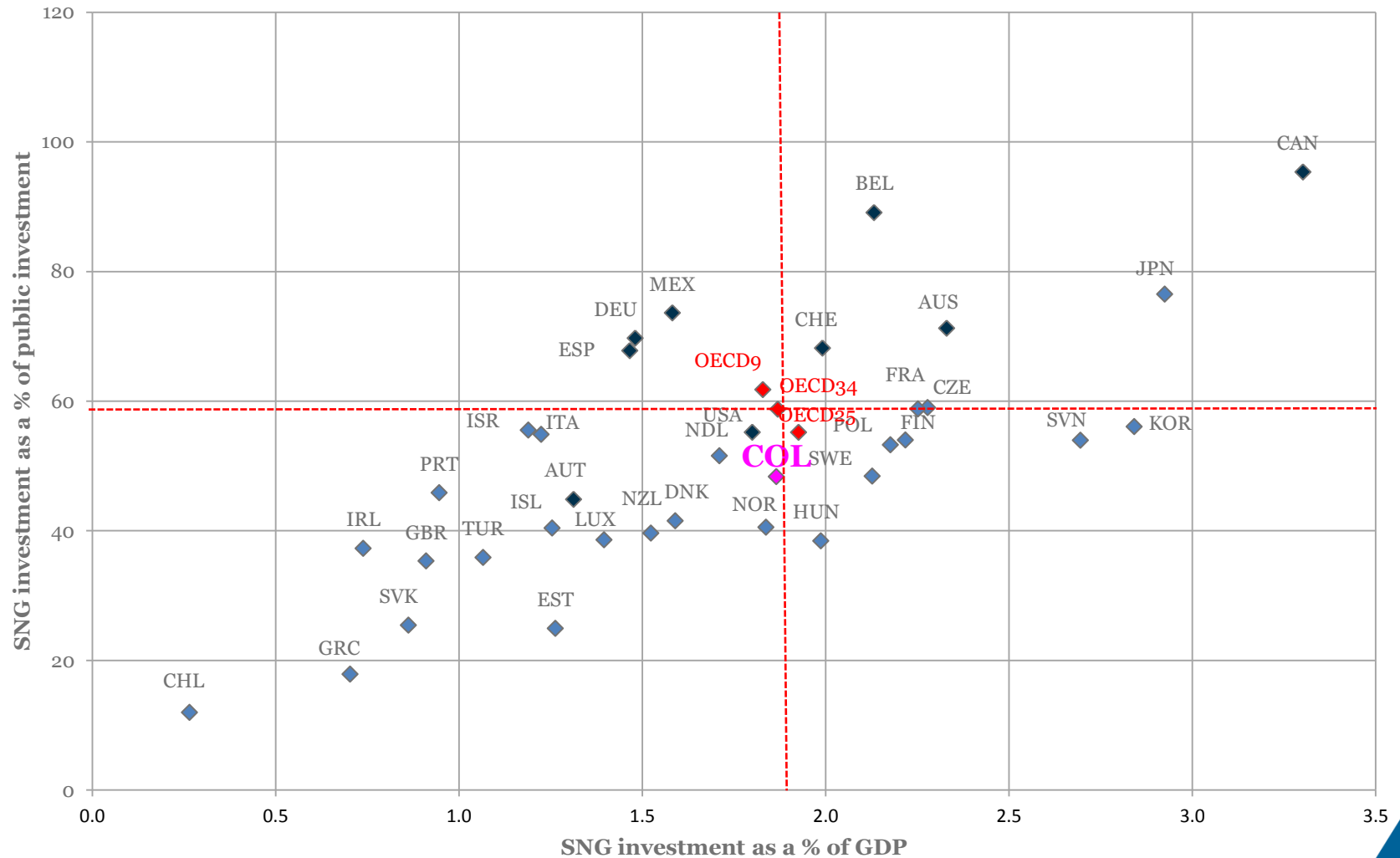


# Subnational government investment as a share of total public investment (2000-2014)





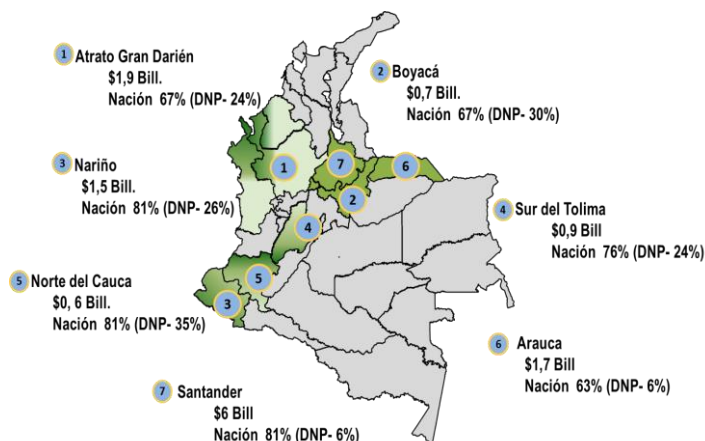
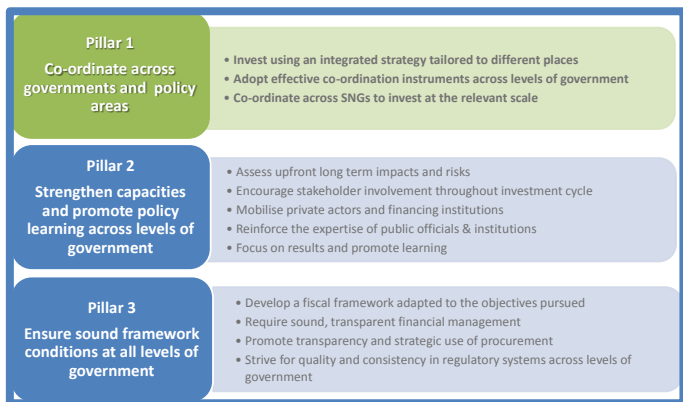
# Subnational government investment as a % of GDP and public investment, 2014





## Colombia' study

### Highlights on some preliminary findings and questions for discussion



## STRENGTHS

### Framework conditions

- Strong investment effort (joint CG + SNG)
- Improved framework conditions for public investment – fiscal stability and transparency
- Royalties reform (2012) = inclusive growth
- Improvements in procurement and PPP frameworks

### Coordination & planning:

- Enhanced territorial approach to investment (NDP 2014-18) + closing gaps approach
- Vertical coordination tools (co-financing, *contratos plans*)
- Dialogue with SNGs (design 2014-18 NDP)
- Metropolitan governance tools
- Urban and Rural Missions: better understanding of the needs

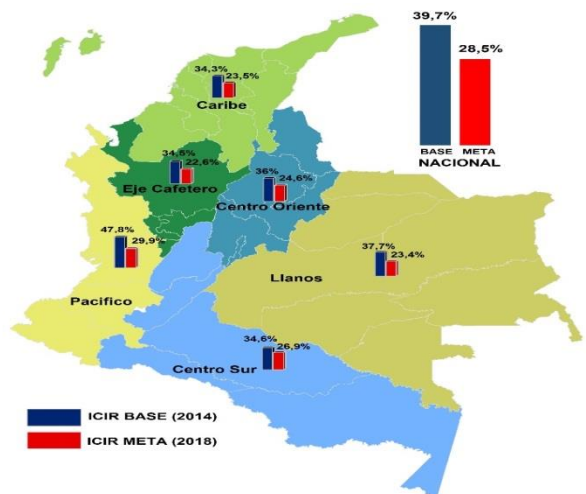
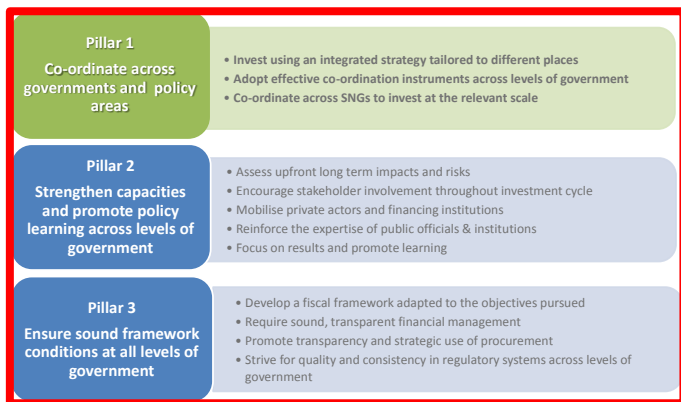
### Capacities :

- In-depth diagnosis of institutional capacities in municipalities and departments
- Differentiated competencies strategy
- Ex-ante appraisal system in place (metodología general ajustada)
- Sinergia Territorial



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## CHALLENGES

### Pillar 1

- Use of planning tools (POTs – PDT) in a strategic way
- Tight timing to develop plans
- Coordination across sectors in integrated strategies
- Project-based approach rather than program-based
- Coordination across jurisdictions/strategic project at regional scale
- Fragmentation of royalties
- Link between planning and budgeting, impact of investment on operating expenditures

### Pillar 2

- Huge disparities in subnational capacities to design investment projects/strategies
- Lack of adequate human capacities/high staff turnover in municipalities
- More selective/targeted support to lagging regions needed

### Pillar 3

- Limited fiscal autonomy -- in particular for jurisdictions with high capacities (metro areas)
- Rigid system of transfers
- Limited subnational borrowing capacity in SNGs with high capacities



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