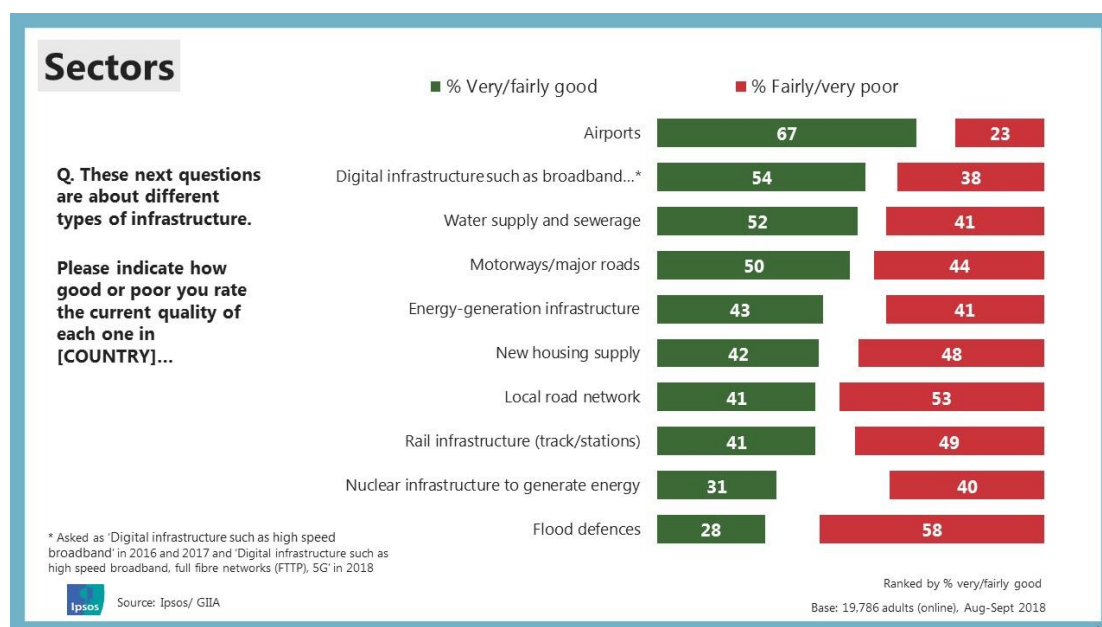




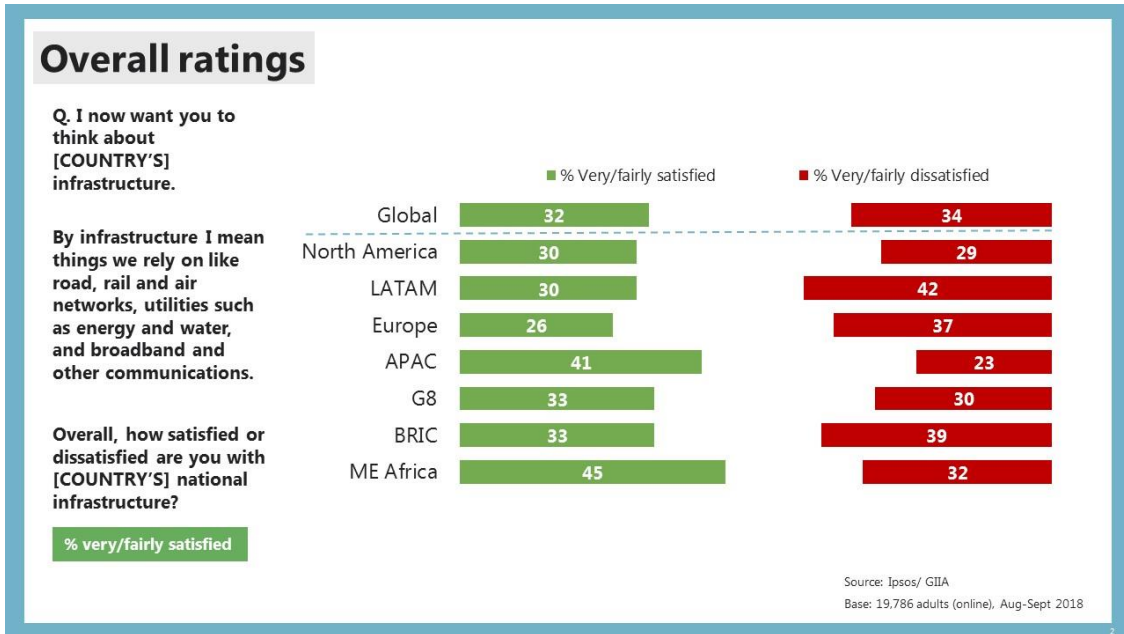
Majority across 29 countries believe not enough is being done to meet infrastructure needs

Almost three quarters (73%) of people across the world agree that investing in infrastructure is vital to their country’s future economic growth but 59% do *not* believe enough is being done to meet infrastructure needs.

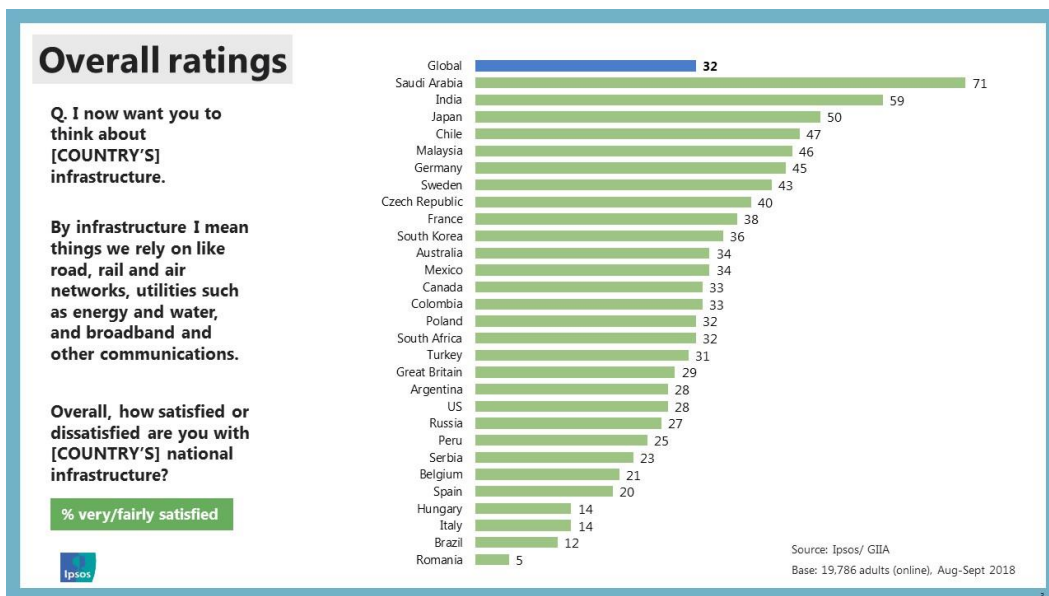
The findings come from the latest Global Infrastructure Index survey conducted by Ipsos in partnership with the Global Infrastructure Investor Association (GIIA). The survey collected ratings of 10 infrastructure sectors with airports (67%), digital (54%) and water supply and sewerage (52%) performing particularly strongly.



Europe scored the lowest of any region in terms of overall satisfaction, with only 26% of Europeans saying they are satisfied with their national infrastructure compared with 32% globally and 28% in the US.



Romania, Italy, Hungary, Spain and Belgium occupy five of the bottom six countries. Overall satisfaction has declined in Europe but also in G8 nations and globally since the previous Global Infrastructure Index in summer 2017.



The top priorities for investment worldwide are improving local roads (chosen by 45%) and water supply and sewerage (43%). Motorways (42%), flood defences (41%) and rail infrastructure (40%) also featured among top-ranked sectors.

The survey found 64% of people agreeing that local communities' views on infrastructure plans should be heard properly, even if it means delays, whilst 61% feel that their country does not do enough to involve people in decisions about which infrastructure to invest in.

Globally, more say they are comfortable with foreign investment in new infrastructure if it means it gets built more quickly than are not, by a margin of two and a half to one (49% to 19%).

Andy Rose, CEO of GIIA, said:

“Our survey shows a global decline in public satisfaction with infrastructure since 2017 reinforcing the message that governments need to prioritise creating the right environment for investment. Across the world, the public are relatively more positive about sectors where private investment features prominently although there remains room for improvement.

Climate change, technological advances and ageing populations all pose unprecedented challenges for governments in delivering their future infrastructure needs at a time when public sector balance sheets are under increasing strain. Governments and regulators should be focussed on the outcomes of good quality infrastructure and working with the private sector to find the best ways to deliver, operate and improve our infrastructure for the benefit of future generations.”

Ben Marshall, Research Director at Ipsos MORI, commented:

“Our annual survey underlines peoples’ strongly held conviction that governments need to do more on infrastructure. Globally, publics single out particular sectors as priorities for investment including road, rail and flood defences, but this varies by region and country.

People are both pragmatic – saying they are comfortable with foreign investment – and principled – wanting to see a democratic deficit narrowed with people more involved in decision-making.”

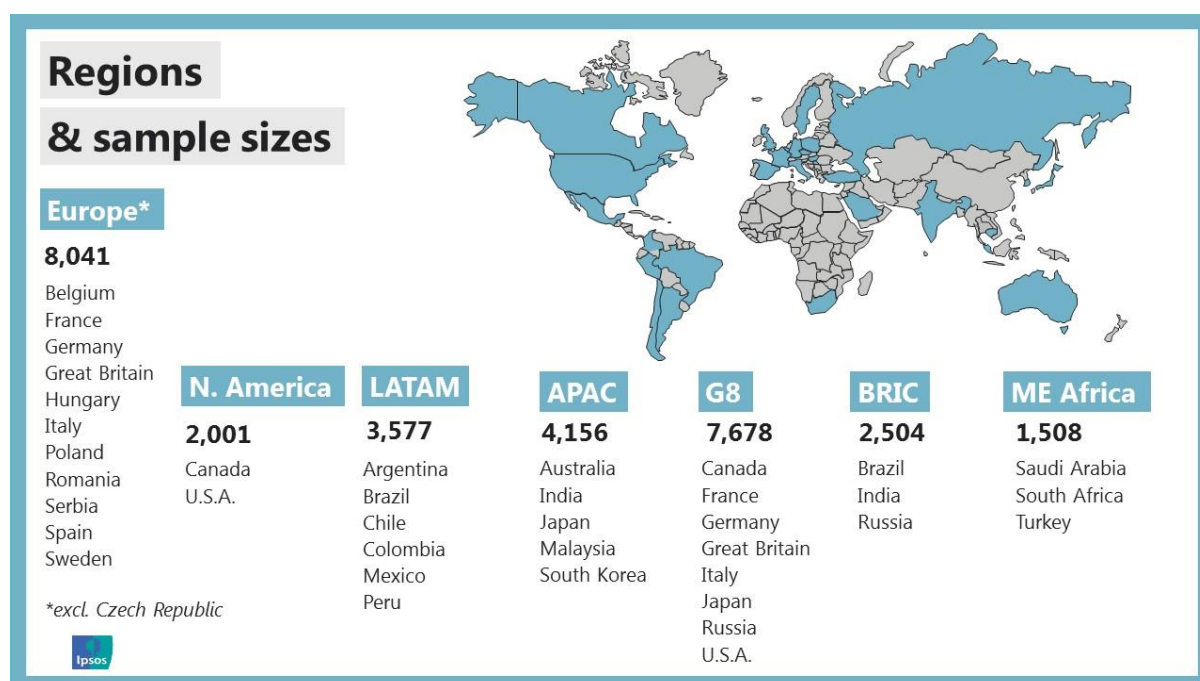
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- Full results available from www.ipsos-mori.com on 29 November 2018
- The GIIA/Ipsos Infrastructure Index involved 20,286 people sampled via Ipsos Global @dvisor in 29 countries (samples sizes were either 500 or 1,000 in each

country): Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, India, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Poland, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey and the United States of America

- Surveys were conducted online between 24 August and 7 September 2018 among adults aged 18-64 in the US and Canada, 18-65 in Czech Republic and adults aged 16-64 in all other countries
- Data has been weighted to known country population profiles



About GIIA

Global Infrastructure Investor Association (GIIA) is the membership body for the world's leading institutional investors. On their behalf, we work with governments and other stakeholders to promote the role of private investment in providing infrastructure that improves national, regional and local economies. Collectively, GIIA members have more than £500bn in infrastructure assets under management across 48 countries.