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ACTIVE TRAVEL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME ALLOCATION 2021-2030

NTA's Active Travel Investment Programme from 2021 to 2030 is delivering €2.90 billion in active travel infrastructure (nominal prices).

2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
€184m	€310m	€341m	€321m	€297m	€290m	€290m	€290m	€290m	€290m

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ACTIVE TRAVEL BENEFITS

ENVIRONMENT
- Improved Air Quality
- Reduced Carbon Emissions
- Reduced Noise Pollution

NON - TANGIBLE
- Improved Social Equity
- Improved Public Realm
- Land Use Optimisation

TRANSPORT
- Reduced Congestion
- Improved Journey Quality
- Improved Journey Time [In Some Cases]

INDIRECT
- Increased Tourism
- Land Value Uplift
- Wider Planning and Construction Economic Impact

PERSONAL
- Household Savings On Transport
- Increased Recreational Value
- Improved Accessibility

HEALTH
- Reduced Mortality
- Reduced Workplace Absenteeism
- Reduced Public Health Care Costs
- Mental Health Benefits [Green Prescriptions]

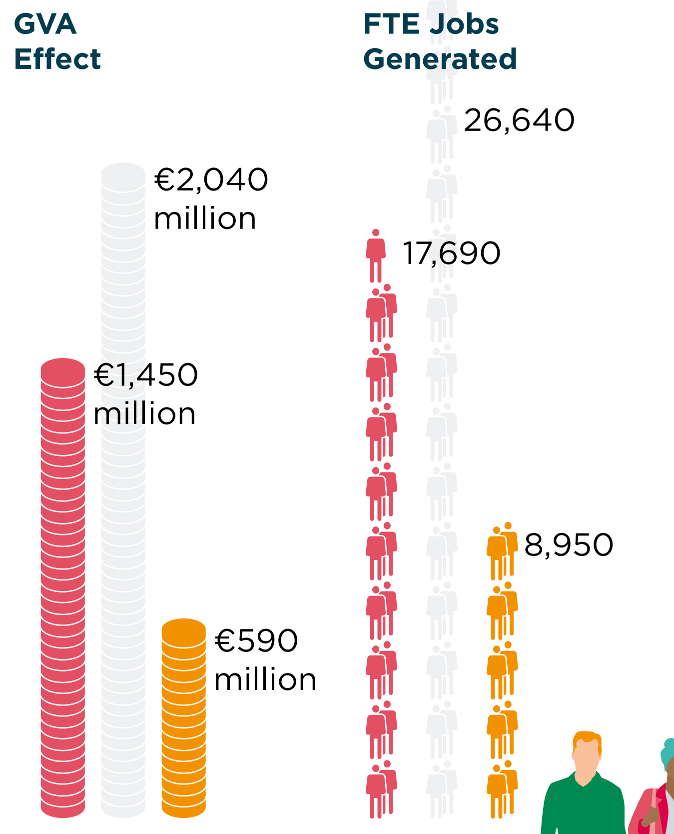
QUANTIFIED BENEFITS FROM THE ACTIVE TRAVEL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

Quantified benefits from the Active Travel Investment Programme from 2021 to 2030 are estimated.

These are split into:

WIDER PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION ECONOMIC IMPACT

Economic Boost to the wider economy during delivery. The Programme generates €2,040 million in Gross Value Added (GVA) and supports 26,640 additional Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) jobs.[1]



Induced Effect

Direct and Indirect Effect

[1] Figures in 2021 Constant Prices

COMMUTER SAVINGS

Choosing active travel over driving puts money back into people's pockets and the wider economy. Annual commuter savings amount to €620 per pedestrian and €3,480 per cyclist.[2]

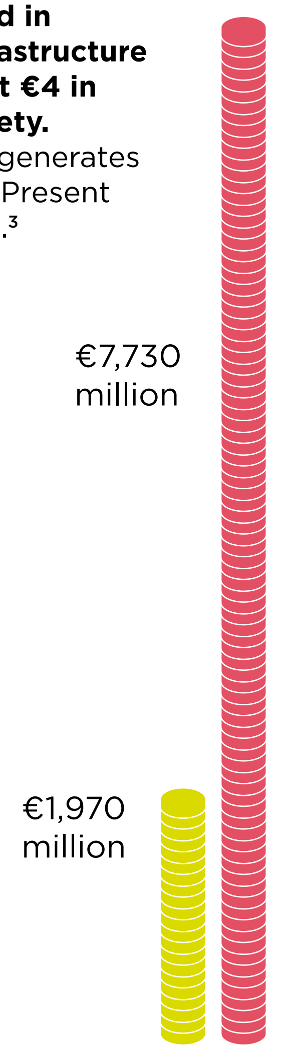
Internal savings (Commuter) per year

External savings (Society) per year

[2] Figures in 2025 prices

BENEFITS TO SOCIETY OVER 30 YEARS

Every €1 invested in active travel infrastructure generates almost €4 in benefits for society.
The Programme generates €7,730 million in Present Value of Benefits.[3]



Present Value of Benefits

Present Value of Costs

[3] Figures in 2021 Discounted Values