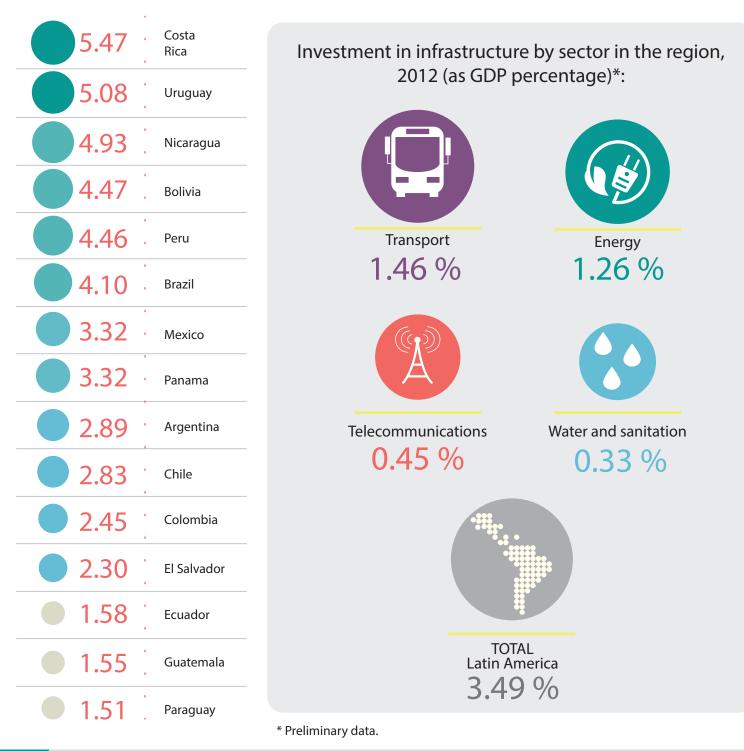
## INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE in Latin America and the Caribbean

The countries of the region should invest 6.2% annually of their gross domestic product (GDP) in the 2012-2020 period –around 320 billion dollars- in order to close the existing gap between supply and demand of infrastructure. According to ECLAC, these investments in transport, energy, telecommunications and water and sanitation works help enlarge the coverage and quality of infrastructure services and foster the general welfare of the population.

Investment in economic infrastructure in Latin America and the Caribbean (2012), in GDP percentages\*:



Source: Economic Infrastructure Investment in Latin America and the Caribbean Data Base, 1980-2012 (EII-LAC-DB), FAL Bulletin N° 332, www.cepal.org/transporte.

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