

## Good Practice #5 – Participative budgeting

<b>Location of the organisation in charge:</b>	Country	Estonia
	Region	Tartu County
	City	Tartu
<b>Main institution in charge:</b>	Municipality of Tartu	

Good practice general information		
<b>Geographical scope of the practice:</b>	Local	
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<b>Practice image:</b>	
<b>Title of practice:</b>	<p>[32/100 characters] Participative budgeting of Tartu</p>

Good practice detailed information	
<b>Short summary of the practice:</b>	<p>[129/160 characters] Participative budgeting allows the citizens of Tartu to decide how their city should spend a certain amount of the city's budget.</p>
<b>Detailed information on the practice:</b>	<p>[1112/1000-1500 characters] Tartu was the first city in Estonia which opened its budget-designing process to citizens and began experimenting with participative budgeting in 2013. Citizens of Tartu can decide how their city should spend 200 000 EUR, which is about 1% of the subsequent year's investment budget.</p> <p>The participative budgeting process includes the call for ideas from citizens, the discussion, presentation and promotion of the ideas (physically in the pedestrian bridge and in the e-platform). Then, public e-voting is organised within a week (assisted e-voting is also available in the city hall). The two ideas which gather the most public support will be implemented in the following 1-2 years. Only investment ideas in public space have access to the vote and the outcome will be open for all citizens.</p> <p>Participative budgeting improves the understanding of the city budget and its shaping process and boosts cooperation between communities. Also, it helps in finding solutions to practical problems within the city by implementing the citizen's ideas. Overall, it is an innovative solution to involve citizens in governance.</p>

<p><b>Resources needed:</b></p>	<p><i>[283/200-300 characters]</i>                      At least one specialist to organise the communication, gathering the ideas and putting them the vote                      An external expert has been involved who was consulted during the process.                      VOLIS platform to gather ideas and vote at the same place: 650 € yearly                      Budget reserved to implement the ideas</p>
<p><b>Timescale (start/end date):</b></p>	<p>2013-ongoing</p>
<p><b>Evidence of success (results achieved):</b></p>	<p><i>[175/300-500 characters]</i>                      At least 12 cities and municipalities have started implementing participative budgeting following the example of the city of Tartu (including Tallinn, the capital of Estonia).</p>
<p><b>Challenges encountered:</b></p>	<p><i>[293/300 characters]</i>                      When there were differing opinions when an idea/project was connected to a public space that is privately owned, the decision-making right was given to the citizens.                      Despite adjustments in the process, the number of participants has stayed the same (9% of the residents with the right to vote).</p>
<p><b>Potential for learning or transfer:</b></p>	<p><i>[189/500-1000 characters]</i>                      The potential for learning and transfer is high: the process is easy to copy and there is a remarkable amount of data available to analyse and process for some further decisions or actions.</p>
<p><b>Further information:</b></p>	<p><i>Link to where further information on the good practice can be found</i>  <a href="https://tartu.ee/en/participative-budgeting">https://tartu.ee/en/participative-budgeting</a>  <a href="https://www.volis.ee/gvolis/osale/index?kid=14833">https://www.volis.ee/gvolis/osale/index?kid=14833</a></p>
<p><b>Keywords:</b></p>	<p><i>Select from existing keywords</i>                      (something similar to <i>public e-administration, participative planning, engagement, participative budgeting, citizen participation</i>)</p>