

## Good Practice #2 – Interactive municipal budget

Organisation in charge of the good practice	
Is your organisation the main institution in charge of this good practice?	No

Location of the organisation in charge:	Country	Hungary
	Region	Central Hungary
	City	Budapest
Main institution in charge:	District XIV of Budapest (Zugló)	

Good practice general information		
Geographical scope of the practice:	Local	
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	Region	Central Hungary
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Practice image:	<p>The screenshot shows a website interface for the 'Interactive municipal budget'. On the left, there is a list of budget categories with their respective amounts in Hungarian Forint (Ft):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TELJES KÖLTSÉGVETÉS: 30 237 605 405 Ft</li> <li>Általános közszolgáltatások: 10 593 189 443 Ft</li> <li>Oktatás: 5 741 298 699 Ft</li> <li>Szociális védelem: 3 518 109 400 Ft</li> <li>Közösségi létesítmények: 3 429 801 758 Ft</li> <li>Gazdasági ügyek: 2 611 855 640 Ft</li> <li>Egészségügy: 2 440 369 715 Ft</li> <li>Szabadság: 1 151 437 750 Ft</li> <li>Közrend és közbiztonság: 746 275 000 Ft</li> <li>Védelem: 3 266 000 Ft</li> </ul> <p>The main part of the screenshot features a bar chart titled 'TELJES KÖLTSÉGVETÉS   Oktatás' with a total of 5 741 298 699 Ft. The chart is broken down into several categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Óvodai nevelés: 3 600 316 000 Ft</li> <li>Oktatást kiegészítő szolgáltatások: 1 997 984 059 Ft</li> <li>Iskolai nevelés, oktatás az 1-4. évfolyamokon: 74 998 640 Ft</li> <li>Iskolai nevelés, oktatás az 5-8. évfolyamokon: 61 000 000 Ft</li> <li>Felsőfokú oktatás: 7 000 000 Ft</li> </ul> <p>Below the chart, there is a small photo of a classroom and a text box stating: 'Zuglóban 24 önkormányzati óvoda működik. Ezeknek az intézményeknek a fenntartása kiemelt feladata az önkormányzatnak. Az iskolák 2017-től állami kezelésbe kerültek, de az önkormányzat továbbra is gondoskodik valamennyi köznevelési intézményben tanuló diák élektetéséről és különböző osztályi programokat is működtet az esélyegyenlőség segítése érdekében.'</p>
Title of practice:	[28/100 characters] Interactive municipal budget

Good practice detailed information	
Short summary of the practice:	[122/160 characters] A pilot website providing detailed information to citizens on the municipal budget in an easy-to-use and understand format

<p><b>Detailed information on the practice:</b></p>	<p><i>[1134/1000-1500 characters]</i></p> <p>Budget information is available to citizens in several Hungarian cities, but in a format that is complicated and difficult to understand, therefore, most citizens do not really know how money is spent in their city and/or district.</p> <p>Zugló (District XIV of Budapest) wanted to make its budget more transparent, so they designed a pilot website that provides detailed information to citizens on the municipal budget in an easy-to-use and -understand format. The budget categories are shown on the page in two views: (1) the functional view classifies budget expenditures by socio-economic purpose (e.g. education, healthcare) while (2) the economic view shows the composition of expenditures based on their operating nature (personnel, materials, investments, etc.).</p> <p>The district considered this experiment important not only because of transparency and accountability – the municipality intended to <i>inform</i> citizens about the budget, but also actively <i>involve</i> them in budget planning. This process has started with participative sessions about a small amount of money which the citizens could distribute between several projects by voting.</p>
<p><b>Resources needed:</b></p>	<p><i>[297/200-300 characters]</i></p> <p>IT: website          HR: The budget must be uploaded, requiring the expertise of at least one person, but participatory planning necessitates more people (for budgeting the project ideas of the citizens, setting up the voting, etc.).          The district allocated 65,000 euros for participatory budgeting in 2018.</p>
<p><b>Timescale (start/end date):</b></p>	<p>2017-2019</p>
<p><b>Evidence of success (results achieved):</b></p>	<p><i>[500/300-500 characters]</i></p> <p>This good practice facilitates better citizen involvement – in the framework of the participatory budgeting activities, 8 projects were co-developed with the citizens and the municipality's experts. After each project was budgeted (with an overall amount of 122,000 euros), the citizens could distribute 65,000 euros between them by voting. As a result, 3 projects were selected and implemented from the originally allocated money, but the district also decided to implement the next two on the list.</p>
<p><b>Challenges encountered:</b></p>	<p><i>[300 characters]</i></p>
<p><b>Potential for learning or transfer:</b></p>	<p><i>[569/500-1000 characters]</i></p> <p>Making a municipality budget more transparent and thus the politicians more accountable is an important first step towards more responsible citizenship and active participation in local matters. As a new, digital solution to facilitate better citizen involvement, this could contribute to building trust, which leads to more active participation and to the use of other new services. Introducing such a tool is fairly easy and inexpensive – but very important. The website was created with an open-source code, so that other municipalities can follow suit and adopt it.</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://koltsegyetes.zuglo.hu/">https://koltsegyetes.zuglo.hu/</a></p>
<p><b>Keywords:</b></p>	<p><i>Select from existing keywords</i>          (something similar to <i>online platform, public e-administration, participative planning</i>)</p>