

COUNTRY	Poland
CASE STUDY CODE	Poland_Good Practice_O.09_1

MAIN INFORMATION

Title	PB of the Łódź Voivodeship „Łódzkie na Plus”
Location	Łódź Voivodeship
Responsible Authority	Łódź Voivodeship Marshal's Office
Link	https://bo.lodzkie.pl/
Keywords	PB, Citizen’s voting, Łódź Voivodeship, Poland



IDENTIFICATION

Type	Case (plan, program, project etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stakeholders involved	Public institutions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Method / Tool	<input type="checkbox"/>		Private sector	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Organisation	<input type="checkbox"/>		Civil society organisations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Legal framework	<input type="checkbox"/>		Knowledge institutions	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>		Public or grassroots movements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Policy field	Urban planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	Timeline	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Mobility	<input type="checkbox"/>		Start date	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Tourism	<input type="checkbox"/>		End date	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Rural areas and planning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		On going	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>		Completed	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spatial level	National	<input type="checkbox"/>	Limited	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Regional	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Repeated overtime	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Local	<input type="checkbox"/>			



CONTENT AND RESULTS

Purpose and context

PB is a separate part of the voivodship budget, the allocation of which is decided by residents through voting. The idea of the PB is to increase the residents' influence on public spending by involving them in the process of submitting projects for tasks that they consider important to implement and in the process of deciding what the voivodeship's budget funds will be spent on.

The following groups were identified as part of the "ŁÓDZKIE NA PLUS" PB: 1) a voivodeship group within which investment or renovation tasks may be submitted, 2)

24 county groups within which non-investment tasks can be submitted. A project submitted within the county group must concern a significant part of the project implemented in the area or for the inhabitants of the county in which it was submitted.

The team for the implementation of the PB supervises the determination of the voting results and establishes a list of projects that obtained the highest number of points in each group.

Problems and challenges

Lack of Knowledge and Information: Residents have a lack of the necessary information about budgetary processes and financial matters, which can hinder their ability to make decisions in different steps of the process.

Limited participation: engaging disadvantaged groups may require additional efforts.

Technical Challenges: Implementing different forms of voting e.g. digital platforms for PB introduces technological challenges.

Conflict Resolution: Differences of opinion among community members may arise during the decision-making process.

Impact: Evaluating the impact of PB can be challenging.

Organizing, Supporting and Funding Entities

Łódź Voivodeship Marshal's Office – different departments are responsible for implementation of winning projects, e.g. Department of Health Policy, Department of Sports and Education, Department of Culture, Regional Center for Social Policy, Department of Climate and Tourism.

The financial resources allocated for the implementation of the 8th edition will amount to 8 million PLN, of which 25% of the funds will be allocated to the voivodeship group and another 75% to the county funds.

Process (including participant recruitment & selection) and Interaction/Participation (including methods/tools used)

A project of a task within the voivodeship group may be submitted by a resident of the voivodeship. The project application form must be accompanied by a support list signed by at least 30 residents of the voivodeship.





A project for a task within the county group may be submitted by a resident of the county to which the project is submitted. The task project submission form must be accompanied by a support list signed by at least 30 residents of the county to which the task project was submitted.

The tasks to be implemented under the PB are selected by voting: 1) within the voivodeship group, residents of the voivodeship who are 18 years old or over on the day of voting; 2) within the county group, residents of the relevant county who are 18 years old or over on the day of voting.

Outcomes, Effects and Lessons Learned

Increased Civic Engagement: in societies where citizens are actively engaged, there is a reduced risk of authoritarianism and the abuse of power.

Identification of Community Priorities: the local authorities can respond to the specific needs and concerns.

Strengthened Democratic Values: improvement trust in government.

Creativity: PB forces inhabitants to think about their needs connected with immediate surroundings.

Bibliography

1. Resolution No. IV/56/19 of the Assembly of the Łódź Voivodeship on the pPB (26 February 2019).
2. List of tasks to be implemented under the PB "Łódzkie na Plus" in 2024.

