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<b>COUNTRY</b>	Poland
<b>CASE STUDY CODE</b>	Poland_Good Practice_O.09_5
<b>MAIN INFORMATION</b>	
<b>Title</b>	Regional Forum of Participation Practitioners
<b>Location</b>	Łódź, Łódź Voivodship
<b>Responsible Authority</b>	OPUS Center for the Promotion and Development of Civic Initiatives Stocznia Foundation
<b>Link</b>	<a href="https://partycypacjaobywatelska.pl/fora-regionalne/lodz/">https://partycypacjaobywatelska.pl/fora-regionalne/lodz/</a>
<b>Keywords</b>	Social participation, workshops, local authorities, Łódź Voivodeship

**IDENTIFICATION**

<b>Type</b>	Case (plan, program, project etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Stakeholders involved</b>	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Other	Workshop <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Public or grassroots movements	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Policy field</b>	Urban planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Timeline</b>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Mobility	<input type="checkbox"/>		Start date	27.10.2022
	Tourism	<input type="checkbox"/>		End date	27.10.2022
	Rural areas and planning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		On going	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Completed	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Spatial level</b>	National	<input type="checkbox"/>	Limited	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Regional	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Repeated overtime	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Local	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			



## CONTENT AND RESULTS

### Purpose and context

The aim of the project is to exchange experiences and present good practices in small local governments and communities, including rural areas.

The workshop aims to present what it means to monitor horizontal principles of the European Union, such as equality between women and men, non-discrimination, accessibility, and the principle of sustainable development in the Monitoring Committee of the regional program European Funds for Łódź Voivodship 2021-2027

### Problems and challenges

PPL at the local level involves engaging community members in decision-making processes related to the development and management of their own neighbourhoods or communities. The challenges include:

- Representation and Inclusivity - Ensuring the inclusion of diverse voices and marginalized groups,
- Capacity and Resources - Communities have lack the necessary resources, both in terms of finances and expertise, to actively participate in the planning process,
- Engaging community members requires time,
- Understanding planning concepts and technical aspects of development projects may be challenging for some community members,

Collecting and analysing data from a diverse group of participants can be complex.

### Organizing, Supporting and Funding Entities

The project is implemented with a subsidy from the Active Citizens - National Fund program financed by Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway under the EEA Funds.

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

"Participation cafe" - discussion using the World Cafe method on engaging residents in activities and cooperation between local government and NGOs.

Local Microgrant Programs are an opportunity to increase the involvement of residents in joint activities for the local community. Thanks to microgrants, residents build neighbourly ties, organize time for themselves and their neighbours, activate older people, develop squares, and create playgrounds.





Revitalization, or "bringing it back to life". One of the most popular processes in local governments is often limited in people's perception to the renovation of buildings and public spaces.

### **Outcomes, Effects and Lessons Learned**

Diverse perspectives enhance solutions - Participants bring unique experiences, knowledge, and ideas to the table, enriching the discussion and enhancing the quality of solutions.

Trust is the foundation for open communication and collaboration, enabling participants to feel comfortable sharing their opinions and concerns.

### **Bibliography**

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