



COUNTRY Poland
CASE STUDY CODE Poland_Good Practice_O.10_03

MAIN INFORMATION

Title Participatory Budget 'współrządzimy' at the University of Lodz

Location Lodz, Poland

Responsible Authority University of Lodz

Link <https://www.uni.lodz.pl/aktualnosc/szczegoly/budzet-obywatelski-wspulrzedzimy>

Keywords Participatory budget, transparency, inclusivity

IDENTIFICATION

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



CONTENT AND RESULTS

Purpose and context

The University of Lodz is the largest university in central Poland, boasting over 70 years of shared history. With almost 26,000 students enrolled in over 90 fields of study, University of Lodz employs nearly 4,000 individuals, including researchers, teachers, administrative staff, and participants in doctoral schools. The university comprises 12 faculties, a branch in Tomaszow Mazowiecki, a library, a publishing house, a kindergarten, a high school, and the Centre of Polish Language for Foreigners.

Problems and challenges

Participatory budgeting at the institutional level comes with several advantages, fostering transparency, inclusivity, and effective decision-making. The inclusion of both students and employees results in a more comprehensive understanding of community needs. It also gives a voice to students in the decision-making process.

Organizing, Supporting and Funding Entities

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

Students and employees who identify with the University play an extremely important role in its proper functioning. To encourage the active participation of the academic community in the collaborative design of the university space, the participatory budget called 'wspUłrządzimy' (means "we are governing together") has been established. This year, a total of PLN 300,000 is allocated for projects. Any person studying or obtaining a doctorate at our university, as well as project teams, can apply. The University of Lodz's civic budget allows for obtaining funds for infrastructure projects, as well as the implementation of integration, scientific, cultural, sports, and ecological initiatives. One condition is that the projects must be universal, serving a larger group than the community of a single faculty or doctoral school. All students can submit project proposals and then participate in voting for the most interesting ones.

Outcomes, Effects and Lessons Learned

The participatory budgeting process provides an opportunity for public education. On one hand, participatory budget fosters a sense of shared responsibility and collaboration; on the other, it sensitizes young people to issues related to participation.

Bibliography



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