

Electronic Communication Tools in Participatory Budgeting in Poland

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Abstract: The aim of this presentation is to analyze electronic communication tools to create a participatory budget in Poland. The analysis was conducted based on primary sources in the form of legal acts and documents related to the process of creating a participatory budget and evaluation documents. Secondary sources in the form of scientific and journalistic studies were also analyzed. The analysis covers the process of creating participatory budgets in Poland until the end of 2023. Participatory budgeting is treated as electronic participation. The following were analyzed: 1) the legal basis for conducting participatory budgeting in Poland; 2) the use of electronic tools in the process of submitting projects for implementation by citizens; 3) the use of electronic tools in the voting process on projects qualified for voting; 4) the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the use of electronic tools in creating participatory budgeting in Poland; and 5) the ratio of the use of electronic tools in relation to traditional forms in the process of creating a participatory budget in Poland.