

Decade of Engagement: The Evolution of Participatory Budgeting in Lublin 2014-2024

Abstract: In recent decades, many countries around the world have begun searching for effective solutions to improve governance processes, including wider citizen engagement in decision making. Many local governments have recognized that participatory budgeting (PB) can be such a tool. This article attempts to determine the impact of participatory budgeting on the development of the city of Lublin. It analyses the functioning of PB in the city from 2014 to 2024. The article is based on quantitative (survey) research conducted among residents. The research results point out that despite a number of benefits associated with PB, it also has several dysfunctions. The main drawbacks of PB in Lublin are identified as poor levels of communication between residents and local authorities, and a lack of engagement by a large number of citizens in local affairs.

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