

The Experience of Participatory Budgets in the V4 Region

The conference summing-up and presenting the results of the project
"Participatory Budgeting for Sustainable Development of V4 Capital Cities"

Collegium Civitas together with four NGOs from the Visegrad Capital Cities - Agora CE, Prague, Utopia, Bratislava, Mindspace, Budapest, Inicjatywy, Warsaw – exchange their experiences about participatory budgets, citizens' engagement and their activation for the development of the nearest surroundings. The conference aims at presenting the results of the project, discuss the most common problems connected with civic participation in V4 cities and the perspectives for the future of the participatory budget.

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Collegium Civitas, Warsaw, Palace of Culture and Science,
12th floor, Hall A, form 10 a.m. to 5.30. p.m.

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Agenda

9.30 – 10.00 Registration

10.00 – 10.10 Opening word - about the project “Participatory Budgeting for Sustainable Development of V4 Capital Cities” and its results, Anna Sudolska-Bytof, Collegium Civitas, Inicjatywy, Warsaw

Session I. Participatory Budget and civic participation in the international context of V4 countries.

10.10 – 10.50 *Bottom-up approach: how to spread the idea of participatory budgeting across the city. The case of Prague*, Vojtěch Černý, Agora CE, Prague

10.50 – 11.30 *Participatory budgeting from the perspective of the city council and NGOs. Areas of potential conflicts and methods of their resolutions. The case of Bratislava*, Eva Riečanska, PhD, Utopia, Bratislava

11.30 – 11.50 Coffee break

11.50 – 12.30 *How to activate inhabitants in a city without participatory budgeting? The case of Budapest*, Márta Sipos, Mindspace, Budapest

12.30 – 13.10 *Different systems of civic participation. Chances and obstacles for citizens’ engagement*,

Questions from the audience

13.45 – 14.30 Lunch break

Session II. The future of the Warsaw PB. What have we learned for the last 5 years and what can we do better.

The session proposes a two-part discussion with invited panellists representing local NGOs and institutions engaged in the creation of the Warsaw PB system.

14.30 – 15.30 Panel discussion – Part I

The participatory budget has been functioning in Warsaw for 5 years. It is a good moment to sum up the carried out editions, pointing out the major successes and the major problems.

15.30 – 16.30 Panel discussion Part II

What are the perspectives for the future of participatory budget? Can Warsaw be an example for the other cities?

16.30 – 17.15 Questions from the audience

17.15 – 17.30 Concluding remarks and closing of the conference