

**International Conference of the “Bürgerhaushalt” Network for Participatory Budgeting
on 26./27.11.2018 in Berlin**

Introductory event on Sunday, 25.11.2018

6 p.m. Reception in Café Einstein

6.30 p.m. How is the Network positioned at present? – Status report by “Strategy” working group

7 p.m. Dinner speech – Gerd Gigerenzer (*invitation sent*)

Programme: Monday, 26.11.2018 at Kalkscheune, Berlin

9 a.m. Arrival and registration

9.30 a.m. Welcome and opening

Sawsan Chebli, Berlin State Secretary for Active Citizenship and International Affairs

9.45 a.m. Introduction to the conference

Presentation of the context behind the conference agenda, including central questions, order of events and formats, by our moderators Alexander Thamm and Anita Hüsemann

10 a.m. Active citizens: an illusion!? – An international dialogue with...

Kira Belguith, Head of the council affairs department/municipal office of the municipality of Ariana – Tunisia

Kamel Louichi, Administrator-in-chief and secretary general of the municipality of Ben Arous – Tunisia

Prof Dr Norbert Kersting – University of Münster – Germany

Prof Dr Rafael Toribio, Santo Domingo Institute of Technology (INTEC) – Dominican Republic

Prof Dr Clóvis Zimmermann, University of Bahia in Salvador – Brazil

Konrad Hummel, CEO of Mannheimer Wohn- und Stadtentwicklungsgesellschaft MWSP (Mannheim housing and urban development) – Germany

Moderators: Anita Hüsemann and Alexander Thamm

11.30 a.m. Focus I: Tunisia after the Arab Spring – In conversation with Kira Belghuith and Kamel Louhichi

Public participation officers from the governorates of Ariana and Ben Arous in Tunisia –
Moderator: Anja Hüsemann

12.15 p.m. Lunch

1.15 p.m. Focus II: Pragmatic democracy and formalisation of informal practices – An interview with Rafael Toribio on examples from Latin America

Santo Domingo Institute of Technology (INTEC), Dominican Republic – Moderator: Alexander Thamm

2 p.m. Free discussion with café

2.15 p.m. Workshop – Phase I

1. The participatory budget as a better form of participation? A comparison between Germany and Poland. A dialogue workshop with Prof Dr Paweł Karolewski from the Willy Brandt Centre, Wroclaw University and Dr Carsten Herzberg from nexus Institute, Berlin

2. Democracy and participation – A split between urban and rural communities?

“Du hast den Hut auf” (It’s your turn): Youth participation in Hoher Fläming – An information workshop by Florian Görner

Democracy: near and far – with Marzahn-Hellersdorf as an example. Undemocratic views in a community as a challenge in the development of sociospatial democracy. An information workshop by the research programme of Alice Salomon University

3. What can other forms of participation learn from the participatory budgeting movement?

A future workshop by Volker Vorwerk

4. Reminding politicians of their responsibility! How pressure from civil society can generate political obligation. Hanns-Jörg Sippel, CEO of the public participation network “Netzwerk Bürgerbeteiligung”

4.15 p.m. – “Breakout” session for all: Walk on Berlin’s Museum Island

5 p.m.

End of Day 1

Programme: Tuesday, 27.11.2018 at Kalkscheune, Berlin

9 a.m. Welcome and summary of Day 1; Introduction to Day 2

9.30 a.m. Focus III: Conversation with representative from a local authority in Germany (TBA)

10.15 a.m. Free discussion with café

10.30 a.m. Workshop – Phase II

- 1. Berlin meets Paris – What can Berlin learn from Paris with regard to its introduction of a participatory budget?** Two experts discuss – A dialogue workshop with Charlotte Fouillet – Centre Marc Bloch in Berlin, University of Paris 8, CRESPPA-CSU and Dr Carsten Herzberg from nexus Institute, Berlin
- 2. What happens in a dialogue on values in rural areas?** Oliver Hohn, project coordinator of “Demokratie Leben!” (Democracy, Life), Krakow am See
- 3. Connective Cities**
- 4. Questions from the Network – replies from the Network**
Better networking of knowledge from the Network – Lars Stepniak, Spokesman for the “Strategy” working group, BHH Network, invites contributions for open space dialogue

1 p.m. Lunch

2 p.m. Establishment of results from the two workshop phases

2.15 p.m. Three regions in dialogue

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Kamel Louichi, Administrator-in-chief and secretary general of the municipality of Ben Arous – Tunisia

Rafael Toribio, Santo Domingo Institute of Technology (INTEC) – Dominican Republic
Representative from a local authority in Germany (TBA)

3.45 p.m. Summary and outlook – What can be expected for next year?

4 p.m. End of the conference