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## Project Fact Sheet

### Workshop IV Good Governance and Politics in the City: Cultural and Citizenship Education accompanying New Models of Participation

	Section	Indications of content
1	<b>Title of the project</b>	Budget maker
2	<b>Location</b>	Netherlands; municipalities of Zuidplas; Wageningen; Dordrecht and others
3	<b>Main topics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participatory budgeting;</li> <li>• Budget cuts;</li> <li>• Political participation.</li> </ul>
4	<b>Practice-related keywords</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participatory budgeting;</li> <li>• Budget cuts;</li> <li>• Political participation.</li> </ul>
5	<b>Brief description of the project</b>	In 2009 and 2010 the Dutch Institute for Political Participation developed the so-called budget maker ( <a href="http://www.begrotingswijzer.nl">www.begrotingswijzer.nl</a> ). With this online method of Participatory Budgeting, local governments have the opportunity to involve their citizens in the budgeting process. The presentation will discuss the development of the application, including some of the challenges we met such as simplifying a local government budget. The presentation will also touch upon some of the experiences of the first pilots. The different possibilities of using the budget maker will be discussed, as well as some technical and financial issues.
6	<b>Objectives of the project</b>	Allowing citizens to express their opinion by making their own budget for their city.
7	<b>Impact/ Chances for cultural and citizenship education in the context of the development of cities and urban spaces</b>	While participating with the budget maker, people realise that difficult choices have to be made in order to make a budget. Furthermore, the budget maker shows the most important elements of a budget for a municipality. Citizens also get to realise that a fairly large proportion of the budget has to be spent on certain policies, decided by the national government.
8	<b>Target groups</b>	Local governments; municipal councils
9	<b>Project methods/ project format</b>	Online application
10	<b>Project planning schedule</b>	6-8 weeks
11	<b>Project initiator</b>	The Dutch Institute for Political Participation (IPP) is an independent, non-partisan organisation that promotes political and social participation both in Netherlands and abroad.
12	<b>Resources involved</b>	Costs for local government: ca. €14.000 (ca. 100 hours including project management and ICT). Currently in the process of reducing price.

<b>13</b>	<b>Range and sustainability of the project</b>	Local, but can be used regional as well as national.
<b>14</b>	<b>Project results</b>	Each budget maker results in a csv-file with all the information supplied by participants. This file is processed and analysed. The final result is a report based on the analysis.
<b>15</b>	<b>Project funding</b>	Local governments can buy budget maker; development of the application was funded by one local government (Zuidplas), the IPP and the Association of Netherlands Municipalities.
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