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Project Fact Sheet

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

	Section	Indications of content
1	Title of the project	Participatory budgeting www.buergerhaushalt.org
2	Location	Germany
3	Main topics	Presentation of the Website; aims; structure; information; experiences in Germany; examples of models of participatory budgeting in Germany.
4	Practice-related keywords	Participatory budgeting; citizen/public participation; political participation; e-participation; good urban governance; web 2.0; sustainable development
5	Brief description of the project	<p>Informs about all activities concerning Participatory budgeting in Germany and is the central German information platform advising of models, opportunities, constraints, possibilities, chances and applications of Participatory Budgeting.</p> <p>Participatory budgeting means that citizens are involved in the budgeting process of their city. Participation takes places in different channels most important one is the internet. Objectives are to develop a citizen-oriented local authority, to present the municipal budget in a transparent and comprehensible way, to receive useful spending and saving suggestions ('citizens as experts') and to increase transparency and acceptance of political decisions. There are nearby 140 municipalities in Germany with various experiences in participatory budgeting. Approximately 67 municipalities are active.</p> <p>The website is organised as a web blog. Every interested person is able to write and to comment articles and to start a discussion.</p>
6	Objectives of the project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information of interested municipalities, other stakeholders and citizenship; • Increasing the number of municipalities, which use the instrument of participatory budgeting; • Arguments and practical support for implementing and establishing of participatory budgeting.

7	Impact/ Chances for cultural and citizenship education in the context of the development of cities and urban spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increasing civic participation; Transparency and acceptance of governmental decisions; Using knowledge of the citizenship to improve political decisions in urban planning - citizens as experts of their living environment; Creating interaction between citizens and the city's administration to satisfy the needs of citizens and government.
8	Target groups	Governmental organisations; policy; administrations; citizenship; NGOs
9	Project methods/ project format	Website; consultation; network meetings; international congresses
10	Project planning schedule	Open-ended
11	Project initiator	Federal Agency for Civic Education (Germany) Service Agency Communities in One World / InWEnt gGmbH
12	Resources involved	Project initiators and external editorial staff
13	Evaluation of the project/ materials/ presentation format	Evaluation of hit rates; evaluation between projects partners; status reports
14	Range and sustainability of the project	National website since 2007; open-ended
15	Project results	Status reports; increasing hit rates and increasing number of consultations.
16	Project funding	Federal Agency for Civic Education Service Agency Communities in One World / InWEnt gGmbH
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