

# Webinar on Participatory Budgeting, 14 March 2018

## *Invitation to the Webinar on the role of local Administrations in enabling Participatory Budgeting practices and projects*



### Agenda

Where: click [here](#) to join

When: 14 March 2018 – 14:00-15:30 CET

### Learning Objectives

Following the one year Anniversary of the EIP-SCC [Inclusive Smart Cities Manifesto on Citizen Engagement](#), the [Citizen Focus](#) Action Cluster announced the launch of a series of **three webinars** on Participatory Budgeting to continue fostering the active and full participation of citizens in Smart City planning.

The [first webinar](#) was held in December 2017 and presented the role of collaborative platforms in enabling Participatory Budgeting initiatives. Throughout this second webinar, we will be looking into the role of local Administrations in Participatory Budgeting activities.

The practical organization of a Participatory Budgeting activity in an urban context requires specific skills and resources for setting and coordinating a public consultation that involves thousands of participants.

Managing a Participatory Budgeting process is a complex task that requires scientific and technical resources that administrative offices are not always equipped with – particularly when the scale of the engaged public authority is small. For this reason many cities delegate Participatory Budgeting processes to third parties, such as sub-contractors and providers of services, resulting in significant consequences on the overall political and financial balance of the whole process.

The complexity of managing Participatory Budgeting processes has increased in recent years as a result of growing digitization phenomena. While on one hand the aforesaid simplifies Public Administrations' internal management procedures, it also encourages resorting to third parties for acquiring new sets of specialised skills and services.

This webinar will analyse existing models for managing Participatory Budgeting processes.

Furthermore, we will be looking into two case studies that will offer useful insights to those interested in implementing a Participatory Budgeting process.

Knowledgeable scholars will guide us through:

- The definition of theoretical management models for PB
- The analysis of main costs and services associated to the delivery of a PB process
- The description of potential contractual models and insights into the configuration of relations between public authorities and third parties
- The analysis of the possible issues related to the externalisation of PB management
- The role of supra-local institutions in activating and consolidating local processes

A detailed Agenda will successively be circulated to all participants.

## **Citizen Focus Action Cluster – who we are**

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The '[Citizen Focus](#)' Action Cluster is about civil society, industries and different layers of government **working together with citizens** to realize public interests at the intersection of ICT, mobility and energy in an urban environment.

The cluster consists of initiatives across Europe working to ensure cities are inclusive of their citizens by:

- ❖ enabling citizens with the tools and opportunities to create and problem-solve
- ❖ facilitating conversation between stakeholders, so citizens' voices are not only heard, but instrumental in designing solutions.

The action cluster has very recently launched the initiative on **Participatory Budgeting for Inclusive Smart Cities and Communities** to foster knowledge sharing, assess the potential of PB in smart cities planning and the role played by digital platforms in supporting the process.

These activities will be carried out during the Roadmap's first phase whereas the second phase – starting in Autumn 2018 – will focus on piloting Participatory Budgeting in smart cities and defining best practices.

Additional details available [here](#).

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