

Youth Policy in Thessaloniki

Activities for the City and the Youths 2018- 2019

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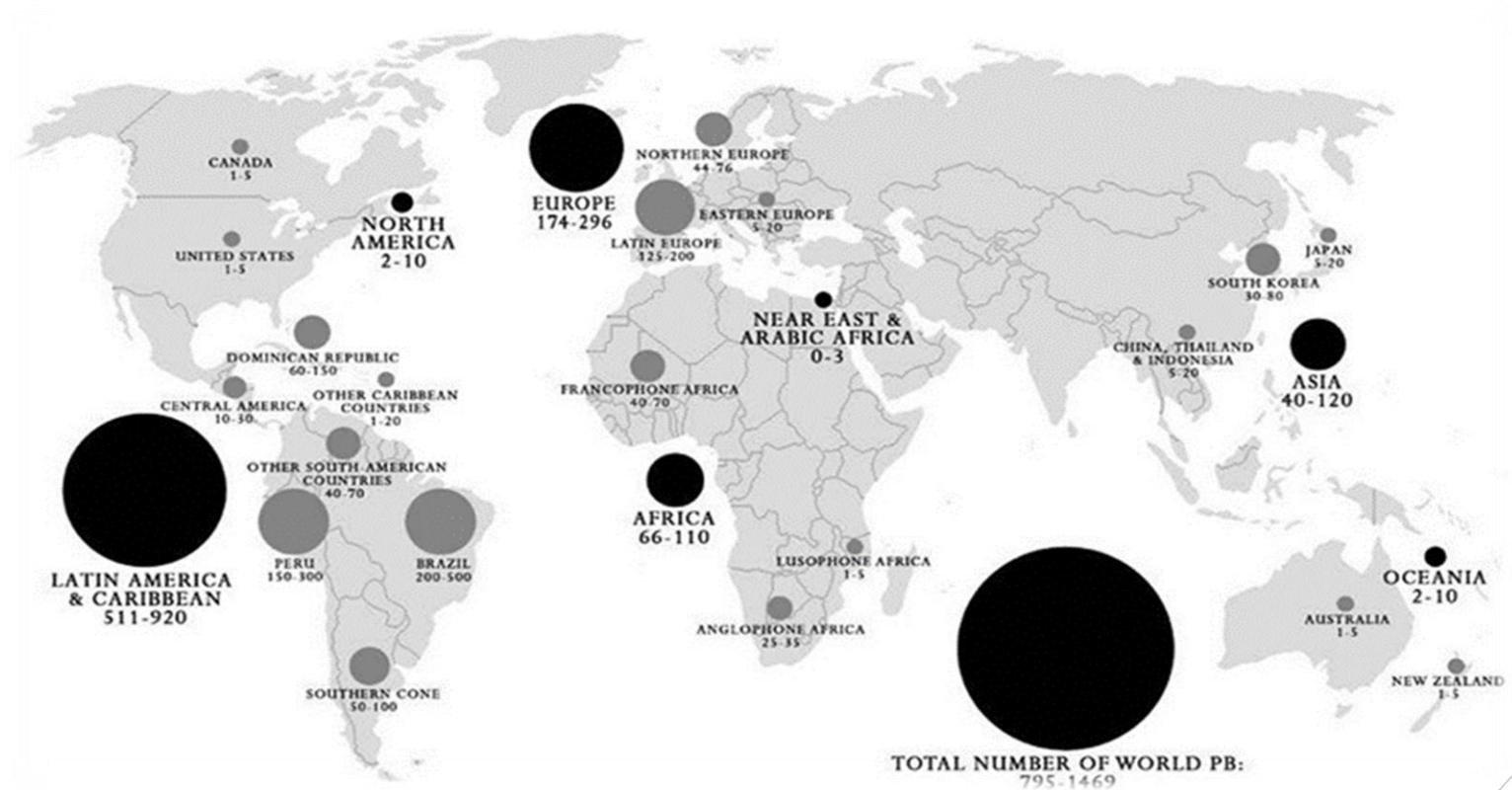
Participatory Budgeting for Youth

What is a Participatory Budgeting for Youth?

- ❑ Participatory budgeting for youth (PBY) is a process of democratic deliberation and decision-making, and a type of participatory democracy, in which young people decide how to allocate part of a municipal or public budget.
- ❑ Participatory budgeting allows young people to identify, discuss, and prioritize public spending projects, and gives them the power to make real decisions about how money is spent.
- ❑ PB processes are typically designed to involve those left out of traditional methods of public engagement, such as low-income residents, non-citizens, and youth.

PB in figures

- More than **2000 cities** and urban areas have used a PB mechanism
- Total amount of **PB money** in 2018: 1.5 billion \$



PBY in Thessaloniki

Συμμετοχικός Προϋπολογισμός για τη Νεολαία

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THESSALONIKI**



Some Information

- ❑ First PBY implemented in Thessaloniki during the period Sep. 2018 – Sep. 2019
- ❑ Up to 50.000 EUR divided in to 10 projects
- ❑ 10 thematic priorities
- ❑ Youth NGOs, Youth Associations, Student Associations, Social Enterprises and youth groups could apply.
- ❑ Digital voting system; people aged 15-30

The Categories

1. Youth participating in decision making
2. Urban sustainability – Green development
3. Innovation – Youth Entrepreneurship
4. Civil Society – Volunteering
5. Diversity & Social Inclusion
6. Connecting Generations
7. Arts & Culture
8. Sports & Health
9. Youth Tourism
10. Accessibility



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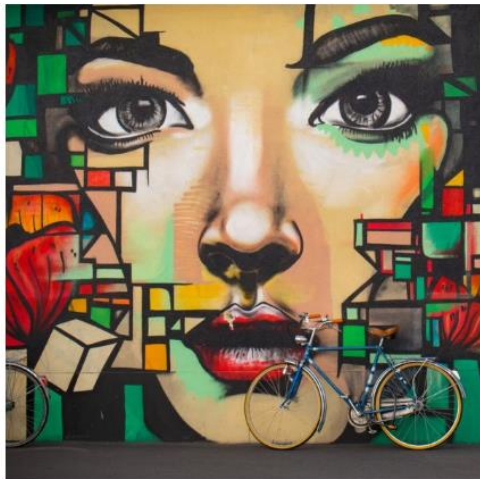
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Τέχνες
και Πολιτισμός



ΔΕΙΤΕ ΤΙΣ ΠΡΟΤΑΣΕΙΣ

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European
Participatory
Budgeting
for
Youth

Do you find your country democratic & open enough?

Do you think that your country has elements of direct democracy?

Do you think that youth in cities are not the first priority?

Is it easy for you to find funding for your local projects?



The COM'ON EUROPE Project

It is a network of 7 cities that are developing PBY mechanisms during the period 2017 – 2019. The cities has demonstrated a strong commitment to the youth community and used to be European Youth Capitals (Turin 2010; Braga 2012; Maribor 2013; Thessaloniki 2014; Cluj-Napoca 2015; Varna 2017; Cascais 2018).

The MISSION

Every second city of the European Union with over 100,000 inhabitants shall have a participatory budgeting for youth until 2030.



Why is the PBY a tool for citizenship education

A PBY aims to a **more empowered & self-reliant youth communities**: this effect can lead not just to a stronger youth NGO sector, but also to a higher number of young people being active in their community and a higher level of involvement of the young individuals. Associativity can also increase by providing an easy-to-access mechanism through which groups of young people can identify the local problems and fulfil their will of doing something in their own micro-communities. Not the least, PBY can also have an impact on the entrepreneurial attitude of young people which can impact their openness towards self-employment and positive attitude towards creating an own business.

What is the value proposition for a city

- ❑ The value proposition for a city is a way to be constantly **connected to young generations** while being aware of their needs and wants and their contribution to improving their own and their co-citizens' quality of life.
- ❑ The value proposition of a PBY is also a **concrete framework for social innovation** through which the mindset of organizations, public institutions and companies leans towards creating an ecosystem which enables and encourages, assists and guides young people to fulfil and realize themselves and while letting them figure out their own path by themselves.

**Municipal Youth
Council of Thessaloniki**

Some information

- ❑ A new established form of political engagement of the youth community of Thessaloniki
- ❑ An open and inclusive participation model
- ❑ 49 young people aged 15-30, students and activists discuss and exchange views on the local issues
- ❑ Digital Democracy elements
- ❑ Contribution to the local youth strategy
- ❑ Connection with youth councils and youth parliaments in other countries



Thessaloniki City Youth Council



The Model

Youth4Youth policy making

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Κοινωνικής
Επιχείρησης
Δήμου
Θεσσαλονίκης

20/11
2018

Τοπικό
Workshop
12.00'-15.00'

21/11
2018

Διαδραστικός Διάλογος
για τη δημιουργία
Δικτύου Κέντρων
17.00'-20.00'

07/12
2018

Δομημένος
Διάλογος
17.00'-20.00'

Youth⁴ Youth Policy



The Thessaloniki Youth Policy in the context of the local and national policies

The connection with the Greek National Youth Strategy



STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK FOR
THE EMPOWERMENT
OF YOUTH

OBJECTIVE

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Reinforce the participation
of young people in democratic
life

OBJECTIVE

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Youth friendly cities
and the demographic
renewal of the periphery

The connection with the Thessaloniki Resilience Strategy



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OBJECTIVE 2:

CO-CREATE AN INCLUSIVE CITY WHICH INVESTS IN ITS HUMAN CAPITAL

Program D: Fostering youth participation

Action 02: Developing a youth policy at the metropolitan level

Action 03: Adoption of a co-management approach in youth policies

The Thessaloniki Youth Policy in the context of the European and International policies

The connection with the EU Youth Goals

**Youth
Goals**



INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES



INFORMATION &
CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE



SPACE & PARTICIPATION
FOR ALL

The connection with the Sustainable Development Goals

**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
GOALS**



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