



Idea: Organisation City Participatory Budget with special category dedicated for creation of necessary infrastructure for mSME

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Idea description

Title:	Organisation City Participatory Budget with special category dedicated for creation of necessary infrastructure for mSME
ldea objective	The proposed action takes as a starting point the assumption that the City organizes the so-called Participatory or participatory budget and finances investments indicated by residents from public funds. Otherwise, the implementation of the initiative should be understood as a proposal to create a participatory budget together with a model of supporting local companies.
	This action is dedicated to increasing the social responsibility of the inhabitants of cities towards the needs of local enterprises, by including the issues of supporting entrepreneurship and business in the annual editions of the municipal participatory budget. The essence of the action is the use of a stream of public financing, which is directed to local investments selected by residents, with care for the needs of companies operating in the city.
	Variants of the implementation of the action: 1. implementation as an additional element/criterion within the regular action budget, 2. implementation as a dedicated participatory budget (e.g. additional edition).
Sharing process (max 1000 characters)	The implementation of the measure is understood as modifying the organization mechanisms of the existing participatory budget. Therefore, taking into account the fact that the selection of an investment financed from the participatory budget requires a process consisting of mechanisms for submitting proposals, a democratic voting mechanism by residents and selection mechanisms, the implementation of this measure requires a number of activities on two levels: 1. The method of organizing participatory budgeting. 2. Building social support for initiatives related to local business. In the first case, the key issue is to modify the method of submitting project proposals to the participatory budget by introducing categorization of applications, and one of the categories should be entrepreneurship in the City. The provision in this regard should indicate the key aspects of entrepreneurship development indicated, for example, in the City's strategy or in the results of the diagnosis of entrepreneurs' needs. The consequence of the adopted catalog should be a guarantee of the implementation of at least 1 project/initiative undertaken in this area in each year of the participatory budget. From the point of view of building social support for initiatives related to business support, the use of opportunities to promote the issues of local entrepreneurship among residents becomes of key importance. Schools and other educational centers in the City are an important link, where the values that enterprises contribute to the development of the City and building the well-being of residents can be promoted. It is also important to involve the local media and create opportunities as part of local initiatives for residents (events). The essence of action in this area is to allow for greater involvement of residents in the needs of local companies, which should translate into submitting them dedicated applications to the participatory budget and voting for the proposed solutions.
Restrictions/rules (law, skills, time, other)	In the case of a dedicated criterion, it is important to create substantive facilities at the organizer of the campaign ready to assess the quality of applications submitted by residents.
Procedures (if applicable)	The action requires the procedure of modifying the regulations of the existing Participatory Budget to be carried out.

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Costs for public institutions (if applicable)	The action does not involve incurring additional costs as part of the organization of the participatory budget in the City.
Expected result (if possible)	Introducing investments conducive to the development of local business in the catalog of activities undertaken as part of the Participatory Budget in the City. Increasing the recognition of the needs of local companies by the local community.