



ICLD educational material

Participation in local budget processes

Citizens should be able to be informed about the local government budget in an easy and simple way. This is a pre-requirement to guarantee citizen's influence in the decisions affecting their lives. But how can local governments involve citizens in the budget process? As a help for municipal officials or politicians to discuss and develop your thoughts and actions for your own community, ICLD has developed educational materials including video policy brief with discussion questions.



3 minutes video policy brief:

How can local governments involve citizens in the budget process?

Get some inspiration about 4 simple ways to make local budget more transparent for citizens.



Publications

- *From inclusion and transparency, to equity and quality: How can we improve local budget processes? - Research Report*
- *Improving local budget processes: from inclusion and transparency to equity and quality - Policy Brief*



The research project:

Through inclusion and transparency, to equity and quality. Improvement of the local budget processes in North Macedonia



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Discussion questions



Questions for discussion with local governments:

- How do you engage with your citizens during budget processes?
- How often do you take into consideration citizens' proposals and initiatives when preparing your municipal budget?
- Have you been publishing and promoting a Citizen Budget?



Questions to ask citizens about how transparent and inclusive their local budget is:

- When was the last time you proposed a project to your municipality or took part in a public consultation process regarding the local budget?
- What is the most common communication channel that you use to engage with the municipality?
- What is the most suitable way for municipalities to engage their citizens during the budget planning and execution processes?