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OpenBudgets.eu is an EU-funded project, aiming to support journalists, civil society organisations, NGOs, citizens and public administrations, by providing an overview of public budget and spending data as well as related tools and stories, thus serving advocacy and fiscal transparency objectives.

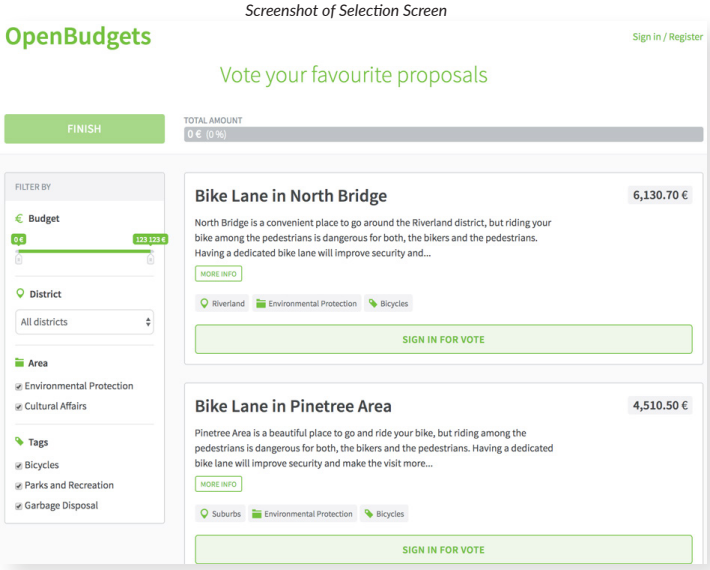
Openness and transparency can act as a disincentive to corruption and also as a motivation to citizen's participation. Citizens and other stakeholders usually stay outside the budget preparation process, impeded by factors such as lack of resources to influence decisions, lack of understanding of the different budget concepts, and ignorance of the approval process.

Openbudgets.eu's Participatory Budgeting Platform (PB Platform) address some of the problems identified by citizens and public administrations. The platform is designed to enable real participatory experiences and decision-making processes, providing solutions that are easy to implement by all stakeholders involved, thus strengthening the democratic process.

Tool: Participatory Budgeting Platform

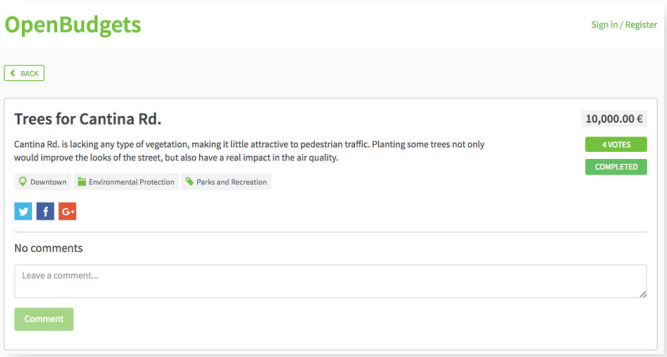
This PB Platform is an open-source tool for public administrations to use when consulting their citizens about how to allocate the budget and approval. It provides public officers with the instruments to gather and effectively manage user feedback, enabling a greater degree of citizen involvement, engagement and participation in the budget decision-making and implementation processes. Public administrators can, among other tasks, create different proposals and categories, or add several tags to better identify proposals.

Screenshot of Selection Screen



The Voting tool allows citizens to express their budget allocation priorities during the budget approval process, along the lines defined by each administration concerned. The voting page has been designed as an "All in one page", dynamically updated and with several filtering capabilities. A treemap visualization summarizes the decisions taken once voting is finished.

Screenshot of Voting Screen



The Monitoring tool helps citizens monitor budget transactions, compare budgeted figures vs. actual spending and give feedback to the administrators responsible for implementing the proposal. Educational resources and learning materials for citizens and administrators increase competences and capabilities, and assist them to make informed decisions.

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