



★ NETWORKING EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION

## Focus Group Workshop

### Participatory Budgeting

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11 – 12 October 2013

Berlin, Germany

Venue: Federal Agency for Civic Education/bpb, Friedrichstraße 50, 10117 Berlin

A European workshop organised by:





## **NECE Network and NECE Focus Groups**

The NECE Focus Groups are a new tool of the NECE networking process ([www.nece.eu](http://www.nece.eu)). They provide an exchange forum between the yearly NECE conferences and serve as a tool for more transparency about networking results of the conferences. These groups are open to everyone who is interested in a more intensive exchange and continuous work on specific topics and projects on a cross-national level. Focus groups can contribute to broaden and internationalise the know how of the participants and eventually organise joint projects across countries as well. Papers and documents of the focus groups can be published on the NECE website and/or presented at the yearly NECE conferences.

## **What is Participatory Budgeting?**

Participatory budgeting directly involves local people in making decisions on the spending and priorities for a defined public budget. Participatory budgeting aims to increase transparency, accountability, understanding and social inclusion in local government affairs. It also applies to a varying amount of the local Council's budget and the actual process is developed to suit local circumstances. Participatory budgeting was first developed in Brazil in the 1980s as part of a larger effort to establish democracy and citizen participation after decades of military dictatorship, political patronage and corruption.

## **Aims and perspectives**

The first workshop of the focus group Participatory Budgeting aims to find a constructive dialogue on the challenges and potentials of participatory budgeting between interested citizens and stakeholders of that field. The Federal Agency for Civic Education/bpb and the Dutch organisation ProDemos invite a small circle of European experts who will exchange views on experiences and new ideas on examples of good practice. Additionally, strategies for an efficient future networking and a concept to present the focus group at this years' NECE Conference in November in The Hague are going to be developed.



## Programme

**Friday, 11 October 2013**

Workshop moderation: **Benjamin Wunsch-Grafton**

until 1:00 pm Arrival and Check-In at Motel One, Spittelmarkt, [Leipziger Straße 50, 10117 Berlin](#)

1:30 pm Snack und registration at the Federal Agency for Civic Education/bpb, Friedrichstraße 50, 10117 Berlin, 4th floor

2:00 pm **Words of welcome and introduction**  
**Petra Grüne**, Federal Agency for Civic Education  
**Roelof Martens**, ProDemos – House for Democracy and the Rule of Law

2:15 pm **Introduction round of all participants**

3:15 pm Coffee break

3:45 pm **Input**  
**Participatory Budgeting: Types and Trends**  
**Norbert Kersting**, University of Muenster

Discussion

4:30 pm **Exchange rounds on concepts & practice**

*Within two smaller working groups challenges, potentials and strategies of the focus group are to be developed and clustered.*

**Followed by**

**Presentations of good practice-examples and ideas: Exchange on fields, projects, definitions, goals, techniques, challenges& potentials in the future**

6:30 pm **Summary**

7:30 pm Dinner at the Restaurant *Cum Laude* Universitätsstraße 4, 10117 Berlin

**Saturday, 12 October 2013**

9:30 am **Intro & warm-up: What are the task for today work?**

10:30 am **Working session**

*In two smaller working groups future working methods are to be discussed in order to improve the structural work within the focus group. The groups will develop working papers and it's visualization in order to record the outcomes.*

12:00 am Lunch

1:00 pm **Final conclusions and outlook**

**How to present the focus group at the NECE Conference in The Hague**

3:00 pm **Farewell** by the organisers and departure

## Organisational Advice

### Conception and organisation on behalf of the Federal Agency for Civic Education:

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### NECE Focus Group Workshop Accommodation

Hotel "Motel One am Spittelmarkt"

Leipziger Straße 50

10114 Berlin

<http://www.motel-one.com/de/hotels/berlin/hotel-berlin-spittelmarkt/>

### NECE Focus Group Workshop Venues

Federal Agency for Civic Education (bpb)

Krausenstraße 4 / corner Friedrichstraße

10117 Berlin

<http://www.bpb.de/>

## How to get to the Hotel

### From Airport "Schönefeld SXF" to the Hotel "Motel One am Spittelmarkt"

Arrival at the Berlin Airport "Schönefeld", please take the train RE7 in the direction of "Dessau, Hauptbahnhof" or take the train RB 14 in the direction of "Nauen, Bahnhof" and get off at the train station "Alexanderplatz Bhf". Please, change to U-Bahn U2 in the direction of "Ruhleben" and get off at the station "Spittelmarkt". Walk down Wallstraße to the West, turn left onto Leipziger Straße. After 60 meters you will find the Hotel "Motel One am Spittelmarkt" (Leipziger Straße 50) on your left hand side.

The trains depart about every 26 – 34 minutes (single ticket costs 3,20€, day ticket costs 7,20€) and the journey takes approx. 45 minutes.

### From Airport „Tegel TXL“ to the Hotel „Motel One am Spittelmarkt“

Arrival at the Berlin Airport „Tegel TXL“, please take the Bus X9 in the direction of „Zoologischer Garten“ and get off at the final destination „Zoologischer Garten“. Please, change to U-Bahn U2 in the direction of „Pankow“ and get off at the station „Spittelmarkt“. Walk down Wallstraße to the West, turn left onto Leipziger Straße. After 60 meters you will find the Hotel "Motel One am Spittelmarkt" (Leipziger Straße 50) on your left hand side.

As an alternative take the Bus TXL from the airport in the direction of "Alexanderplatz via

Hauptbahnhof” and get off at the station “Turmstraße”. Please, change to the U-Bahn U9 in the direction of “Rathaus Steglitz” and get off at the station “Zoologischer Garten” and change to the U-Bahn U2 in the direction of “Pankow” and get off at the station “Spittelmarkt”. Walk down Wallstraße to the West, turn left onto Leipziger Straße. After 60 meters you will find the Hotel “Motel One am Spittelmarkt” (Leipziger Straße 50) on your left hand side.

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### **From the central train station “Berlin Hauptbahnhof” to the Hotel “Motel One am Spittelmarkt”**

Arrival at the central train station “Berlin Hauptbahnhof”, please take the S-Bahn S7 in the direction of “Ahrensfelde Bhf” or the S-Bahn S5 in the direction of “Hoppegarten” and get off at the train station “Alexanderplatz Bhf”. Please, change to the U-Bahn U2 in the direction of “Ruhleben” and get off at the station “Spittelmarkt”. Walk down Wallstraße to the West, turn left onto Leipziger Straße. After 60 meters you will find the Hotel “Motel One am Spittelmarkt” (Leipziger Straße 50) on your left hand side.

The trains depart about every 2 – 5 minutes (single ticket costs 2,60€, day ticket costs 6,70€) and the journey takes approx. 20 minutes

### **How to get to the Federal Agency for Civic Education (bpb)**

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The trains depart about every 26 – 34 minutes (single ticket costs 3,20€, day ticket costs 7,20€) and the journey takes approx. 45 minutes.

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The trains depart every 4 minutes (single ticket costs 2,60€, day ticket costs 6,70€) and the journey takes approx. 20 minutes.

**How to get from the Hotel to the Federal Agency for Civic Education (bpb)**

**From “Mitel One am Spittelmarkt” to Federal Agency for Civic Education (bpb) by bus**

Walk 180 meters to the U-Bahn station “Spittelmarkt” and take the bus 147 in the direction of “Mitte, Robert-Koch-Platz” or the bus M48 in the direction of “Zehlendorf, Busseallee” until the bus station “Stadtmitte/Leipziger Straße. Please, head west onto Leipziger Straße and at the next crossing cross the street and turn left into Friedrichstraße. After 100 meters you will find the building of bpb (Krausenstraße 4/corner Friedrichstraße) on your left hand side.

The bus runs every 10 minutes (short-houl-routes costs 1,50€, day ticket costs 6,70€) and the journey takes approx. 11 minutes.

As an alternative take from the U-Bahn Station “Stadtmitte” the bus 265 in the direction of “Stadtmitte/Krausenstraße” until the final destination “Stadtmitte/Krausenstraße”. Cross the street and you will find the building of bpb (Krausenstraße 4/corner Friedrichstraße) on your right hand side.

The bus runs every 10 minutes (short-houl-routes costs 1,50€, day ticket costs 6,70€) and the journey takes approx. 10 minutes

## Walking from Hotel “Motel One am Spittelmarkt” to Federal Agency for Civic Education (bpb) approx 10 minutes

Please head west onto “Leipziger Straße” and turn left into “Krausenstraße”. After 110 meters, please turn right and keep straight at Krausenstraße. After 550 meters you will find the building of bpb (Krausenstraße 4/corner Friedrichstraße) on your right hand side.

