



PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING : AN INTRODUCTION

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« Gives people real power over real money. »

PB started in Porto Alegre, Brazil, in 1989, as an anti-poverty measure that helped reduce child mortality by nearly 20%.



PB has now spread to over 7,000 cities around the world, and has been used to decide budgets from states, counties, cities, housing authorities, schools, and other institutions



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At local level mainly, even if exists on larger scale:
Poitou Charente, Portugal...



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- ▶ Financing projects for improving life environment, social inclusion, green areas, youth equipments, promoting culture and sports, etc.



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PARTICIPATIVE BUDGET : HOW DOES IT WORK ?

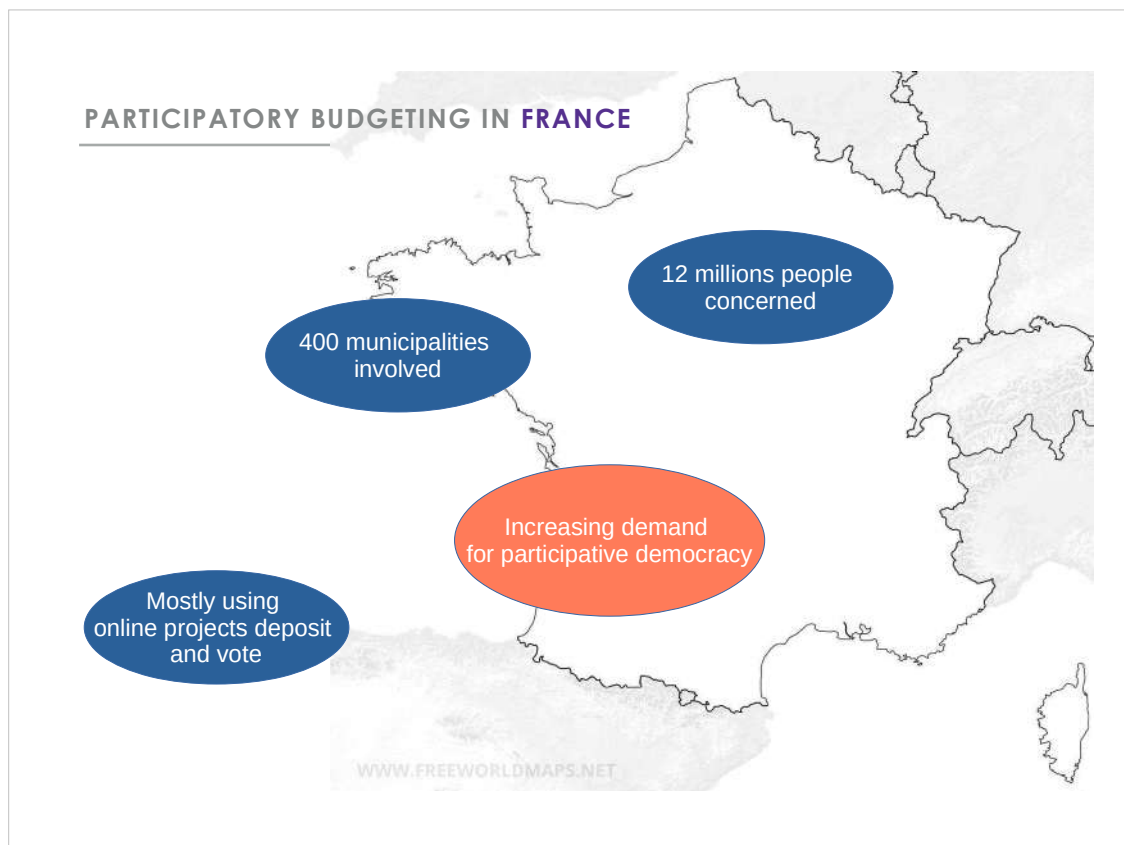


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Steering committee can be composed of elected members from the city council (case in Angoulême with majority and opposition) or includes citizens, or others actors (associations, people from the university...)

5 phases that are adapted depending on the context



1 French people in 5 is concerned / mainly big cities but not only

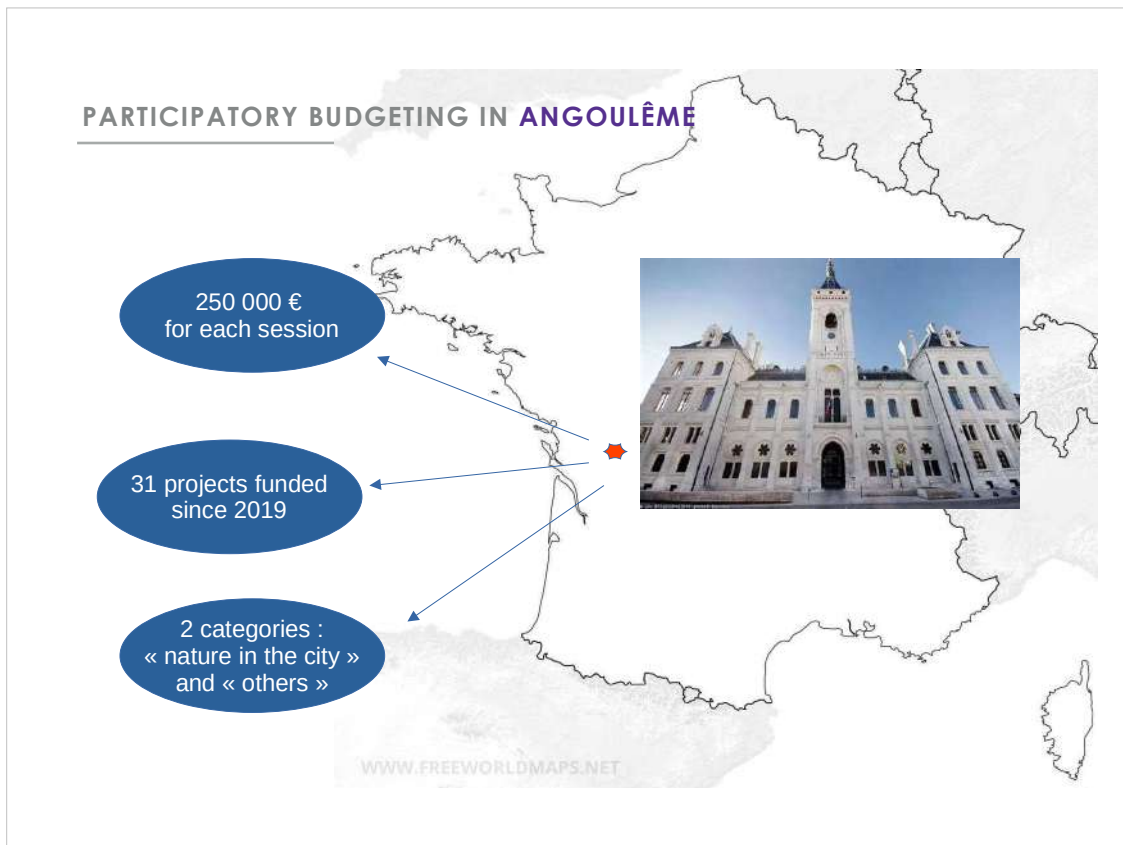
1/5 cities with 20,000 to 50,000 inhabitants implemented a participatory budgeting (even if it did not last everywhere)


Figures are to compare with only 10 PB in France in 2016 and 140 beginning of 2020

Strong increase partly due to need to restore dialogue with citizens

Struggle against loss of confidence into democratic institutions and especially representative democracy/ after crisis of yellow jackets, covid .

Build a process of cultural adaptation
France being a centralized country where participative democracy is to develop

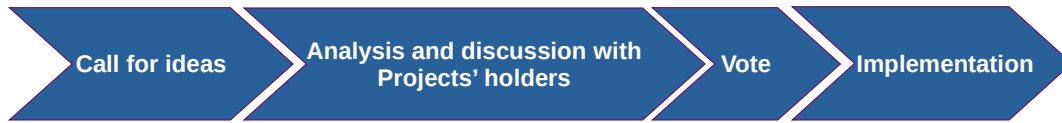





Launched in 2019 when city council decide to
make possible for citizens to propose ideas
17 projects in 2019 
14 in 2021

Projects selected among those proposed by
citizens if they correspond to municipal
jurisdiction

Etiher « nature in the city » to promote green
areas or other projects corresponding to
competences of the city council : culture
(work of art in public space for ex), sport,
living environment, social action, inclusion
and solidarity, equipements for youngs and
children (play grounds, city stadiums..),
prevention and security

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING IN ANGOULÊME



- ▶ Everybody can participate, without any limite of age or nationality, individuals or groups 
- ▶ By proposing ideas online, with platform jeparticipe.angouleme.fr or by filling a form (in public libraries, city hall, social centers..) 
- ▶ City council studies all projects. If they are feasible, they are voted on 
- ▶ Every citizen in Angoulême can vote and choose 5 favorite projects using platform jeparticipe.angouleme.fr or paper bulletin.
- ▶ Municipal services implement winner projects



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Fitting out a square in center of the town

Picnic area and discovery trail in suburbs

Fitness trail in a public garden

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Books boxes to give and exchange books when read



Solidarity fridge to fight against food waste, in partnership with a student association


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Mural paint created by 3 students, to pay homage 
Angoulême's cultural life and festivals

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developping a vegetable shared garden with participation oh unhabitants 

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Inclusive playground Basseau : pictures are coming soon

