


# Youth participative budget

## CHANGE! Good practice factsheet

Title of good practice/initiative	Image/photo of good practice/initiative
<p>Youth Participative Budget in Amarante</p> 	

### Description of the good practice /initiative: history, activities, number of involved people, territorial scope, current scale, future plans, impact and benefits (Max. 400 words)

What would you do with 15 000 € for your city? Young people were challenged to present a project for Amarante, Portugal. Youth Participative Budget framed in municipal youth policy, aims to bring young people to the local authority, consolidating democratic participation and involvement. It is an important tool in promoting dialogue and bringing the youth to political power, a civic vision and public accountability.

Citizens aged between 14 and 30 years, residents, workers or students in Amarante can participate in the Youth Participative Budget, by submitting proposals and vote. The process has several phases: disclosure of Youth Participative Budget project; phase of proposals submission on the platform; Phases of project evaluation by three technicians of the municipality and 4 members of Amarante Youth City Council. The presented projects were in the areas of entrepreneurship, culture, sports, tourism and technology. The projects were under public discussion and then will be approved by the municipality. Later there is the public presentation of 11 proposals followed by the online voting phase.

### Brief description of how the specific local public service has been challenged (with figures, if possible)

This Project materializes the contributions of Amarante Youth City Council, as a consultative forum of the municipality on matters relating to youth policy. As part of its role and objectives, the Municipal Youth Council of Amarante was involved in the drafting of the rules governing the creation and implementation of the youth participatory budgeting. The Youth Participative Budget had its 1st edition in 2015, with the presentation of five proposals.

In technical evaluation phase it was concluded that only 2 projects met acceptance criteria. In 2015, the winning bid was the proposal Gonçalves, which is under implementation. This project aims to acquire bicycles by the municipality (adults and children) available in several locations around the city in order to enjoy nature and historical heritage.

In the 2nd edition of The Youth Participative Budget in 2016, the participation of young people grows. The municipality increased the disclosure and awareness among young people, with



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awareness-raising in parishes, in educational institutions and in the Youth House.

In this edition were presented 21 proposals in the platform - [www.opjamarante.pt](http://www.opjamarante.pt). In May and June, the Technical Analysis Committee examined all the proposals and 11 proposals passed to the next stage poll. The 11 proposals were presented publicly on July 25 and are in online voting stage until September 26, in the platform.

**Role of the municipality** within the process (e.g. how the municipality facilitates or coordinates the process to systematise/upscale a civic initiative)

The Municipality is the main coordinator of the project and responsible for monitoring through the digital platform crafted.

**Budget** (in total and municipality's own contribution)

15.000 to implement the project.

**Key attributes (success factors)** enabling (municipal) staff to implement the project successfully

Three members of municipality staff and four members of the Youth City Council; to implement the project successfully. Success factors: Be possible to open a space for reflection and dialogue between young people in finding and building innovative creative solutions to the problems and needs of the municipality.

**Key internal, organisational, behavioural weaknesses** the municipality/organisation had to overcome during the process

In the first edition the youth participation was very low

**Links** to website for further information on the good practice/initiative

[www.opjamarante.pt](http://www.opjamarante.pt).