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Participatory Budgeting in Intermediary Cities

THE PORTUGUESE NETWORK OF PARTICIPATIVE MUNICIPALITIES AND PARTICIPATORY BUDGETS IN VALONGO

Municipality of Valongo Portugal - Europe



Our mission is to inspire every day each one of our citizens to be more empowered and enlightened in order to become more autonomous and participative.

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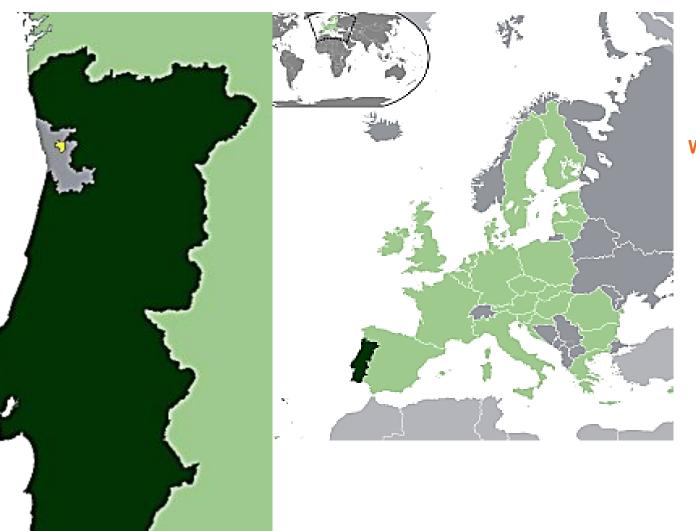


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- Participatory Budgeting I matter!
- (micro scale experience);
- Participatory Portuguese Municipalities Network;
- Our challenges and advantages of
- being an intermediary city;



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VALONGO

100 000 inhabitants

Porto Metropolitan Area (1 800 000 inhabitants)





Valongo Youth Participatory budgeting

Since 2014 more than **270 ideas** were proposed, more than **100** run for it and over **12 000 Young People [from 6 to 35 years]** voted.

In **2018** : opportunity to present intergenerational ideas putting together young and senior population

Valongo Youth Participatory budgeting

Direct results:

- 270.000 € invested in projects
- **27 projects** implemented in the municipality primarily in more rural areas



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Indirect results: + Additional € 350,000 spent on projects; Decrease of economic and social differences in the municipality; Increase democratic interest in young people and the sense

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de junho

Votação - 18 de maio a 29

Gala final - 30 de junho.

resultados. Com início às

16h30, Fórum cultural de

Ermesinde. A ENTRADA É GRÁTISI

com divulgação dos

municipality;

Strengthening of our

team;



World Forum

Intermediary Cities

OPJV 19 Parque para todos - "Dos 8 aos 80"

Criação de um Parque Desportivo, com equipamentos de ginástica, num espaço Municipal

Criação de um Festival, onde serão

OPJV 29 Concretização de um Sonho

representados os tipos de música e

VALONGO

CÂMARA MUNICIPA

OPJV 23 Festival do Mundo

de rolamentos, entre gerações. OPJV 71 Avô, contas-me uma história?

OPJV 99 Alegria e Companhia

atividades, para combater a

solidão da geração sénior do

Organização de várias

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cultura, educação e ações

resposta às duas gerações.

solidárias, com principal base de

intervenção a saúde, que deem

OPJV 7 Gerações em Rolamentos

Criação de um evento, onde se

realize uma corrida de carrinhos

Preparação dos idosos, para contar/ler histórias às crianças da pré-escola e 1º ciclo.

Criação de um Concerto, com cantores portugueses, para crianças com doenças ou deficiências crónicas.

danca de outras culturas.

AS PROPOSTAS DA CATEGORIA EXTRA-ESCOLAR CONTINUAM NO VERSO DESTE FLYERI



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objective: to improve the quality of life of employees (happy people work better);

541 civil servants involved;

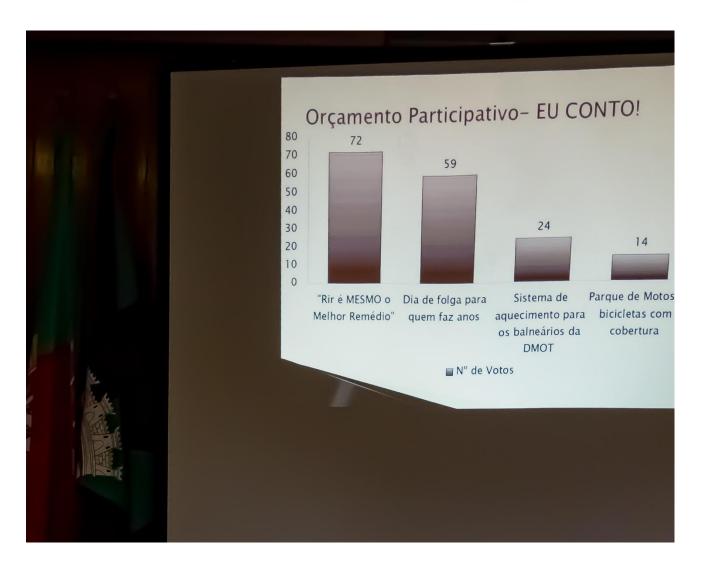
Clarification and information sessions in each Departments;



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- Amount debated : **2500€**;
- Process duration : 3 months;
- Two staff involved;
- 60 proposals;
- + 70% of all civil servants voted
- Winning project : Free and accessible health and wellness sessions



- Participatory Budgeting I matter!
- Opening of a positive communication channel between civil servants and elected local authorities ;
- Identification of problems and solutions by civil servants;
- Increase of unity and belonging feeling;
- Oct Dec 2018 : 2nd edition



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Participatory Portuguese Municipalities Network Chair : Valongo Mayor





A collaborative network that brings together around 60 municipalities committed to the development of participatory democracy mechanisms at local level.



Some CHALLENGES WE ARE FACING as an Intermediary PB City

- High levels of civic literacy, low levels of voting participation;
- Limited PB working team;
- Limited financial and logistical resources;
- Bad exemples run fast so be careful!
- Confusion between a project proposal and who is proposing it;
- Lobbies of some community groups;
- Still reduced PB investment when compared to others in the world decrease in world representation;
- We are still at an experimental stage.



// Some of our comparative ADVANTAGES for being an Intermediary City:

- Greater closeness of the team in relation to the elected local authorities and the population;
- Greater easiness of action [less bureaucratic for being a smaller admin. structure ;
- Easier social groups identification and easier identification as people and their stories;

// what we are proud of:

- 5 PB processes in a row successfully concluded despite difficulties;
- 100% of PB voted projects implemented ;
- Continuous Increase of number of yearly proposals
 - **11** projects proposed in 2014 whilst **105** in 2018 !
- Growth in the number of young people involved;
- Creation of an innovative additional participatory budget process : *I matter*;
- Inter-generational [Elderly / Young] projects now eligible [Great success];
- Projects and participations throughout our municipality respecting gender and different social groups;
- Involvement in both national and global communities through our experience [both ways benefits];

PB is one among various tools for public participation that we use in Valongo.



// Recommendations:

- Engage with the population;
- Materialize the voted proposals in the promised periods;
- Communicate the whole process;
- Do not stop searching for solutions and increase investments in PB;
- Listen to and learn from others experiences;
- Keep studying and working hard and **never give up** !



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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jn3ns_jlpug&t=21s





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