

Project overview



- Good Practice Title: Systemische Anpassungen im Bürgerhaushalt Lichtenberg
- Name/s of the involved institution/s: Bezirksamt Lichtenberg von Berlin
- Three-line project description:
- Der neue Verfahrensablauf im Beteiligungsverfahren wurde von den beteiligten Dialogpartnern evaluiert und entsprechende Anpassungen vorgenommen.

1. Institutional setting

- Local elections in September 2011 brought change in political leadership
- The leadership identifies the continuation and reform of participatory budgeting in its "coalition agreement" as a political priority for the legislative period 2011-2016
- Federal Agency for Civic Education (bpb) as a companion
- The participatory budgeting committee is put together as a core committee in the development phase

2. Starting point

Various objectives/critic fields had to be addressed:

Timeframe: Streamline the period between proposal submission and implementation.

Role distribution between politics, citizenship and administration: mobilising, activating and involving citizens in the implementation process; reawakening political interest; project-specific dialogue with citizens and administration

Revise internet presence: focus on proposal submission, dialogue and proposal tracking; integration of social media services

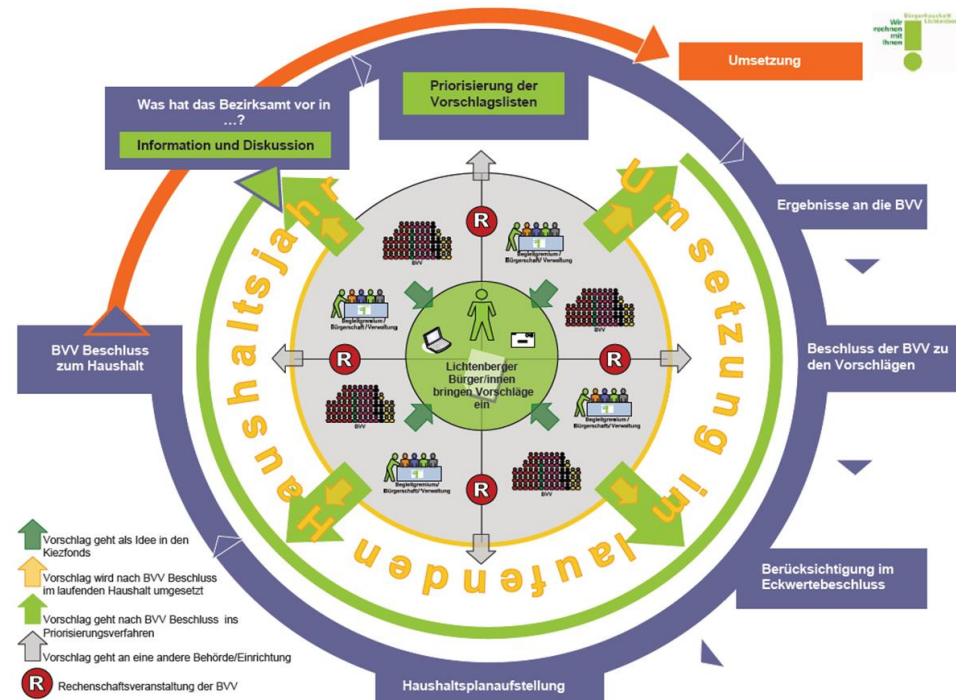
3. Approach

- **Create time** to perform an evaluation and development process
- Develop an appropriate **work structure**: Working committee with sub-working groups (consideration of interest groups)
- Involvement of external **cooperation partners** and experts
- Keep results and procedures **flexible and alive** and understand them



4. Outputs

- Proposals can be submitted **all year round**
- Acceleration** of proposal processing through structured processing procedures (e.g. intra-year procedure) and preliminary evaluation
- Consistent **personalisation** of all citizen suggestions
- Introduction of the dialogue in the Monitoring Committee on participatory budgeting** between proposal submitters and politicians and administrators
- quarterly referral to the District Assembly (BVV)** with proposals on participatory budgeting
- new internet presence & appealing public relations work



5. Lessons

- proven principle of **participative workshops** in connection with working group activities
- **Cross-party** involvement of political representatives
- Ensure **representation of interest groups**
- **Evaluate the practicability** of procedures after a certain period of implementation
- Create **transparency**



6. Follow up

Is the procedure close enough to the citizens?

Does it reach all target groups?

Do all participants feel integrated bindingly?

