

Participatory Budget – City of Paris

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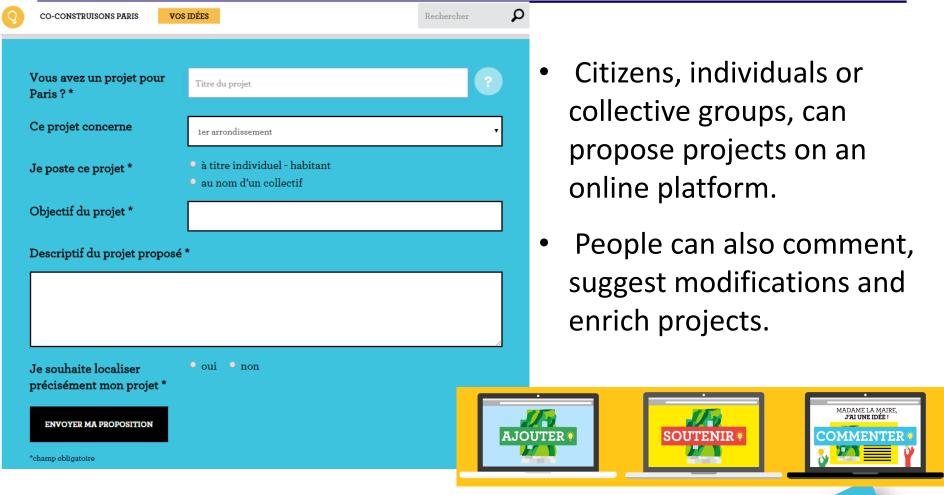
1. "Madame la Maire, j'ai une idée"

- ✓ A new platform of ideas and open consultation
 - → https://idee.paris.fr/
- ✓ To allow citizens to submit their ideas with easy access to an online moderator
- √ 6 campaigns, 1 currently running: Olympic Games 2024
- ✓ Budget participative: the 1st and principal one





Generating and collecting Projects











2. Participatory budget in Paris: our concept

- ✓ A democratic process based on a year long schedule with 4 main stages.
- ✓ Short background history in Paris : several years prior, the City of Paris began getting citizens involved in governance strategies by developing news forms of participation.
- ✓ A **new push given by Anne Hidalgo**: "Je fais confiance aux Parisiens: cette ville qu'ils connaissent mieux que quiconque, je veux qu'ils nous aident à la façonner, à la faire grandir." "I have the utmost faith in Parisians, a city they know better than anyone. I want them to help us shape and expand the future of Paris".
- ✓ Main goals are :
 - **To empower** the Parisians
 - The inclusion







2. Participatory budget in Paris: main keys

- √ 5 % of the city's Investment budget
 - = nearly 500 M€ 2014/2020
- ✓ The Parisian PB comprises a total of 21 PBs:
 - = 20 district PBs + 1 Paris PB
- ✓ 3 criteria for PB projects:
 - Capital discretionary funds invested in public spaces or municipal facilities
 - Falls within the city's purview
 - Is of general interest to Parisians

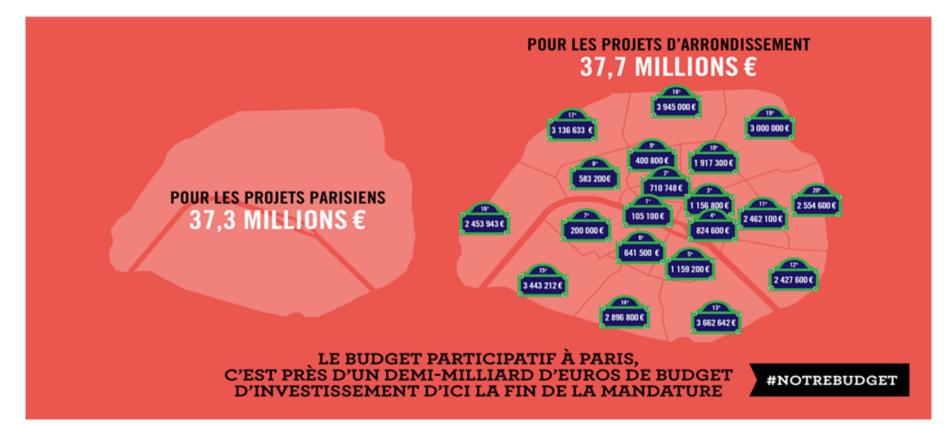






BUDGET PARTICIPATIF

75 MILLIONS D'EUROS D'INVESTISSEMENT EN 2015







3. Incentive tools for participation





- ✓ Explain how the Parisian administration works:
 - Online information available
 - "University of active citizenship program" = educational tool
- ✓ During the vote and the campaign:
 - Organization of an "Agora" to present all projects submitted
 - Information and participative kit to promote projects
 - Online vote + more than 120 physical ballot boxes in Paris
 - Mobiles ballot boxes + 5 three-wheeled ballot box bicycles







4. Feedbacks from last 2 PB campaigns

✓ High participation: around 40,000 voters in 2014 and 67,000 voters in 2015
→ BUT: difficult for citizens to choose among 77 parisians projects and 547 districts ones.

- ✓ Among the 5,115 submitted proposals : lots of ideas, but not enough constructed projets
 - → hard for the services to make feasibility studies
- ✓ A process too individualized : 2/3 of the projects individual (1/3 collective ones)
- ✓ A majority of the projects concern public spaces : 25% living environnement, 15% environnement, 13% transportation and mobility.







5. The PB in coming years : our challenges(I)

- ✓ Strengthening pedagogy to improve project quality:
 - A learning and assistance kit for citizens and district steering communities
 - More precision in our response to those proposals not selected
 - Citizens survey to collect service user feedback
 - → a single website : https://budgetparticipatif.paris.fr/bp/
- ✓ Opening the PB to other populations and larger variety of topics :
 - To ensure a diversity of thematics promoted by citizens
 - To encourage participation of foreigners residing in Paris and children
 - To focus more on underprivileged districts







5. The PB in coming years :our challenges(II)

- ✓ A **new scheduled process** which gives time for coconstruction :
 - a shorter consultation stage
 - A streamlining process to submit your project
 - A stage dedicated for co-construction
- ✓ Improve coconstruction → Fewer projects submitted for vote
 - Increase professional training for our public servants,
 - Developping digital and face to face meetings
- ✓ Carrying out the selected project and communicating on concrete results.





