

## Youth Participatory Budgeting in Estonia

*Democracy starts at school*

### What it is

Youth PB is democracy in action - a programme where students develop and vote on real projects to improve their schools and local community.

### How it works

- 🧠 Brainstorming
- 🗣️ Communication workshop
- ✉️ E-voting using national ID system/physical/hybrid
- 💡 Idea implementation
- 🗳️ Final event: feedback & forum theatre

### Why it matters

Throughout the process, students build essential skills for democratic life and personal growth:

- Collaboration and compromise
- Public speaking and persuasive communication
- Budgeting and financial literacy
- Digital and civic engagement
- Project planning and implementation
- Responsibility and empathy through teamwork

### Our impact so far

- 📍 27 schools
- 👥 5000+ students reached
- 💰 €32,000 in student-led projects
- 🗳️ Largest single voting event: 956 votes

### Next steps

We aim to scale the programme to more municipalities, embedding PB into curricula and local youth policy.

### More info

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