

Participatory Budgeting: Empowering Citizens in Public Finance

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Abstract. This article explores the concept of participatory budgeting as a tool for empowering citizens in public finance management. It examines how participatory budgeting initiatives can enhance transparency, accountability, and citizen engagement in budgetary processes. The study reviews various case studies to understand the implementation dynamics and impact of participatory budgeting on governance practices. By analyzing these developments, the article provides valuable insights into the role of citizen participation in public finance.

Keywords: Participatory Budgeting, Citizen Engagement, Public Finance, Transparency, Accountability

Introduction

Participatory budgeting has emerged as an innovative approach to involving citizens in public finance management, promoting transparency, accountability, and civic engagement. This article explores the dynamics and impact of participatory budgeting initiatives across different regions. By enabling citizens to have a direct say in budgetary decisions, participatory budgeting fosters a sense of ownership and responsibility among community members. The study examines various models of participatory budgeting implementation, highlighting their successes and challenges. It also discusses the factors that contribute to effective citizen participation, such as inclusive processes, capacity building, and supportive policy frameworks. Through case studies from diverse contexts, the article provides a comprehensive analysis of participatory budgeting's role in enhancing governance practices and strengthening democratic processes. By offering insights into the potential of participatory budgeting, the article serves as a valuable resource for policymakers and practitioners seeking to empower citizens in public finance management.

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