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Participatory Budgeting: International and Scottish Perspectives



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Sharing their experiences...



Róbert Bjarnason, Citizens Foundation, Iceland -
Your Priorities + Open Active Voting Tools



César Silva, Change Tomorrow, Portugal –
Participare Tool



Saty Kaur, Edinburgh City Council



JP Easton, Fife Council

In this session we will...

- Hear from Róbert, César, Saty and JP.
- Have a discussion in table groups: reflect on what you've heard, share your experiences of participatory budgeting, and discuss what you'd like to know.
- Share any key points and questions with the room.
- Close with a whole room discussion and final reflections from the speakers.



Try the digital tools!

The Democratic Society is hosting two sessions with technology providers from the UK, Iceland, Portugal and the United States.





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Digital Technology and Participatory Budgeting: Interactive Workshop



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Technology Providers



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Research into digital tools

Digital tools and Scotland's Participatory Budgeting programme

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What did we learn?

- Digital engagement is an important support for participatory budgeting processes, but cannot completely replace offline engagement
- Ensure a wider range of voices are involved in PB processes
- No single tool is significantly better than the others in all situations, and there's no universal platform for participation.

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