

Summary

The main research question of this dissertation concerns on participatory budgeting organizing in cities with powiat rights such as Sopot, Płock, Toruń, Poznań, and Kraków. The author makes an attempt to explain if the above cities use the same organization pattern in case of participatory budgeting. This question is important regarding the fact, that participatory budgeting was not regulated by state law to 2019. Despite this circumstance, the main hypothesis assumes that participatory budgeting in cities with powiat rights, in 2014-2018, was organized according to the one pattern. The presented dissertation makes an attempt to solve the above research question. However, the described conclusions should be treated rather as an introduction to in-depth research than their closing.

The first chapter of the dissertation describes the genesis of the participatory budgeting and expansions and evolution of this idea in the whole world. Moreover, the author presents an analysis of the current typology of participatory budgeting and its utility as a research tool. The author makes an attempt to analyze the proposals of legal solutions to this issue and the possible consequences of the governmental act "ustawa z dnia 11 stycznia 2018 r. o zmianie niektórych ustaw w celu zwiększenia udziału obywateli w procesie wybierania, funkcjonowania i kontrolowania niektórych organów publicznych". Moreover, the author describes and compares the participatory budgeting and Solecki Fund. The main purpose of the third chapter is to present research questions, methods and research tools of the presented dissertation. The most important part of this chapter is a subsection that describes a typology of Yves Sintomer, Carsten Herzberg, Anja Röcke, and Giovanni Allegretti. The above typology was modified by the author and used as a research tool. Another five chapters presented the results of research on participatory budgeting in Sopot, Płock, Toruń, Poznań, and Kraków. The author describes the genesis of participatory budgeting in the above cities, its experiences, and characteristic features.

In the last chapter of this dissertation, the author presents the main conclusions of research on participatory budgeting in the cities with powiat rights and pointing weakness of thesis hoping that it inspires another researcher to improve and develop inquiry. In this part, the author also propose another research question and thesis, which may be useful in the next scientific research.