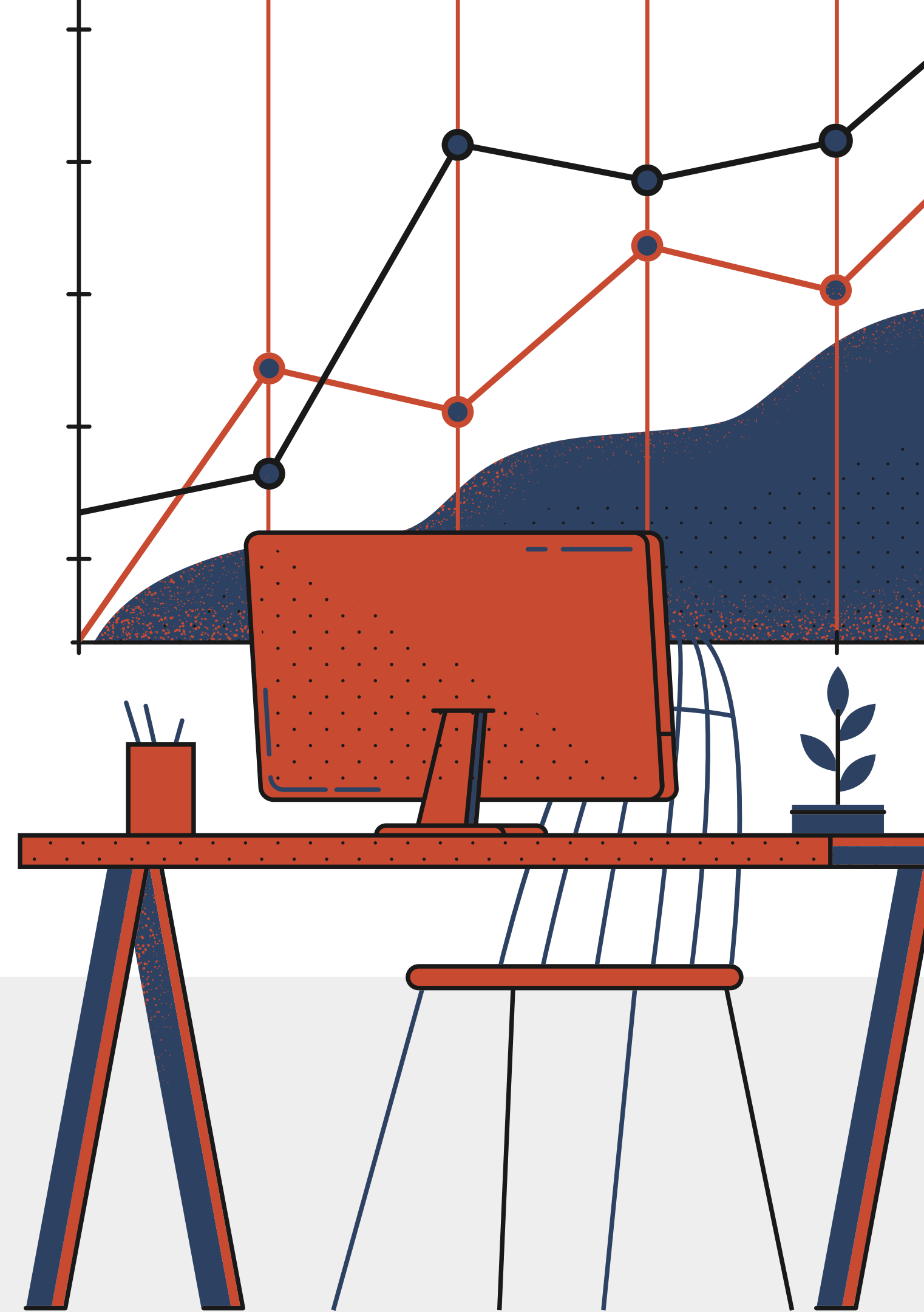


Giving Back Power to Citizens

Evaluating the success and exploring the future of participatory budgeting in Budapest

12 June 2024



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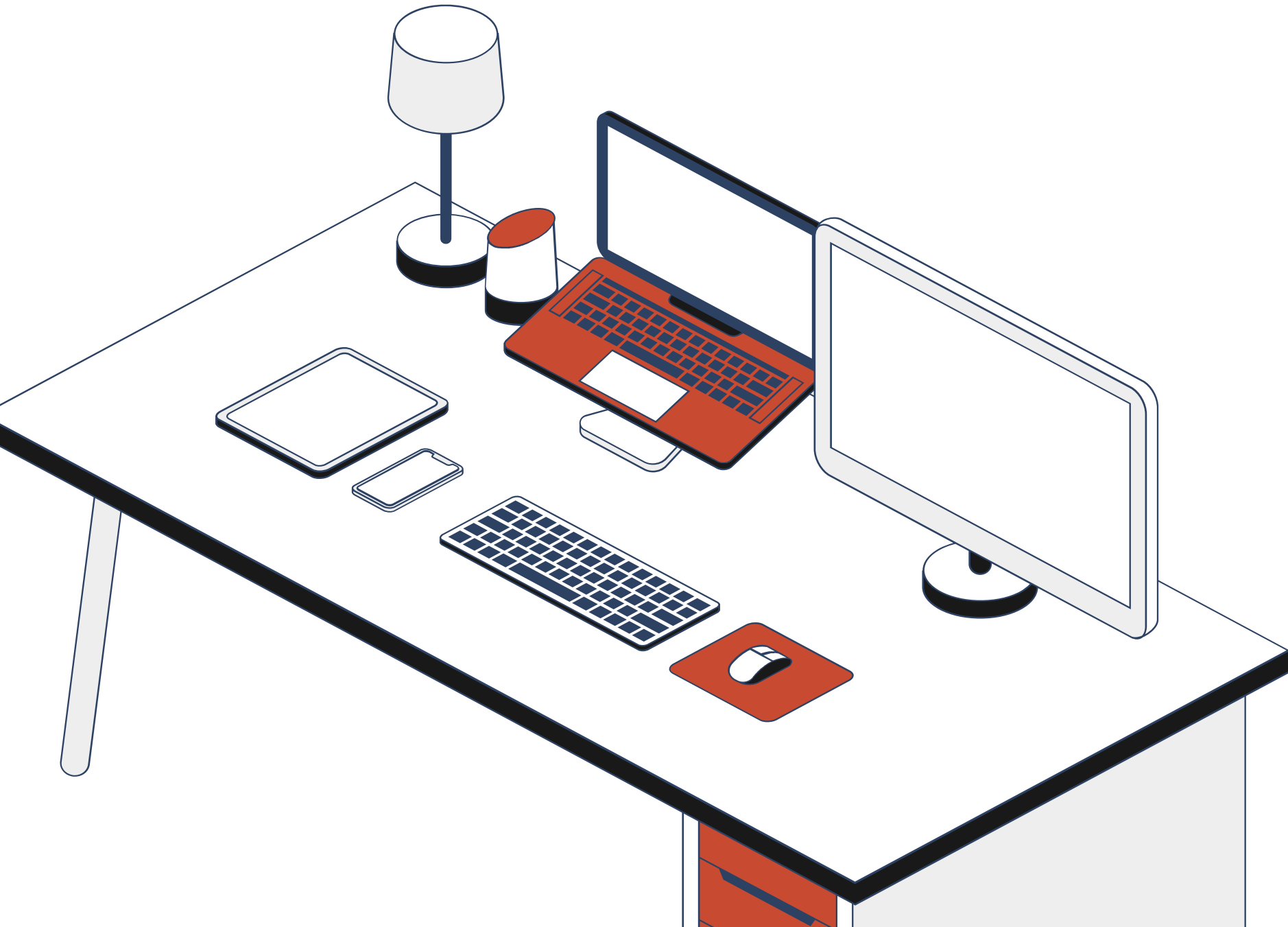
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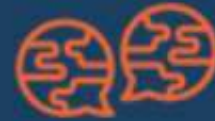
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Active research



**PB WORLDWIDE**

11690-11825

1 EUROPE

4577-4676

39,07 - 39,53%

2 SOUTH AMERICA

3061-3081

26,30 - 26,50%

3 ASIA

2773-2775

23,67 - 23,46%

4 AFRICA

995-958

8,13 - 8,19%

4 NORTH AMERICA

178

1,50 - 1,52%

5 CENTRAL AMERICA & CARIBBEAN

132-142

1,14 - 1,20%

6 OCEANIA

12-15

0,10 - 0,13%



Participation

- **Result:** Budapest lags behind Warsaw and Madrid when it comes to participation rates.
- **Limitation:** Participation growth might lead to the deterioration of the quality of ideas and the deliberation process
- **Conclusion reached:** To increase participation, the allocation of more funds is necessary, but only while ensuring citizens are properly informed.

Table 1: Number of PB participants in Budapest, Madrid and Warsaw between 2015 and 2023

City	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Budapest							0,8%	1,3%	1,6%
Madrid		1,4%	2,1%	2,8%	2,3%		1,5%		
Warsaw	9,6%	9,9%	7,3%	6,7%	5,0%	5,7%	5,9%	5,0%	4,8%



Impact on budgetary decisions

- **Result:**
 - The impact of the Budapest PB on budgetary decisions is significantly smaller than that of Warsaw and Madrid.
 - People are not aware of the cost of implementing certain ideas.
- **Limitation:** Due to relatively low participation, some organizations with good mobilization capacities can “hijack” PB
- **Conclusions reached:** People need to be properly informed and empowered.

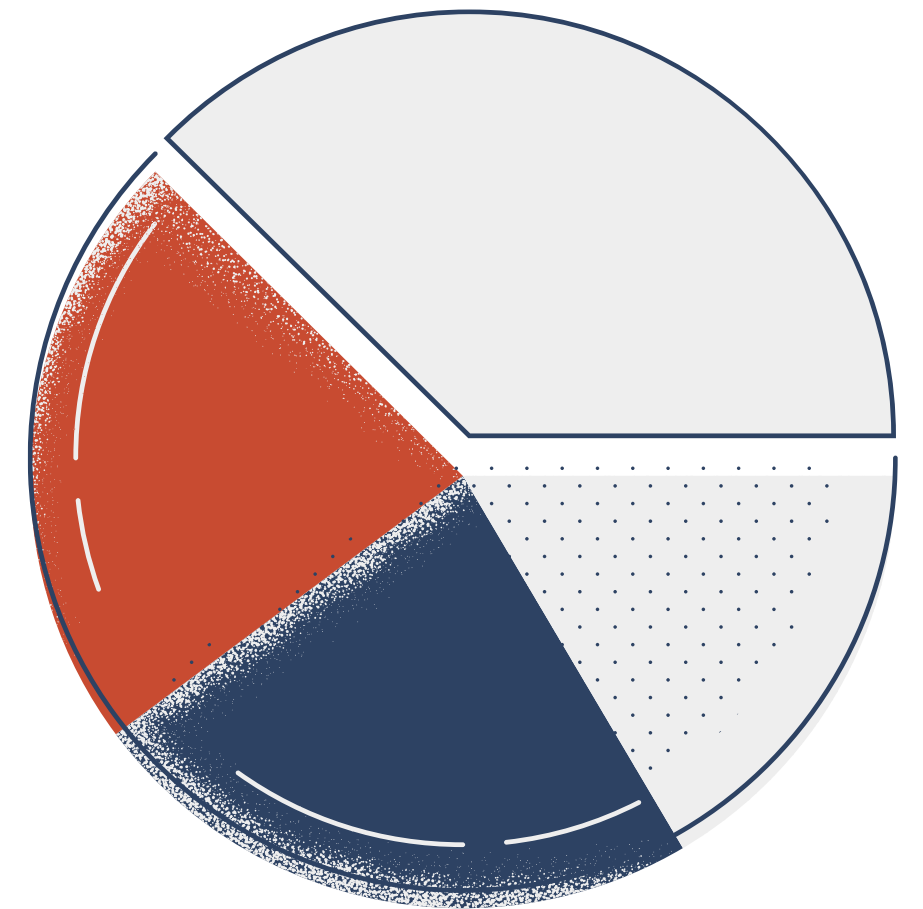
Table 3: PB budget in million EUR in Budapest, Madrid and Warsaw between 2015 and 2023

City	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Budapest							2,6	2,6	2,6
Madrid		60,0	100,0	100,0	90,0		50,0		
Warsaw	6,0	11,7	13,5	14,1	14,3	19,0	19,0	21,5	23,3



Representativeness

- **Result:** Due to lack of data, it is hard to draw any conclusions.
- **Limitation:** Is representativeness actually important?
- **Conclusions reached:** The Budapest PB is the only process out of the three that promotes PB's original goal of redistributing wealth and supporting poorer neighbourhoods.





Savings-based PB

Based on German processes, where citizens decide on where to save instead of where to spend.



School PB

Introducing PB in schools to teach them about the logic of budgeting and the importance of active involvement in decision-making.



Volunteer base

Creating a volunteer base to counter the lack of human resources.

Thank you!

