

Helsinki's participatory budgeting

This is the easiest way to vote:

1. The quickest way to vote is clicking on the bronze-green top banner on the front page or clicking on 'Helsinki's participatory budgeting'.
2. The site will ask you to verify your identity before you can vote. If you are an adult, you can verify your identity with your online banking ID or mobile ID. Children in grades 6–9 in comprehensive school can verify their identity with their Wilma ID.
3. Click on your preferred identification method and follow the instructions. After you have successfully verified your identity, click 'Continue'. The service will automatically verify your age and place of residence to ensure you are eligible to vote.
4. After this, the service will ask you to accept its terms and conditions. Click 'Accept terms and conditions'.
5. After this, the service will ask you to select the major district where you wish to vote. The service will automatically suggest a major district based on your postal code, but you can change your voting district using the drop-down menu.
6. After you have made your choice, you will see both the major district you have chosen and the voting area of the entirety of Helsinki where all residents are allowed to vote regardless of their major district.
7. Go to the voting process by clicking on either box. In Helsinki's participatory budgeting, you can vote for as many plans as the district's budget allows for. For example: if the district's budget is 450,000 euros, you can vote for two projects worth 200,000 euros each and one plan worth 30,000 euros (equalling a total of 430,000 euros). You can select the plans you wish to vote for by clicking on the checkmarks on the list.
8. In the box at the top of the window, you can see a list of the plans you have selected. There is also a bar that shows how much of the budget you have used. You can leave some of the funds unused.
9. When you are happy with your choices, click 'Confirm selection'. After this, you will need to confirm your vote once more by clicking on 'Confirm' in a pop-up window.
10. The top bar will display a message saying your vote has been registered. Click 'Back to the list of districts' to go to the previous view.
11. On the list, the green text saying 'Voted' indicates that you have already voted in this district. You can now move on to vote in another district. The voting process is the same for all districts.

Youth Ruuti Budget:

If you are in grades 6–9 in comprehensive school, you can also vote in your own Ruuti district. You can find the link to the Ruuti voting on the front page.

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2. The site will ask you to verify your identity with your Wilma ID before you can vote. Follow the instructions and enter your Wilma ID. If you have forgotten your Wilma password, you can request a new one at <https://wilma.edu.hel.fi/>.

3. The service will automatically direct you to vote in your Ruuti district. Your Ruuti district is based on your school.

4. In the Youth Ruuti Budget, you are given a specific number of votes, from one to three, depending on your district. The number of votes will always be the same regardless of the cost estimates for the proposals. When you have used all your votes, click 'Confirm selection'. After this, the service will ask you to click 'Confirm' to finalise your vote.