

Gdańsk's Citizens' Assembly — Poland's First Binding, Sortition-Based Panel Born from a Deadly Flood

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Quality score: 81/100

Evidence strength: Strong

Summary

After a July 2016 flood killed two people, Gdańsk convened Poland's first sortition-based, binding Citizens' Assembly; 16 of 19 proposals passed an 80% supermajority and became city commitments, and the model was replicated in other Polish cities.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	3/3
Scalability	2/3
Sustainability / continuity	2/3
Innovation	3/3
Inclusiveness / equity	3/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-25

[City of Gdańsk \(Gdańsk City Hall\) with Pracownia Zrównoważonego Rozwoju \(Sustainable Development Workshop\)](#) — accessed 2026-09-25

[resilience.org: Solutions — How the Poles Are Making Democracy Work Again in Gdansk](#) — accessed 2026-09-25

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