

**Learning Project
Local Governance Assessment
Working Session 3 (8 March)**



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Understanding and transforming power relations at local level

PED:

- **Criteria to consider more in SDC's work**
- **Specific issues at local level:**
 - assessments of local governments
 - Decentralisation processes
- **Tools**

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Power Cube:

- **9 interacting dimensions of power**
 - Forms: visible / hidden / invisible
 - Spaces: closed / invited / claimed
 - Level: local / national / global
- **Experiences exist on conceptual level only**

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Application of Power Cube on local level:

- No experiences exist
- Sharique: Concept developed, 2 modules
 - Awareness on power relations and dimensions
 - Power analysis and action plan
- Discussion:
 - Purpose defines character of analysis
 - Participatory approach possible / useful?
 - Tool rather for framing than analysis?

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Open Discussion:

- Quality at entry requires power analysis
- Reflection needed on effects of own status and interventions in a set-up
- „Power map“ as tool for quick analysis of power relations and entry points for effective interventions (Nikola)
- Transparency of analysis' results? Effects?
- Achievements of specific goals vs. adherence to ethical principles
- Relevance of capacities, resources and competences in power analysis for SDC?

Conclusions:

- **On all levels (local / national / global) hidden power relations to be better taken into account**
- **Power analysis to be included in LGA tools as an important aspect**