

QUESTION OF THE WEEK, WEEK 7-9 (11.2-1.3.2026)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 313

The margin of error is 5 % and thereby the answers are considered to reflect the opinions of the population in Jakobstad.

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING 2026

In the Question of the Week the residents were asked: *“Residents’ budget is a way for the town of Jakobstad to do participatory budgeting. Participatory budgeting is a way to involve the residents in discussions, planning, and decision-making about how to use allocated tax revenues. The purpose of participatory budgeting is to give the residents a possibility to participate in the development of the town and to encourage them to improve their living environment.*

The town executive has allocated 20 000 euro for participatory budgeting in 2026. The participatory budget is yearly and the town executive is deciding the amount.

The object of participatory budgeting changes from year to year, but in 2026 the funding has no specific theme.

In this Question of the Week you can give suggestions on how the budget will be used and in a later Question of the Week you can choose between three to five alternatives. Projects suitable for participatory budgeting are such that doesn’t require continuous or considerable maintenance costs.

How would you use the allocated 20 000 euro?”

NEXT STEP

313 residents responded to the question of how the participatory budgeting allocation of €20,000 should be used. The proposals have been thoroughly reviewed by the working group of the Jeppis Gallup resident panel, and the plan is to select three to five alternatives for the second stage of the participatory budgeting process. This stage will be published as a Question of the Week on 18 March 2026 and will remain open until Sunday, 29 March 2026. The option that receives the most votes will be selected for Jakobstad’s participatory budget for 2026.

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