

Contribution from Klaus Sambor for the conference
We Don´t Have Freedom Without Basic Income

Title: National UBI-financing model for Austria and international strategic considerations

Short abstract:

The Attac group for UBI (Unconditional Basic Income) in Austria has developed an adaptive **UBI financing model** for Austria and is working on it to include the idea of the "Wertschöpfungsabgabe". The current status will be presented. The Att. 1 is the short version of our model. The "Wertschöpfungsabgabe" is not yet included.

Strategic considerations:

We should launch another European Citizens Initiative (ECI) for the introduction of the UBI. However we should wait for the improved regulations for an ECI. Before launching a second ECI, we need to find larger alliances. Examples could be "ECI Campaign (for improvement of the ECI regulation), StopTTIP Campaign, Quantitative Easing for the People, Reduction for working hours campaign.

One important argument is, that we could give aims by starting the second ECI for persons, who want to be involved to do anything to come to a social Europe. And our next ECI has to be well-prepared. We need more capable and powerful organizations than last time when we start, or the existing ones have to be in a much better position. Experiences of our "8. International week of UBI" should be used (e.g. in relation to make alliances with unions).

One further important question is, if we want to try to introduce an emancipatory UBI step by step or should it bring a big structural change in the social system. In times of crises big steps are easier to be implemented as small ones, because these big steps find people more adequate and can inspire and motivate. Therefore also big changes can be achieved in short time.

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