

**Short report of the
regional UBIE Meeting in Vienna**
(AT, CZ, DE, HU, SL, SK)

On the European Citizenship Initiative „Start Unconditional Basic Income“

List of participants: **see Att. 1**

A) Friday, 15th February 2019, 3 p.m.

1. Klaus Sambor **welcomed** all participants and all gave some background information about their engagement concerning the European Citizen's Initiative (ECI).

2. Short **report** about UBIE meeting in Budapest 23. - 25. November 2018.

There was a consensus which proposal of the different ECI texts should be accepted. The proposal of the working group ECI on UBI found least resistance. A decision was made that the final acceptance has to be made by the next general assembly of UBIE.

3. Final Discussion on the text of the „ECI on UBI“

The proposal text was discussed in detail in this regional UBIE-meeting and the result (**see Att.2**) was agreed on.

4. Planning ECI

a) Find national contact/responsible persons

1. Hungary: Coordinator EVAMARIA LANGER-DOMBRADY
2. Germany: Coordinator RONALD BLASCHKE
3. Austria: Coordinator KLAUS SAMBOR
4. Slovenia: Coordinator MARKO PUSNIK
5. Slovakia: Coordinator ALEXANDER STREDAK
6. Czech Republic: Coordinator MAREK HRUBEC
7. Sweden: Coordinator VLADAN LAUSEVIC
8. Romania: Coordinator MICHAELA MERESI
9. Italy: Coordinator MICHELE GIANELLA

b) Discussion about the start of ECI in January 2020, because new regulation for ECI will then be in force.

The working group decides to have everything ready that's necessary for the start of the ECI at the beginning of 2020. The exact start of collection of signatures can then be decided by the initiative to suit their best needs.

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c) We decide on a Kick-off meeting of the „Citizen's Committee“ right after the next General Assembly of UBIE (date to be determined)

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d) In order that the Commission provides the hosting of the OCSI (signature collection system) to the ECI Organisers free of charge, we will have to come to a Hosting Agreement.

NOT NECESSARY ANYMORE

e) We decide not to register under the current ECI rules. If that requires to register in January 2020, we will do so.

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f) After the text in ENGLISH is accepted, the translation procedure can start (will be done by the EU administration).

TEXT IS AGREED

g) Klaus will seek feedback for the agreed text from ECAS = assistance group for ECI.

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h) Beside the „official“ Citizen´s Committee (7 persons from 7 countries), the „real Citizen´s Committee“ (the responsible persons from all member states of our ECI), which will be the „Working Group“ shall be founded in the kick-off meeting after the general assembly of UBIE.

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B) Saturday, 16th February 2019, 10 a.m.

1) Discussion of the short report on ECI from Friday

after some modifications the working group agreed.

2. Other ideas and tasks to be discussed:

a) finding allies, e.g. anti poverty networks, european alternatives, labour unions, churches, environmental movements (sustainable development goals), care movements, social initiatives, possibly political parties, waldorf schools, and so on...

b) funding for campaign costs:

each country has to fund it´s own campaign, a shared fund should be created to cover collective efforts, countries with more possibilities should contribute more.

Facebook calls for taking action worked well last time, we should repeat that.

c) common logo, CI / option for different national ones

A strong international brand is most helpful. It could be translated into the countries' languages, but not changed in design. Proposals are most welcome before the next general assembly.

2. Timeschedule from official ECI Website



Year	Month	Descriptions of the phases
2018	25th March	Draft Text & Campaign Plan: (for discussion and decision in Göteborg)
2018	25th Nov.	Group Meeting Budapest decided in general to perform a ECI on UBI and accepted the first proposal text.

2019	16th Feb.	Group Meeting UBIE regional (AT,GER,HU,SLO,SK,CZ) to finalize the proposal text for the general assembly.
2019	March/April	Confirmation to be given regarding the proposal text from general assembly of UBIE (Yes/No, no changes!)
2019	April	Phase I: Collect slogan and logo proposals. Preparation of a central campaigning budget. Preparation of centralized activities. Decision from Initiative Committee for our ECI.
2019	Summer	Phase II: Preparation of the campaign. Finding allies Funding! Marketing and communication plan.
2020	January 1st	Phase III: Registration of the ECI IMPORTANT: Not before the new rules of the ECI are in place.
2020	Max. two months later	Phase IV: Decision by the EU Commission about registration
2020	Max 6 months after decision of EU Commission	If Yes, START of the collection of signatures. Collection runs for exactly 12 consecutive months.
2021		Phase V: Member states verify signatures within max. 3 month.
2021		Phase VI: Commission evaluation within max. 3 month
2021		Phase VII: Organisation of Hearing at the EU-Parliament
2021		Phase VIII: Formal Commission decision on follow-up with a legislative proposal.

3. Other matters (open)

4. Next steps

decide on date and location of UBIE general assembly

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