

Protocol of the ECI meeting

on „Start Unconditional Basic Income“

in Berlin (24th March 2019)

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1. After the wellcome by Ulrich Schachtschneider he gave a short report of the GA of the UBIE (confirmed final text for the subject matter of the ECI „Start Unconditional Basic Income“)

2. Discussen about the Objectives

After an intensive discussion the original objectives were shortend by deleting one part: „... at a level above the national at-risk-of-poverty threshold and linked to a reference basket of goods and services...“ and reads now as follows:

The introduction of an UBI shall achieve the aims of the EU to eliminate poverty, combat racism, social exclusion and discrimination. UBI will promote democracy, life in dignity and freedom, gender equality, social protection and justice, solidarity-oriented society, socio-ecological transformation of society and economy, and personal control of one’s time.

In the **ANNEX** (see Att. 1) to our ECI the 4 criteria of the UBI are defined and there we will find the deleted part of the objectives. It was agreed, that the ANNEX should be discussed, in order to get an agreed version before our next ECI meeting in Oct. 2019. A first proposal will be made by Ulrich Schachtschneider.

Remark: the ANNEX shall not have more then 5000 characters (without spaces).

3. Planned timeschedule for our ECI

For the timeschedule the following was taken into account: The statements of support for an initiative may only be collected after the initiative has been registered by the Commission. Under the new rules, all statements of support shall be collected within a period not exceeding 12 months from a date chosen by the group of organisers (the 'collection period'). That date must be not later

than six months from the registration of the initiative. The **initiative committee** shall inform the Commission of the date chosen at the latest 10 working days before that date.

Year	Month	Descriptions of the phases
2016	May	Working Group ECI on UBI (Hamburg)
	October	Working Group ECI on UBI (London)
2017	July	Working Group ECI on UBI (Ljubliana)
	September	Working Group ECI on UBI (Lissbon)
2018	March	Draft Text & Campaign Plan: (for discussion and decision in Göteborg)
2018	25th Nov.	Working Group Meeting Budapest decided in general to perform a ECI on UBI and accepted the proposal text.
2019	16th Feb.	regional UBIE Meeting (AT,GER,HU,SLO,SK,CZ) to finalize the proposal text for the general assembly.
2019	23th March	Confirmation was given regarding the subject matter by the general assembly of UBIE
2019	24th March	ECI meeting in Berlin
2019	April/May	Phase I: Collect slogan and logo proposals. Preparation of a central campaigning budget. Preparation of centralized activities.
2019	Summer	Phase II: Preparation of the campaign. Finding allies Funding! Marketing and communication plan.
2019	11th – 13th Oct.	ECI meeting in Vienna: Founding of the „Initiative Committee“; Finalize the paper for the registration for our ECI. Further preparation of the ECI campaign.
2020	January	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	Mid June	If Yes, START of the collection of signatures. Collection runs for exactly 12 consecutive months.
2021	Mid June	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.

4. Planning **ECI**

a) Nominate / find coordinators (status 24th March 2019)

Because until now only 12 countries have nominated coordinators (for each country it would even be useful also to nominate a substitute), Klaus Sambor will write to all coordinators from the first ECI, if she/he can again take over this function and if not, if she/he can propose an other person (persons) as soon as possible.

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| 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 |
| 10. Netherlands: | Coordinators ROBIN / WILLEM |
| 11. Spain: | Coordinator ANGEL BRAVO |
| 12. Bulgaria | Coordinator IVAYLO KIRILOV |

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 ECI meeting in Oct. 2019.

b) Under the new rules, the Commission will set up a **central online collection system** that organisers can choose to use for collecting statements of support online for their initiative. (The modalities of use of the central online collection system by the organisers will be communicated by the Commission in due time.) **It was decided**, that we want to use this (free of charge) central online collection system.

c) After the registration of the initiative, the Commission will provide translations of the text of the initiative and of an ANNEX.

5. Other ideas and tasks to be discussed:

a) finding allies, e.g. "mein - Grundeinkommen", 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...

It was mentioned, that already an „**ECI on UBI Campaign Plan**“ from Febr. 2018 is available. This paper was shortly presented and some items updated. The result is given as Att. 2 and will be improved in the ongoing process of the preparation of our campaign.

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. In the discussion 4 alternatives have been proposed:

- A „small countries“: 100 Euro; „big countries“ 500 Euro
- B no proposal in this meeting
- C number to be payed depending on „population and GDP“
- D dependent of activists

With the method of „systemisch konsensieren“ it was found the resistens points (RP) to the proposed alternatives as follows:

A 50 RPs; B 20 RPs; C 85 RPs; D 69 RPs.

So it was agreed, nothing to decide in this meeting (alternative B), but we will have the question only posponed to our ECI meeting in Oct. 2019, where any decision should be made.

c) common logo, ECI / 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.

In the discussion 2 alternatives have been proposed:

- A to use the logo from the first ECI (see Att. 3)
- B proposals should be made until the ECI meeting in Oct. 2019

With the method of „systemisch konsensieren“ it was found the resistens points (RP) to the proposed alternatives as follows:

A 61 RPs; B 55 RPs;

So it was agreed, to postpone the decision (alternative B) to our ECI meeting in Oct. 2019.

6. Other matters

- It was discussed, if we should have an office for the ECI process?
- Communication platform for the ECI process: Creating a Slack channel for internal communication (Ulrich Schachtschneider will prepare means for an internal platform and will send out a LINK „invite“, so that we can get experience with this tool, which e.g. is used already by UBIE.)
- There should be planned to have „milestones“ (e.g number of signatures each 2 month.) To have a common „start event“ at the same time in many countries. To celebrate an event at the end of signature collection or some weeks before the end date.
- We should try to come to discussions with politicians and „reach people“?

7. Next steps

The next ECI meeting will be **11th – 13th Oct. 2019 in Vienna**. More details and an invitation will be send out from Klaus Sambor.

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