

Contribution A (Version 27.Febr. 2018)

Reaction to the „**Quantitative evaluation of the survey of UBIE contact persons and members on the working group proposal for a new ECI „Start UBI“ (version 18/02/2018)** from the UBIE Core Group. (*kursive / italic words are taken out of the „Quantitative evaluation ...“*).

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OUR SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS:

Coordinators responses:

Fine that there exists **support for starting a new ECI from 19.3 member states = 84 %**. We do not think they would do so, when they thought the chance to be successful was small.

Of course it is not easy to estimate how many people will subscribe the ECI. By the way, normally someone does not give very optimistic forecasts, because you could be blamed for it, in case the aim is not reached.

It is true, some other countries do not yet see a large number of potential coalition partners for the campaign. Often such organisations as unions, churches, the service of labour market (working for the market and unemployed persons).

Remark: The Union can represent all people (the people, who work and get money for it and the others, who do not get money for their work – and the last mentioned need it more, than the others).

At the moment most of the unions fear to loose their influence and power, when the UBI comes. But they are loosing it now already. They have to react to the situation that by digitalization and robotics many working-places get lost. (Reduction of working time for all / more jobs.) So they will have to enlargen their area of responsibilities. They would have all the people from birth to death (easy organisation) as members, both groups: those who want to earn money additional to the UBI at working places with good conditions and those who want to live only by UBI.

In our times many people would like less constraints and threats, and more security and warmth, and so it is really the right time to start an ECI for the UBI. Especially now we need a UBI with the four criterions (elimination of poverty).

Because of all the mentioned reasons we need a powerful social net. It is the right time to require a strong, powerful social net.

It is necessary to draw attention to the fact that at the moment the government does act in the wrong direction. But they are dependent on their voters. Society needs social cohesion and solidarity between people, otherwise it will break into parts (precarity and richness at the same time).

For instance these groups are our potential coalition partners and they have big networks. They have the power to support us for the ECI. We will have many fruitful discussions with them and a target to aim at and that will increase peoples' enthusiasm and our activities.

Members' responses:

30 members from 15 countries would support a new ECI and 31 members from 14 countries would agree with the subject proposed by the working group

12% of the members have answered. **75% of them support the proposed ECI.**

Preliminary Conclusion: (by the UBIE Core Group)

There is generally a broad sympathy towards a new ECI campaign within the UBIE. However, the subject matter proposed by the working group fails to convince a broad majority of the UBIE network. ... We do not have the logistic potential at this point to actually collect this support.

Our Conclusion:

There is generally a broad sympathy towards a new ECI campaign within the **UBIE**.

- support for starting a new ECI (84 %)
- support the proposed ECI (75 %)

We should start an ECI on UBI!

Recommendation: (by the UBIE Core Group)

The Core Group would suggest to the Membership to consider a more appropriate subject for a second ECI which has more capacity to capture people's imagination as well as to get powerful allies beyond the UBI world on board.

Our Opinion: We are not of the opinion that an ECI with an other content would get more support than our proposal. In contrary, we are sure, that the support would be much less.

Options (for the GA in Göteborg) from the UBIE Core Group. Our answers are given in „bold“

1. What should be the primary objective of the campaign?

- 1. Influencing policy making on EU and/or Member State level*
- 2. Mobilising political support for basic income*
- 3. Raising awareness on basic income*
- 4. Activating and growing the network*

ad 1.) We see the primary objectives in the above mentioned ranking.

2. Do we want to do an ECI or a different pan-European campaign?

ad 2.) We want to do an ECI

3. If we go for an ECI, do we want an official registered ECI?

ad 3.) YES, of course we want an official registered ECI

4. What should be the content of the campaign?

- 1. A partial UBI - NO**
 - 1. Eurodividend*
 - 2. EU Child Benefit*
 - 3. Agrarian Basic Income*
- 2. EU-wide Pilots and/or funding research on UBI*

Not excluded, but it is clear that each pilot can show only a small part of effects and consequences.

3. The original proposal of the working group - YES

ad 4.) The content of the campaign should be in line with our original proposal of the working group which is slightly improved in the proposal in Contribution B („text“) and much more improved in Contribution C („campaign plan“).

Solution: A „common, social Europe, with a strong pillar of an UBI“.

If other steps were successful already before the introduction of the UBI, can this make easier the situation of the introduction of the UBI, because UBIE could use the advantages of these steps.

For the debate at the GA in Göteborg we will submit (27. Febr. 2018) 3 contributions:

- Contribution B (proposed text for the ECI on UBI)
- Contribution C (proposed campaign plan)
- Contribution D (possibilities for Contribution C)