



AGENDA

Unconditional Basic Income: Emancipating European Welfare

10 April 2014 (9h30 – 17h30)

European Economic and Social Committee, Van Maerlant Building
2, rue Van Maerlant, 1040 Brussels (Room VM3, 2nd floor)

- 9.30** Welcome from *European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)*
- 9.40** Welcome from Barb Jacobson, Chair, *Unconditional Basic Income Europe (UBIE)*
- 9.50** Amana Ferro, *European Anti Poverty Network*: Situation with income poverty and hidden poverty in Europe
- 10.05** Questions & Answers
- 10.15** Ronald Blaschke, Co-Founder and Member of the *Board of Netzwerk Grundeinkommen Germany*: Unconditional Basic Income – Consistently against (hidden) poverty and for real freedom for everyone
- 10.30** Questions & Answers
- 10.40** Coffee Break
- 11.00** Citizens Manifesto for European Democracy, Solidarity and Equality – Different Needs and Solutions. Elena Dalibot, *European Alternatives*, Project Coordinator
- 11.15** Questions & Answers
- 11.25** Gerald Häfner, MEP, *Greens*: Development of ECI and EU-Referendum – tools for more democracy in the EU
- 11.40** Questions & Answers
- 11.50** David Casassas, Member of *BIEN*, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona: Democracy and Unconditional Basic Income

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- 12.05** Questions & Answers
- 12.15** Werner Rätz, *Attac Germany*, Working Group *Enough for all* and Working Group *Beyond the Growth: Degrowth, Health and Unconditional Basic Income*
- 12.30** Q&A (ten minutes) and General Discussion
- 13.00** Lunch Break
- 14.00** Philippe Van Parijs, Chair of Advisory Board of *BIEN*: Euro- Dividend – An example for a partial basic income in Europe
- 14.15** Questions & Answers
- 14.25** Guy Standing, Honorary Co-President of *BIEN*: What can we learn from Namibian and Indian experiments with unconditional cash transfers?
- 14.40** Questions & Answers
- 14.50** Break
- 15.20** Building the European Movement for an Unconditional Basic Income (UBI) – Panel :
- Stanislas Jourdan, *French Movement for UBI*: How the ECI woke up the European movement
 - Valerija Korosec, *UBI Slovenia*: Running in the EU elections for UBI
 - Vahur Luhtsalu, *UBI Estonia*: Learning-by-doing: How we jumped on the ECI-UBI train (and what are the lessons learned)
 - Plamen Dimitrov, president of *CITUB, Bulgarian Trade Union*: Why Bulgarian trade unions are supporting UBI
 - Tomas Haimann, *UBI Czech Republic*: Perspectives from Eastern Countries
 - Anna-Béa Duparc, *BIEN Switzerland*: Lessons from the Swiss Federal Initiative for UBI and perspectives with the nationwide referendum
 - Lena Stark, *UBI Sweden*: UBI in the context of advanced welfare countries
 - Klaus Sambor, *Runder Tisch Grundeinkommen Austria*: The movement for UBI as part of wider social movements in Europe
 - Mihaela Meresi, *Romanian Open Society Abroad (DP-ROSA)*: UBI as fundamental principle of political, economic and social redesign in Europe: building the Ethocratic Union
- 17.30** Concluding remarks & closing of the event

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