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basic income

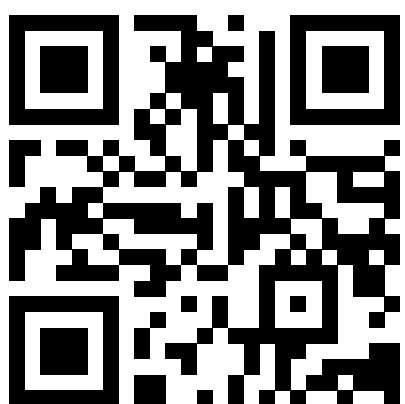
European Citizens' Initiative (ECI)

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From 4 January 2027 we are
collecting 1 million
signatures EU-wide. Then
the EU Commission must
address the issue.



This Initiative wants to establish an Unconditional Basic Income (UBI) in the EU. We see that with the rapid developments in **artificial intelligence and robotics**,

there is an urgent need to decouple our **livelihoods** from the ability to sell our labour power, as we will soon have a situation where there are not enough jobs for us.

A Basic Income will allow a **decent life** for everyone and will help to create a fairer society. Today, there is **more labour that is not paid at all** (often done by **women**) than there is paid labour, and within the sector of paid labour, there are a lot of so-called "**Bullshit Jobs**" that do not contribute anything useful to society. Often, these jobs depend on the creation of artificial scarcity and have a large **ecological footprint**.

Unconditional Basic Income (UBI) does not replace the **welfare state**; it **expands it**.
[..] Unconditional Basic Income is defined by the following four criteria:

Universal: UBI is paid to all those who are here, [..] It is paid without a means test
[..] →

Individual: [..] UBI will be independent of [..] the income or property of other household or family members.

Unconditional: As a human and legal right, UBI shall not depend on any preconditions [..]

High enough: [..] provide for a decent standard of living, [..]

Can it be financed?

As long as there is the same amount of goods and services produced, the UBI just means a **redistribution of wealth** from the top. [..] Who would still work? We already live in a world where most labour is unpaid, and still, people work and have to work. In order not to reduce the amount of goods and services, it makes sense that the financing of a UBI is done in a way disincentives useless "Bullshit Jobs" and artificial scarcity. In this sense, the project of establishing a UBI is a cornerstone in **transforming the European economy into an economy that works for the people**.

-- (Excerpts from the text of the ECI)