

5th European Coordination Meeting, 24th October 2020, 15:00 - 18:00 h

Participants: Michaela Kerstan (Ger), Angel Bravo (ES), Zita Stockwell (Hu), Ali Mutlu Köylüoğlu (Tur), Leo del Prado (Es), Jaanus Nurmoja (Ee), Evamaria Langer-Dombrady (Hu), Ivaylo Prem Kirilov (Bul), Klaus Sambor (At), Robin Ketelaars (NL), Willem Gielingh (NL), Marcus + Adam (Swe), Florian Weinzierl (AT), Heinz Swoboda (AT), Juha (Fin), Olga Paternaki (Gr), Raihere Maruhi (Fr), Ronald Blaschke (Ger), Ulrike Sambor (AT), Catarina Neves (Por), Helwig Fenner (Ger)

Excused:

Invited Guests: Helwig Fenner

Moderator: Klaus

Minutes: Michaela

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Thanks to Angel and the Humanistas por la Renta Basica!

Important: see the attachments in Klaus invitation mail!

15:05 Report of the Coordination Team meetings since our 4. ECM

a) ECI Cooperation Agreement - no further questions

b) Cooperation with ECI „Actions on Climate Emergence“ (ECI(2019)000015), see also Att. 1).

A corporation with Fridays for Future is on its way to share each other's ECIs over social media channels. We had a nice discussion during our last ECTM. We are going to exchange the lists of national coordinators with them to make better contacts in the countries. We will have further talks to get to a good cooperation.

c) Carina Autengruber, President of the European Youth Forum, supports our ECI on UBI.

P: Klaus Sambor / Ronald Blaschke

15:35 EU-Level Webpage and Paper Form

Our registered ECI:

<http://ec.europa.eu/citizens-initiative/public/initiatives/open/details/2020/000003>

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Klaus Sambor reports that the paper forms are not ready today, but will be during next week. He will inform every national coordinator as soon as they are available.

Ivaylo has the remark that the last time in 2013 many paper form supports have been denied by the ministry in his country, therefore he is of the opinion that it might be better to concentrate on online supporters.

Evamaria suggests editing the signatories from the paper forms into the system ourselves. Ali sees eventual legal problems.

Heinz: The verification process starts at the end of the collection now and will be executed by the EU. He thinks that it will not be a problem to register more persons from one IP-address.

Tests with the OCS of EU The actual state you can find on the LINK <https://eci-ubi.eu> <https://eci-ubi.eu/thankyou/>

P: Robin Ketelaars (Heinz Swoboda)

16:00 National Campaign plans

We from the ECI-UBI-Coordination Team will not make decisions for you, because you will be the best informed, what could be useful in your country to collect signatures.

actual state: What had helped to get signatures, what was not so well?

Hungary: Evamaria reports that they had to give up collecting because the lack of paper forms up to now. Many people don't have internet connections and need them.

Ivaylo has a group of people who supports him in Bulgaria. They will meet to discuss the ECI and what to do. He has prepared little flyers with information on the ECI that can be printed cheaply at home to distribute them everywhere. The same information he has prepared in a bigger format to hang them into restaurants and other places.

Ali and Ivaylo have prepared a video of how to sign the ECI, the text can be translated into every language to help the people to understand the process of signing.

Klaus reports about all the meetings and events they had up to now for the collection. Mainly they collected with online devices, but as soon as the paper forms are ready it will be easier.

Olga reports about the developments in Greece. They sent a press release when the campaign started. They have found some support, but most of the work is done by social media as facebook groups, etc., for unemployed people, minimum guaranteed income and all regarding poverty. They are planning to go out in the streets when things are better.

Ronald reports that he is not satisfied with the results of the newsletter sending, that were much to little signatures. We have to discuss how to improve the results to 100000 signatures each month to reach our goal.

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Angel: We need a common plan for all countries to go faster.

Raihere reports from France that they have started quite late. They are still building up the manpower to have an impact. Some people that have worked before have quitted. France needs more time to get ready. Positiv: There is a lot of demand from the political parties to get to know about the ECI and UBI but they don't have enough people to work that up. They have difficulties explaining that UBI is not a neoliberal idea. Jaanus: Are there any news about Corsica and their pilot project that was planned during the Corona crisis? Raihere: The parliament in Corsica is not able to decide on this finally because the majority is against it.

Evamaria tells about the meme Robin made for Poland, which could be made ready and translated also for all countries with difficulties or without national coordinators.

Sweden: Marcus and Adam have come to the campaign one week before and are willing to organize for Sweden. They will do a lot of work in social media, speak with political parties and ask for support. There is a basic income party, Willem and Ali will provide the contact data.

Jaanus: He hopes that they will have an organization from next week on in Estonia. There are some last details to be discussed. This will give them the possibility to spread the ECI over the media and online more effectively. He contacted a mayor who signed the initiative to get support from him, too. They are waiting for the raffle to get started to have a good hook line for the news.

Catarina Neves reports about Portugal that they had some media coverage of radio stations and print media. They are working on Facebook and have already six videos about the ECI telling stories of why people signed the initiative. The left party also gives support. She is hopeful to get up the pace by December if the crisis gets better.

Willem: Is disappointed about the outcome and cannot understand why the efforts they have put into this topic over the last years don't show in the number of signatures. He is not so optimistic up to now.

Robin thinks the campaign is going better than in 2013 and is quite optimistic still. We have to do more work on social media to spread the initiative. He has a group now that prepares catchy memes for this purpose.

Ali suggests using facebook advertising because of better impact. Robin: First we have to raise the money, then this will be done. At the beginning of 2020 Ali received an email from the UBIE asking for donations regarding the ECI-campaign. Ronald will ask Ulrich Schachtschneider about the money they raised then.

In 2013 there was a team of specialists who did the posting and advertising in facebook and scheduled the posts. We need such a group of volunteers now to get this done.

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Ronald: We will advertise in Germany, too. He will ask BIEN-members to donate for our advertising campaign.

Ivaylo proposes to invite people like Guy Standing or Philip van Parijs next year.

P: national coordinators

16:40 – Break (20 minutes)

17:00 Fundraising Report of the Raffle-Ad-hoc Group: Ronald Blaschke, Klaus Sambor, Willem Gielingh, Robin Ketelaars, Marten Kramer, Paul Ettl, Roswitha Minardi, Helwig Fenner, “Mein Grundeinkommen”

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Willem reports that there is still no bank account so that they cannot start now. The page is almost ready but will also not work without the account.

Robin shares the page with us on the screen. It is very nicely designed and nearly ready. Jaanus suggests to do the translations for the different countries but that can be done only when the site is online.

Helwig: There are still some technical problems with the website that have to be solved next days. Robin offers his help to do the troubleshooting.

P: Helwig Fenner R: Agreement with the national coordinators

17:30 Campaign support on EU-level

a) Weekly meme (Juha)

Juha has prepared many weekly memes up to now, which can also be translated. He tries to find another point of view every week. He got some input regarding the contents, positive and negative. He has some help from photographers and texters. The content is quite good but they still need to reach more people.

Willem proposes to make contact with people or organisations in Malta. Juha knows a person and will make the contact.

b) Creating special groups (Jaanus / Robin)

Klaus proposes to build special groups for special problems.

c) What exactly does the UBI initiative target (and whatnot)

The text from Jaanus is not useful for beginners but very good for experts.

d) Creation of an Ad-hoc-Group for an Email to all 704 members of the EU Parliament. Milestones at EU level

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Ali has provided us with a very good complete list of all members of the European Parliament. Ronald has prepared a draft for this email in English. There will be

reminders later in the languages of the countries.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1wPlgz0SIL_Mfrgi77Pi2r743WqgCIKqC8m3QCBPGi-U/edit#gid=641015348 by Carlos Arias

We go through the text shared on the screen. Ronald presents the text while Ali does the corrections directly.

P: Coordination Team

A number of milestones / meetings will be planned:

Ali has prepared an excel table with all relevant dates! He will pass it around!

1. START 25.09.2020 (achieved)
2. March 2021 (asking for a General Assembly of UBIE ?)
3. 1st May, 2021 – Basic Income Day
4. 9th of May, 2021 – EU Day
5. Final events during the „14. International Basic Income Week“
6. Bi-monthly EUROPEAN COORDINATION MEETINGS (ECMs)
7. ECI-UBI Coordination Team Meetings

- About teaming with other ECIs. Email base supporters of Fridays 4 future and UBI to support both initiatives

8. Monthly Meetings to Share Experiences and Best Practices “Best Practices during UBI Advocacy” The meetings will be held on 3rd Mondays of each month, at CET 20:00.

The new dates of the coming meetings are;

- 19th of October, 2020, at CET 20:00 (achieved)
- 16th of November, 2020, at CET 20:00
- 21st of December, at CET 20:00
- 18th of January, 2021, at CET 20:00
- 15th of February, 2021, at CET 20:00
- 15th of March, 2021, at CET 20:00
- 19th of April, 2021, at CET 20:00
- 17th of May, 2021, at CET 20:00
- 21st of June, 2021, at CET 20:00
- 19th of July, 2021, at CET 20:00
- 16th of August, 2021, at CET 20:00
- 20th of September, 2021, at CET 20:00

17:55 Next steps:

ECM – CET 15:00 – 18:00 · 6th ECM, December, 19th

Coordination Team Meetings

CET 19:30 - 21:00 · November 11th · November 25th · December 9th

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18:00 End of the meeting