Models to introduce basic income in Denmark

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1) Simple model to introduce basic income within a year

2) Advanced model to introduce basic income within 10 years

3) Model partly financed by a carbon tax

1. Basic income next year financed by income tax

Basic income for all over 17 years of age: 820 € a month

Conditions

- No taxation of the basic income
- No personal allowances in tax
- Same deduction in taxes as today
- Social benefits as today in the amount they exceed basic income
- Other public expenditures remain unchanged
- General tax at 57,8 percent of all income except basic income

1. Basic income next year financed by income tax

Calculations

• Basic income 820 € a month to all over 17 year -45 billion €

Reductions of social benefits 12 billion €

Abolishment of personal allowance in tax 11 billion €

Raise of tax percent to 57,8 22 billion €

• Improvements of public budget in all 45 billion €

Basic income next year Examples of individual changes € pr. year

Nominal wage income	Available income today	Available income with basic income	Difference in €	Difference in percent
6.710	6.634	12.848	6.214	93,7
11.675	9.753	15.137	5.384	55,2
20.129	15.022	18.705	3.683	24,5
26.838	19.557	22.079	2.522	12,9
40.258	28.830	29.138	308	1,1
53.677	37.193	34.801	-2.392	-6,4
93.935	57.607	51.790	-5.817	-10,1
134.192	76.669	68.779	-7.890	-10,3
268.384	140.209	125.408	14.801	-10,6

2. Basic income in 10 years Financed by income tax

Basic income

18-24 years old: 875 € a month

25-29 year-old: 940 € a month

over 29 year-old: 1.075 € a month

Conditions

- Phase out existing social benefits
- Phase out tax deductions
- General tax rate: 49,5 %
- 10 pct extra tax for income over 54.000 € a year

2. Basic income in 10 years Financed by income tax

Calculations

Basic income	-57 billion €
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	Phase out of existing social benefits	23 billion €
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Revenue of an extra tax at 10 pct.

• Improvements of public budget in all 57 billion €

3. Basic income over 10 years partly financed by CO² tax

Basic income 18-29 year-old: 940 € a month

Basic income over 29 year-old: 1.075 € a month

Conditions

- Taxation of CO² emissions 24 € pr. ton rising step-by-step to 240 € pr. ton
- Fee on sea transport in average 1 € pr. kg. from Europe and 2 € from outside Europe
- Fee on flight passenger 25 €, on goods 1,5 € pr. ton
- Compensory wage reductions after negotiations
- Phase out existing social benefits
- Phase out tax deductions
- General tax rate 40
- Extra tax of income over 54.000 € a year: 10 pct.

3. Basic income over 10 years partly financed by carbon tax

Calculations

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Pl	nase out existing	social benefits	23 billion €

Phase out of tax deduction	21 billion :

Carbon tax	15 billion €
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Reduced wages public employed 4 billion €

Reduction in tax revenue because of lower wages -5 billion €

Reduction in general tax rate to 40

Improvements of public budget in all

-2 billion €

58 billion €

	In 10 years				
supposed	Income	netto	netto with	Difference	Difference
deduction	brutto	to day	basic income	€	pct.
617	6710	6710	15935	9226	137,5
805	13419	10988	19324	8336	75,9
1006	20129	15240	22712	7472	49
2281	26838	19898	26100	6202	31,2
6307	40258	29772	32877	3105	10,4
8722	53677	39037	39654	617	1,6
9729	93935	60437	55958	-4479	-7,4
12077	134192	80358	72262	-8095	-10,1
13419	268384	144310	126610	-17700	-12,3