



Planning a Basic Income Pilot Plan for Catalonia: Design, Implementation and Evaluation

Workshop on the Design of Universal Basic Income Pilot Project in Catalonia



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Universal Basic Income (UBI) is a cash grant of a universal, individual, and unconditional nature. Its main justification lies in ethical arguments, such as the eradication of poverty or ensuring the material existence of all. In other words, UBI justification does not require empirical verification, but rather collective agreements around certain ethical and normative questions.

Nevertheless, due to the redistributive effect a UBI would imply, the impact it would have on other social policies and its fit into the current institutional regime, carrying out a pilot project is highly recommended, as this would allow the design to be adjusted accordingly and therefore minimising any imbalances or undesired effects.

The Catalan Government is determined to move towards a more protective and universal welfare model, and hence, it is for this reason that it has created the Office of the Pilot Project to Implement a Universal Basic Income. Due to the high degree of innovation, required scientific rigour and dimensions of the Pilot Project, experts should consider its experimental design, its implementation strategy and its evaluation methodology before is launched.

There is a need to discuss the challenges and difficulties of this project. This discussion will bring together professionals with a background in social sciences, in politics, economics and institutional functioning with experience in social research, and in designing and evaluating public policies. It also requires professionals in designing, implementing or evaluating similar pilot projects, both at national and international level.

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Programme

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Symposium on the Design of the Universal Basic Income Pilot Plan in Catalonia

Thursday 31 March

10:00 - 11:00 AM

10:00 - 10:20 am: Minister **Laura Vilagrà i Pons**: Catalonia and the challenges of the 21st century.

10:20 - 10:40 am: Mr **Sergi Raventós i Panyella**: Presentation of the Pilot Plan.

10:40 - 11:00 am: Mr **Marc Balaguer Puig**: The importance of evaluating public policy.

Moderator: Mr **Bru Laín Escandell**

11:00 - 11:30 AM

Coffee break

11:30 AM - 1:15 PM

11:30 - 12:15 pm: Mr **Jordi Arcarons Bullich** & Mr **Lluís Torrens Mèlich**: The economic viability and redistributive effects of Universal Basic Income in Catalonia.

12:15 - 12:45 pm: Mr **Bru Laín Escandell**: Contributions from Basic Income pilot plans.

12:45 - 1:15 pm: Q&A

Moderator: Mr **Sebastià Riutort Isern**

4:00 - 6:00 PM

4:00 - 4:45 pm: Mr **Jurgen De Wispelaere**: How do we know if a BI pilot works?

4:45 - 5:00 pm: Q&A

5:00 - 5:45 pm: Ms **Evelyn Forget**: The political dimension of implementing BI pilots.

5:45 - 6:00 pm: Q&A

Moderator: Ms **Leire Rincón García**

6:00 - 6:15 PM

Acknowledgements and institutional farewell statement.



Friday 1 April

10:00 - 10:15 AM

10:00 - 10:15 am: Mr **Sergi Raventós i Panyella** and Mr **Bru Laín Escandell**: Welcome and introduction.

10:15 am – 11:10 AM

10:15 - 11:00 am: **Round table 1: Pilot plan design.**

Mr **Young Seong Yoo**

Mr **Jamie Cooke**

Ms **Leire Rincón**

Moderator: Mr **Guillem Castells Casanovas**

11:00 - 11:10 am: Q&A

11:10 - 11:30 AM

Coffee break.

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

11:30 - 12:15 pm: **Round table 2: Pilot plan implementation.**

Ms **Stacia West**

Mr **Tom Cooper**

Moderator: Ms **Dolores Medina Foussadier**

12:15 - 12:30 pm: Q&A

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

12:30 - 1:15 pm: **Round table 3: Pilot plan interpretation and evaluation.**

Mr **Heikki Hiilamo**

Ms **Mireia Borrell Porta**

Moderator: Ms **Aida Martínez Tinaut**

1:15 - 1:30 pm: Q&A

1:30 - 1:40 pm

Closing session and acknowledgements.

* Simultaneous translation will be available at each session.



Speakers (by order of appearance):

- Minister Laura Vilagrà i Pons. Minister for the Presidency of the Generalitat de Catalunya.
- Mr Sergi Raventós i Panyella. Director of the Office of the Pilot Plan to Implement Universal Basic Income Catalonia.
- Mr Marc Balaguer Puig. Director of Ivàlua.
- Mr Bru Laín Escandell. Professor of Sociology at the University of Barcelona and advisor to the Office of the Pilot Plan to Implement Universal Basic Income.
- Mr Jordi Arcarons Bullich. Full professor of Econometrics at the University of Barcelona.
- Mr Lluís Torrens Mèlich. Social Innovation Director at the Barcelona City Council Department of Social Affairs, Feminisms, Global Justice and LGTBI+ and adjunct professor at IESE-UPF.
- Mr Sebastià Riutort Isern. Researcher at the Barcelona Institute of Regional and Metropolitan Studies and Professor of Sociology at the University of Barcelona.
- Mr Jurgen De Wispelaere. Assistant professor at the Stockholm School of Economics in Riga, Lithuania, and adjunct professor in Philosophy of Social Policy at Tampere University, Finland.
- Ms Evelyn Forget. Economist, professor at the University of Manitoba School of Medicine, academic director of the Manitoba Research Data Centre, and scientist at the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy, Canada.
- Ms Leire Rincón García. Postdoctoral researcher at the Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany.
- Mr Young Seong Yoo. Economist and director of the Basic Income Research Group at the Gyeonggi Research Institute, South Korea.
- Mr Guillem Castells Casanovas. Economist and member of the Office of the Pilot Plan to Implement Universal Basic Income Catalonia.
- Mr Jamie Cooke. Director of the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce (RSA), Scotland.
- Ms Stacia West. Assistant professor at the University of Tennessee College of Social Work, and co-founder and director of the Center for Guaranteed Income Research at the University of Pennsylvania, USA.
- Mr Tom Cooper. Director of the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, Ontario, Canada.
- Ms Dolores Medina Foussadier. Sociologist and member of the Office of the Pilot Plan to Implement Universal Basic Income Catalonia.
- Mr Heikki Hiilamo. Professor of Social Policy at the University of Helsinki, Finland.
- Ms Mireia Borrell Porta. Analyst at Ivàlua.
- Ms Aida Martínez Tinaut. Data analyst and member of the Office of the Pilot Plan to Implement Universal Basic Income Catalonia.