

Current Basic Income Concepts in France

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<b>Name of transfer</b>	Allocation universelle	revenue d'existence	revenue d'existence	revenue primaire inconditionnel	allocation universelle	revenu social garanti	revenu de citoyennete	revenu garanti	revenu garanti suffisant
<b>Type of transfer</b>	Negative income tax (NIT)	Social dividend (SD)	SD	SD	SD	SD	SD	SD (no basic income)	SD / NIT (no basic income)
<b>Entitlement</b>	Citizens / individual, no work obligation, no means-testing	Citizens / individual, no work obligation, no means-testing	Everyone living in France / individual, no work obligation, no means-testing	Adult citizens of EU Member States / individual, no work obligation, no means-testing	Everyone / individual, no work obligation, no means-testing	Citizens, people who have had a residence in France for more than 1 year. / individual, no work obligation, no means-testing	Citizens / individual, no work obligation, no means-testing	Citizens in need / individual, no work obligation, means-tested	Citizens in need / individual, no work obligation, means-tested
<b>Transfer amount (per month)</b>	18-65: €385 / up to 18: €192.50 / from 65: €577.50	€ 350	€650/€800 Up to 18: €150	From 20: €450 / up to 20: child support (2009: available for 2 children and above: €124 for 2 children)	From 18: €750 Up to 18: €375	From 18: €900 Up to 18: €600	From 18: €600 to €1,000 Up to 18: €200	80-100% of SMIC (2009: €1,070-1,337)	70% of SMIC (2009: €936)
<b>Calculation of level</b>	Savings on current social benefits	14-15% of GDP	n.s.	Savings on current social benefits	Composing and pricing a basket of goods	Composing and pricing a basket of goods	At-risk-of-poverty threshold	SMIC	SMIC
<b>Adjustment of level</b>	Depending on budget situation	In line with GDP	n.s.	Depending on budget situation	In line with inflation	Development of SMIC or average wage	Depending on economic developments	n.s.	n.s.
<b>Cumulative/substitutive to other income</b>	Cumulative	Cumulative	Cumulative	Cumulative	Cumulative	Cumulative	Cumulative	Cumulative	Cumulative
<b>Cost-bearers of transfer</b>	State	State	State	MGS, EU	State	State, possibly EU and MGS	State	Equal committee composed of employees and employers	EU, state, municipalities
<b>Financing</b>	30% flat tax on all income / Savings on current social benefits	15% social contribution on all incomes	Progressive income tax / abolishment of tax shield for high incomes / pollution tax / Tobin tax / savings on some current social benefits / no wage subsidies	Progressive income tax / savings on current social benefits / tax on bank transactions	Flat income tax / consumer tax (VAT)	Progressive income tax / savings on current social benefits / abolishment of tax breaks for high earners / property tax / pollution tax / Tobin tax / Keynes tax / Stieglitz tax	Increasing and expanding income tax	Social contributions from employees and employers / increasing VAT / tax on capital income	Progressive income tax / VAT
<b>Organisation/administration</b>	State	State, banks	State	European Central Bank and MGS	State and National Assembly	State, possibly also EU	State	Movements of the unemployed	EU, state, municipalities
<b>Continued special requirements</b>	For people with disabilities / pregnant women / invalids / restructured housing benefit	e.g. For people with disabilities. Legislator should draw up a list	For single parents, people with disabilities, invalids, the elderly	Child support, people with disabilities, invalids	n.s.	For, e.g. people with disabilities, invalids, single parents, people with chronic illnesses, the elderly	For, e.g. People with disabilities, invalids, single parents	Continued	Housing benefit, but not yet specified
<b>Discontinued special requirements</b>	Single parent support	Single parent support	Housing benefit attributed if necessary	Housing benefit, and benefits for the elderly, pregnant women, single parents and people with chronic illnesses	Housing benefit, family support	Housing benefit	Housing benefit, but rents will be capped	n.s.	n.s.
<b>Social insurance system</b>	Retained, reform of current allowance and calculation regulations	Initially retained, reformed at later date	Retained and expanded	Extensive fiscalisation and rationalisation	Extensively reformed	Retained, but should be reformed	Retained, but should be adapted to fit the new system	Retained and expanded	Completely restructured
<b>Public infrastructures</b>	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.	Development of a "secteur quaternaire"	n.s.	n.s.	Expanded	Expanded	Expanded
<b>SMIC and reduction of working hours</b>	n.s.	SMIC only on hourly basis	Retained, working hours reduced to 28-hour week	Retained	Abolished	Will probably become obsolete	Retained	Retained	SMIC retained for commercial enterprises
<b>Expected results</b>	More transparency, efficiency, upgrading of unpaid but necessary social activities	Take up of work to supplement income	Reduced unemployment, reduced working hours, environmentally sustainable society	Development of a "secteur quaternaire", freedom for independent work, upgrading of unpaid but necessary social activities	Increased attractiveness and take-up of low-skilled wage labour, upgrading of unpaid but necessary social activities	Re-evaluation of activities, roll back of traditional forms of working, reduced working hours, environmentally sustainable society	Levelling out of differences in income, development of cooperation between people, abolishment of poverty, reduced working hours	Prevention of wage dumping, abolishment of low social support / reduced working hours	More independent activities, improved position for employees in wage negotiations, upgrading of social work

SMIC: Statutory minimum wage in France

From: Adeline Otto: *Aktuelle Grundeinkommenskonzepte in Frankreich. Eine theoretische und vergleichende Darstellung*, (Current basic income concepts in France. A theoretical and comparative presentation). Berlin 2009: Page 68, Table 4: Overview of the transfer concepts investigated in France