

Municipal Basic-Income-Related Experiments in the Netherlands



**Where they come from; how they relate to basic income;
and what their current status is**

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Where these experiments come from



- The basic income debate has been strongly gaining momentum for the past three years.
- There are many different reasons for this and for considering experiments.
- Local politicians from parties across the political spectrum have taken the initiative.

How the experiments relate to basic income (1)



- There are four main differences between the current Dutch social security system and basic income:
 - Conditions and control
 - Poverty trap
 - Household versus individual
 - Direct or indirect accounting for income
- The experiments focus on the first two.

How the experiments relate to basic income (2)



- The discussion about the municipal experiments has been partially separated from the discussion about basic income (experiments).
- For (national) political reasons, many of the experiments have been rebranded to e.g. 'trust experiment', or 'welfare with less rules'.

What their current status is (1)



- Nineteen municipalities have officially declared their intention to start an experiment.
- The ministry of social affairs recently released a very limiting framework for the experiments.
- Municipalities will be given 'as much space as possible' within this framework.

What their current status is (2)



- Municipalities are now each individually considering whether to move forward or not.
- The experiments will probably start shortly before or directly after the summer of 2017.
- The discussion on more ambitious basic income trials continues.

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