

## OUTLOOK

### Evaluation and further development



The SBI has been closely monitored by researchers from day one. The aim is to critically examine the implementation and impact of the programme and derive recommendations for further development. The evaluation is being conducted by the Institute for Socio-Economic Structural Analyses Berlin (SÖSTRA) and is designed as a formative process - meaning it not only evaluates outcomes but also actively supports the achievement of the programme's objectives. Results are expected at the end of 2026.

## BRIDGES

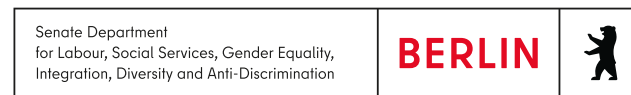
SenASGIVA will share its experience with the SBI to a new ESF+ project called 'Bridges to Employment - Empowering through Sustainable Pathways (BRIDGES)'. It is part of the Social Innovation+ (SI+) 'Innovative Approaches Tackling Long-Term Unemployment+' initiative, which SenASGIVA will develop further together with its partners from Berlin, Bologna, Dublin and Vienna.

## Curious to find out more?

With the Solidary Basic Income, an innovative idea is being added to the range of instruments for reducing long-term unemployment. With this pilot project, the State of Berlin is helping to promote participation, social justice and security, and to put the constitutional principle of the welfare state into practice.



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## THE SOLIDARY BASIC INCOME

New paths for sustainable employment and social participation

Decent Work for the long-term unemployed and additional value for urban society - that is the idea behind the pilot project 'Solidary Basic Income' (SBI). Since the end of 2019 a total of 1,000 formerly long-term unemployed Berliners have been receiving a permanent alternative to basic income support through the SBI for five years.





## WHAT IS THE SOLIDARY BASIC INCOME?

The Solidary Basic Income (SBI) is a pilot project for the long-term unemployed in Berlin with the aim of integrating SBI-employees permanently into the regular labour market. Integration can take place either within their SBI-workplace or through placement with an employer outside the SBI. The focus is to stabilise and further develop the employability of the SBI participants.

### The SBI is based on:

- Fairness: It offers long-term unemployed people the chance to work a stable job with social insurance that is fairly paid, instead of having to rely on basic income support.
- Voluntary: Participation in the programme is voluntary and not subject to sanctions.
- Meaningful work: Not only the unemployed benefit from the SBI, the whole city does. As part of the SBI, tasks such as working in daycare centers, schools and social services are being financed to strengthen the cohesion in our city.
- Employment coaching & training: participants in the SBI-project participate in an employment coaching programme throughout the entire subsidised employment period and receive tailored training.
- Long-term perspective: even if no transfer to the regular labour market is achieved during or after the five year project period, the state of Berlin guarantees continued permanent employment in public service.

## WHICH FIELDS OF EMPLOYMENT ARE SUBSIDISED?

Funding is provided for additional jobs that are in the public interest and do not displace unsubsidized jobs. The funding includes full financing of the employment relationships subject to social security contributions. The state of Berlin will contribute towards these costs for a period of five years' worth of collectively agreed or at least statutory pay (state minimum wage). Employers will also receive a lump sum of €221 per per participant per month.

### The 11 fields of employment:

- Support and guidance in public spaces
- Assistance with organisational tasks at schools
- Support in daycare centres
- On-site assistance as a local contact in residential areas
- Support with social and neighbourhood tasks
- Help with local public transport, e.g. for people with limited mobility
- Mediation and accompanying people to social service appointments
- Support and company for older people or people in need of help
- Promotion of environmental awareness and sustainable action
- Help and guidance for homeless people
- Support with cultural events and projects



## INSIGHTS: WHO ARE THE PEOPLE IN THE SBI-PROJECT?

Who are the people who have found a new job with the Solidary Basic Income? This question is explored in the publication series 'Faces of the SBI'.

[Find out more here:](#)



[Our films provide further insights:](#)

