

## COUNTRY FACT SHEET ON RBs: CYPRUS

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	2014	2015
Name	RB for Guaranteed Minimum Income (GMI)	<u>Pilot project</u> for the development of a common methodology on Reference Budgets in Europe
Year of first construction	2014	2015
State of use	Under construction	In use for national and cross-national research
Key moments	<p>2012: first request from Troika (IMF, ECB, EC)</p> <p>July 2013: announcement of the plan to introduce the GMI by the government of Cyprus</p> <p>Sep 2013: Start of consultations with ILO and RB experts</p> <p>Nov 2013: Start of impact assessment by the Economics Research Centre of the University of Cyprus</p>	<p>12/2013: start of European Reference Budgets Network <u>project</u> (run by CSB &amp; Applika, Belgium)</p> <p>2014: review of guidelines &amp; literature and expert consultations for the development of the Food Basket in Cyprus</p> <p>March 2015: Focus Groups in Nicosia</p> <p>April 2015: Pricing</p> <p>May 2015: Final Results for the Healthy Food Basket</p> <p>June 2015: concluding <u>Seminar</u> on Cyprus Minimum Income and the Role of Reference Baskets</p>
Geographical focus	- Entire country	-Entire country
Data used	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Household budget data</li> <li>- Administrative data</li> <li>- Expert knowledge</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Expert knowledge</li> <li>- Other survey data</li> <li>- Focus group decisions</li> <li>- (Inter)national or regional guidelines</li> </ul>
Household types		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-a single person household (man/woman)</li> <li>- a single parent household (woman/man) with 2 children (boy 10 y old, primary school; girl 14y old, secondary education)</li> <li>- Couple (man &amp; woman)</li> <li>- Couple (man &amp; woman), plus 2 children (boy 10 y old, primary school; girl 14y old, secondary education)</li> </ul>
Institutions involved		Economics Research Center, University of Cyprus European University of Cyprus
Updates		-
Last update	n/a	-

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### **All available publications about RBs in Cyprus**

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