

COUNTRY FACT SHEET ON RBs: CYPRUS

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	2014	2015
Name	RB for Guaranteed Minimum Income (GMI)	Pilot project 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 project (run by CSB & Applica, Belgium)</p> <p>2014: review of guidelines & 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 Seminar 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"> - Household budget data - Administrative data - Expert knowledge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Expert knowledge - Other survey data - Focus group decisions - (Inter)national or regional guidelines
Household types		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -a single person household (man/woman) - a single parent household (woman/man) with 2 children (boy 10 y old, primary school; girl 14y old, secondary education) - Couple (man & woman) - Couple (man & woman), plus 2 children (boy 10 y old, primary school; girl 14y old, secondary education)
Institutions involved		Economics Research Center, University of Cyprus European University of Cyprus
Key publications		See below
Updates		-
Last update	n/a	-

Reference: EU Platform on Reference Budgets (2021). Country fact sheet on reference budgets in Cyprus, April 2021, Antwerp: EPRB.

All available publications about RBs in Cyprus

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