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In line with the Treaties, the Member States have the right to define the fundamental principles of their social protection systems, including income support schemes. While currently no universal basic income (UBI) scheme with unconditional allowances for all citizens exists in any of the Member States, there have been a number of small-scale and short-term experiments in some countries. The Commission follows the international debate on UBI. No studies have been carried out so far by the Commission on the potential effects of the introduction of a UBI on inflation and/or inflation expectations.