

Finnish finance minister: 'Case closed' for universal basic income

Finland is the first country to complete a nation-wide experiment on universal basic income. With the first results in, Finnish finance minister Petteri Orpo told EURACTIV.com that the largest parties in his country don't support the idea anymore.

Petteri Orpo is Minister of Finance in Finland. He is the chair of the National Coalition Party. Previously, he served as the Minister for Agriculture and Forestry (2014-2015) and Minister of Interior (2015-2016).

One of the main goals of the experiment was to see whether job-seekers felt more encouraged to look for a job with a universal basic income. The results did not prove this point. Checkmate then?

Firstly, I have to say that I have never been in favour of a universal basic income. But it was very important for our coalition partners in the government...

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