

BIEN General Assembly 2017

Criteria for affiliating affiliated organisations

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National or Regional Affiliates of BIEN include all Recognized National Networks officially recognized prior to the approval of these amendments. Networks may apply to become BIEN affiliates if they have some regular activity (such as conferences, meetings, a newsletter, or other publications), and if they promote basic income only rather than as part of a wider agenda, and basic income in general rather than one specific form of basic income or one that ties it necessarily to some other policy such as one specific type of funding. In addition to national networks, the GA may recognize as affiliates associations whose activities similarly focus on basic income on a supra-national, sub-national, or sectoral basis.

A proposal from the Executive Committee:

BIEN is willing to affiliate organizations that have the following characteristics:

- Organizations with aims similar to BIEN's, as described in its charter. That is, "To educate the general public about Basic Income, that is, a periodic cash payment delivered to all on an individual basis, without means test or work requirement; to serve as a link between the individuals and groups committed to, or interested in, Basic Income; to stimulate and disseminate research about Basic Income; and to foster informed public discussion on Basic Income throughout the world."
- Organisations that are not for profit. (groups of people working together to promote Basic Income or the discussion of it, but not to make a profit).
- Organizations with some regular activities (such as conferences, meetings, actions, newsletters, or other publications).
- Organizations with some coherent structure and decision-making procedure.
- Organizations that promote or discuss Basic Income in general, and are not committed to one particular Basic Income scheme or one particular method of funding. They are open to membership from people who have differing opinions on these issues. However, BIEN is willing to affiliate with organisations whether they are or are not committed to a particular minimum level of Basic Income.
- Organizations that are focused solely on Basic Income and not committed to any broader programme or wider agenda (even if Basic Income is a central aspect of that agenda). Therefore, the organization is open to membership of people with different opinions about whether and how Basic Income should fit into broader programmes.
- Organizations that are not affiliated in any way with a political party, religious organisation, a corporation, etc.
- Organizations that do not impose any ideological criterion on members other than interest in Basic Income. (A basic commitment to human decency, truth, justice, non-criminality, etc. is assumed of course.)
- Organizations that are willing to keep in regular contact with BIEN's Executive Committee once affiliated.
- Organizations that are oriented on a national, supra-national, sub-national, or sectoral basis.
- Organizations that are oriented toward activism, research, discussion, or any combination thereof.

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Along with updating the characteristics of an organization that we can affiliate with, the GA might wish to update our instructions for how to affiliate and how to disaffiliate.

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- Write a letter to BIEN's Secretary.
- In the letter explain how your organization meets the requirements of affiliation. The letter does not have to be extremely detailed. One page is usually fine.
- Include the organization's contact information and contact person(s).
- BIEN's EC will vote on whether to recommend affiliation to the General Assembly. The General Assembly votes on it at its next meeting.