

BIEN 2017 General Assembly

Proposal for the GA to change BIEN policy toward donations and membership fees:

The Executive Committee would like to make the following recommendation to the GA

1. The donation level at which a person becomes a new BIENfactor shall be increased from 200 Euros to 400 Euros. This change does not affect people who are already BIENefactors.
2. BIEN creates the new status “regular donor.” This is someone who is already a member, but in addition to the full membership fee, they also donate a regular amount each month. As with BIENefactor, “regular donor” is merely an honorific. If they wish, their names are listed on the website as regular donors, but they have no special role in BIEN.
3. The price of new life-memberships shall be increased from 100 Euros to 200 Euros. This does not affect people who are already life-members.

BIEN shall reintroduce the option of paying the membership fee on a yearly rather than on a lifetime basis. The life membership option will remain. All members are equally members. All rules in the statutes applying to “life members” apply equally to people who choose to pay for their membership on a yearly basis. The only difference is that the membership of someone who chooses to pay on a yearly basis will expire if they stop paying their membership fee.

Yearly membership fees will be paid on a sliding scale from €1 per month / €12 per year to €5 per month / €60 per year. BIEN suggests that members pay proportionately to their income, according to the following scale, but it is up to them. Members decide what they can afford.

Suggested scale:

Annual Income	Membership fee
0-20,000 Euros	1 Euro per month / 12 Euros per year
20,000-40,000 Euros	2 Euros per month / 24 Euros per year
40,000-60,000 Euros	3 Euros per month / 36 Euros per year
60,000-80,000 Euros	4 Euros per month / 48 Euros per year
More than 80,000 Euros	5 Euros per month / 60 Euros per year