

Affiliation to BIEN

BIEN Iceland would like to affiliate with BIEN with this application. The organisation was founded in Hafnarfjordur, Iceland on the 10th of December 2016. 30 persons attended the founding event, including Louise Haagh from BIEN and Jouko Hemmi from BIEN Finland.

Here I put forward the main rationalisation for consideration of our affiliation:

A. Structure and Membership of BIEN Iceland

We have a core group of 7 individuals that form the board of BIEN Iceland, including one chairperson and one treasurer. Three persons are regular board members and two are extras. The organisation has already agreed on particular statutes first at the founding event and then at the general assembly. After which we were registered with the corporate register of Iceland in the spring. So we are a full fledged organisation in Iceland with social security number and our own bank account. The statutes are similar to what other similar organisations have agreed on in Iceland.

B. Meetings

BIEN Iceland has had irregular meetings, but once every 2 months on average. Between meetings the board has active discussion on our secret FB-page where we coordinate and discuss the activities and delegate responsibilities.

C. Media / PR

We have not yet established one particular media or PR direction, but have been active in promoting our events and local media has published newspaper articles and we have appeared on radio interviews.

D. Projects / Objectives

The law of BIEN Iceland states the objectives of the association, which are nearly identical to BIEN 'international'. Our projects are aimed at increasing the discussion of basic income in Iceland and to have regular events and publications on these matters. We also have an active Facebook page for our members and another Facebook page focused on discussing basic income in general.

E. Networking

BIEN Iceland is currently building its networks within Iceland and towards the BIEN associations in the other Nordic countries. We had the 2nd Nordic BIEN conference in Reykjavik at the end of August 2017 and plan to participate in the Nordic day of the BIEN conference in Tampere, Finland in 2018. Furthermore we have connections with the two political parties in Iceland that have put basic income on their agenda (Humanists and Pirates).

The aim of BIEN Iceland has from the first founding meeting been to be an affiliate of BIEN 'international' and we hope this letter will suffice to make it so.

Yours,

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Chairperson of BIEN Iceland