

## Personal statement

I'll like to express my intention to stand for the position of BIEN Secretary at the forthcoming election at Tampere in August 2018.

I'm a professor and researcher at Universidad Nacional de Cuyo, Mendoza, Argentina. I have a Ph.D. in Political Science and I study what can be referred to as "the politics of social policy" in Latin America. I've been a Basic Income enthusiast since I first read about it, over ten years ago. I strongly believe that basic income can deeply change the organizing principles of our societies, making them more free, equal, and fair. Because of that, I decided to make a contribution to its diffusion and implementation around the globe.

I've been BIEN Secretary since 2016. In my time as BIEN's Secretary I had had the opportunity to get to know my EC colleagues, to learn from them, and to gain experience about BIEN and how to face the challenge of its management. Nonetheless, I still have much to learn and I feel that there's a lot of work yet for me to do. That's why I'll like to run for a re-election and to become BIEN Secretary for three more years.

I'm motivated and optimistic. I think that basic income is getting more support each day and that's why BIEN is about to face new and exciting changes; that's why we need to be prepared for the challenges ahead.

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