

To : Executive Committee of BIEN (Basic Income Earth Network)

From : Citizen's Basic Income – Turkey (CBI – Turkey)

Subject : Application for Affiliation to BIEN

Reference : Our e-mail message on May 21st, 2019, to BIEN General Secretary Mr. Julio AGUIRRE and BIEN General Manager Mr. Malcom TORRY (Subject : “Application for Affiliation to BIEN”)

Dear Executive Committee Members of BIEN,

Considering that, we have the similar aims with BIEN (which we had the chance to observe by attending to the last three BIEN Congresses and BIEN General Assemblies held in Seoul, Lisbon and Tampere); we, “CITIZEN'S BASIC INCOME - TURKEY”, would like to be considered for affiliation to BIEN; during the BIEN's General Assembly to be held in August 2019.

CITIZEN'S BASIC INCOME – TURKEY is a non-profit organization, a platform, where people from different segments of the society gathered to advocate for Universal Basic Income. It's sole purpose is the promotion of debate on Basic Income.

It was founded at September 2016. At that time the name of the platform was “Universal Basic Income - Turkey”. We had a survey with the contributions of 587 friends of UBI, in January 2018. As a result of this survey; instead of “Univesal Basic Income - Turkey”, the platform started to use the name; “Citizen's Basic Income - Turkey”. (The main and only question of the survey was; what should be the name of the platform; in order to have better performance to introduce the concept and the platform to ordinary people.) Related pie-chart is given below.



Some of the activities/events held or participated as a part of the UBI advocacy efforts are;

- panel discussions, seminars, poster presentations, case studies,
- lectures at universities,
- radio programs,
- tv programs,
- news/articles at the newspapers/journals,
- facebook page (Vatandaşlık Temel Geliri - VTG)
(<https://www.facebook.com/Vatanda%C5%9Fli%C4%B1k-Temel-Geliri-VTG-1767659223506926/>),
- web page (www.vatandasliktemelgeliri.org),
- translation of some films and reports to Turkish (including; the film “Free Lunch Society”),
- meetings with taxi drivers at different taxi-stops (6 separate taxi stops up to now),
- meetings with accounting professionals within the framework of their organizations,
- attending to events organized by third parties (associations, political parties, platforms, foundations, etc.) as speakers,
- participating in UBI-E events, workshop and general assemblies since 2016,
- participating in BIEN Congresses and General Assemblies since 2016,
- supporting a BIEN advocate through Patreon since 2017,

etc.

The platform is based in İstanbul and is gathering minimum twice a month. People from other cities are also invited to join and the platform is trying to expand its activities to other cities of Turkey, too.

During the Basic Income Weeks in 2016 and 2017; CBI-Turkey had organized several meetings and seminars. In September 2019, during the Basic Income Week 2019, it is being planned to have events at least at three different cities of Turkey.

We also would like to make a short power-point presentation regarding our activities held during the last three years, during the General Assembly of BIEN.

In the meantime; we would like to give a good news regarding “CBI – Turkey” that; on May 17th, 2019, a legal entity called “Citizen’s Basic Income Research Development Culture and Dissemination Society” have been officially founded in İstanbul. The existing platform “CITIZEN’S BASIC INCOME - TURKEY” will still be active, but this new legal entity will ease a lot of things for us.

Also; since 2016, Ali Mutlu Köylüođlu, who is the spokesperson of “CITIZEN’S BASIC INCOME - TURKEY”, is a BIEN member, too. To the BIEN Congresses at 2016 and 2017 he had attended representing our platform. To the BIEN Congress at 2018, in addition to him, there were two additional delegates from Turkey; an academician and a retired senior executive from Turkish Treasury.

Since 2016, we are also active at UBI-E. Our platform have been represented in almost all the UBI-E meetings held during the last three years.

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Hoping to see you all at BIEN 2019, at Hyderabad,

Best wishes and regards,

On behalf of

CITIZEN’S BASIC INCOME - TURKEY

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