

Personal statement from Philippe Van Parijs, candidate for Chair of the International Advisory Board

My reasons for being willing to keep serving BIEN as chair of its International Advisory Board (IAB)

- (1) My view of the function of the IAB as a modest form of counterpower: its sheer existence means that there is one organ distinct from the EC that could, if needed, express a position with some authority. This has not been needed so far and hopefully never will.
- (2) My view of the potentially useful twofold role of the chair of the IAB, in the light of my experience in the last 16 years:
 - give advice and provide information, at their request, to BIEN's chairs, co-chairs, vice-chairs, general manager and other members of BIEN's committee;
 - by virtue of not being a member of the EC yet trusted by the GA, follow BIEN's life and in particular its formal proceedings more closely than other ordinary members so as to help the GA play effectively its own role of supporting the EC and holding it to account.

My "qualifications and experience relevant to the post"

Philippe Van Parijs convened the « first international conference on basic income » (Louvain-la-Neuve, September 1986), which saw the creation of the Basic Income European Network (BIEN). He combined the functions BIEN secretary and newsletter editor for most of BIEN's life prior to its becoming the Basic Income Earth Network (Barcelona, September 2004). He was then elected chair of BIEN's advisory board and was reelected to that function ever since. In July 2020, *Prospect Magazine* included him as "the godfather of the UBI movement" in its list of "the world's top 50 thinkers for the Covid-19 age".

Philippe Van Parijs is a guest professor at the Universities of Louvain and Leuven and a Robert Schuman Fellow at the European University Institute (Florence). He was the founding director of UCLouvain's Hoover Chair of Economic and Social Ethics from 1991 to 2016, and a regular visiting professor at Harvard University from 2004 to 2008 and at the University of Oxford from 2011 to 2015.

In connection with basic income, he authored or co-authored *Arguing for Basic Income* (London 1992), *Real Freedom for All* (Oxford 1995), *What's Wrong with a Free Lunch?* (Boston 2001), *L'allocation universelle* (Paris 2005, with Y. Vanderborght), *Redesigning Distribution. Basic income and stakeholder grants* (London 2006, with B. Ackerman and A. Alstott) and *Basic Income. A radical proposal for a free society and a sane economy* (Harvard 2017, with Y. Vanderborght).