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# Dear Mr Malcolm Torry,

I am writting to You in the name of the First Hungarian Unconditional Basic Income Association (Hungarian Name: Első Magyar Feltétel Nélküli Alapjövedelemért Egyesület)

Our Association was founded in 2011. After so many active years, we would like to be connected to the BIEN organization. We think, this move would give us a good, effective and fresh input and motivation. On the other hand, for the BIEN would be an enrichment our active Association.

It would be a great pleasure and proud to the members of our Association, if we could continue our work, as an affiliation of the Basic Income Earth Network.

Please, consider and discuss with the Executive Committee our request to become an affilation of the BIEN.

Dear Mr Torry, we hope very much Your positive answer and support. Thank You very much for Your help and cooperation.

UBI Greetings,

Evamaria Langer-Dombrady secretary/coordinator/founder First Hungarian Unconditional Basic Income Association

List of activities the First Hungarian Unconditional Basic Income Association for affiliation to BIEN.

- \* monthly association's meetings;
- \* think tank meetings as necessary 1-2 pro month. (with max.4-5 persons)

- \* once a year an annual General Assembly.
- \* yearly 1-2 Garden discussion with special Speakers and invited guests (during summer time)
- \* once a year International UBI Week
- \* many 'Round Table' discussions organized by our association.
- \* small conferences in Budapest and in the country side.
- \* we took part in many demonstrations, etc.

**2011.** May 31. First ever event to found our UBI Community.

**2011/12.** The Enno Schmidt-Daniel Háni: "Grundeinkommen/Basic Income" film Hungarian dubbing made by our group together with the Pirate-Party friends. We started with monthly film screening in clubs.

**2012. September** public Participating in **Munich** BIEN Congress (evamaria)

2013/14. ECI-UBI campaign for the "European Citizen Initiative for Unconditional Basic Income". In Hungary our association started and organized the whole campaign. We collected nearly the complete amount of signatures. About 2000 less to reach the Hungarian goal. We had no financial support from anybody. Politician help came only from the Pirate-Party. (They don't exist anymore) We brought UBI with our small campaign and activism into the media and spread around to the folks.

**2015. March, Maribor Conference** - public Participaters from us: Judit Morva - Gyöngyi Szentpeteri - Zita Stockwell - evamaria langer-dombrady

2015. November 20-21. Budapest we organized a big international Conference: "We don't have Freedom Without Basic Income -UBI is the inevitable solution".

Beside many great Hungarian speakers we had also: Barb Jacobson, Karl Widerquist, Georgi Nedelchev (Bulgaria), Margareta Steinrücke (Germany), Gabriel Karacsony (Slovakia), Klaus Sambor (Austria), Adrian Planken (The Netherlands), Marcus Brancaglione (Brasil), Vincent Liegey (France), Enno Schmidt (Switzerland)

I still can't believe that we did such a great program. Huh, beautiful ©

<u>2016.</u> September 24<sup>th</sup>. in Budapest, we 'gave birth' to the *UBI Regional Group: Austria-Slovenia-Hungary*. In the main time we included Germany too.

With the *Regional Group* Participating in the International UBI Week - in Budapest, after that in Vienna.

### **2018.** May **3th.** The DIALOGUE FOR HUNGARY

(Parbeszéd Magyarországért) Left-Green Party started to organize regularly an UBI -Round Table for politicians and UBI academics and activist. Our Association represented by Gyöngyi Szentpeteri, Dr.Tibor Nemeth and Evamaria Langer-Dombrady. From time to time we have meetings and discussions about UBI.

DIALOGUE FOR HUNGARY so far the only party put in their Political Program the UBI.

They have been supporting the idea now for about 8 years. At present they are as opposition in the Parliament.

Our Association works with them at events, conferences and talks. They support our ECI-UBI campaign, too.

Our Budapest Major Gergely Karácsony is also a member of their party.

**2018.** August 28th-September 4<sup>th</sup> Sarath Davala was our Guest from India, Hyderabad. From this fantastic week we could talk days... If you wish, we can add details of all the programs, etc. Nearly every day we had some great programs: Symposium, discussions, lecture, sightseeing. It was unforgettable time for all of us!

#### **2019- Year**

In this year **We won in a local council's tender some money**. We participated with 5 programs in our seat town, Budaörs (by Budapest).

- a./ June 29. Helmo Pepe (From Austria) Workshop. 'Only those who do not know are opposed' (Csak az ellenzi, aki nem ismeri)
- **b.**/ **July 11. Garden-Talk.** The introduction of the 85 Years old **Antal Halmos** ex diplomat's latest book, 'New Era Change' (Új korszakváltás)
- **c.**/ **August 3.** 'Happy Day of Budaörs' **Street Fair**: From the little one up to the ageless. There were plays / questions & answers / talk for children & adults. Introduced our 'Street-Newspaper' for children and one for adults. Great fun!
- d./ September 17. 12th. International UBI Week. Round Table talk about the book of Rutger Bregman Utopia for Realists. We invited professionals

who familiar with the topic and the book: Laszlo Z.Karvalics, Arpad Rab, Zoltan Pogatsa, Fernc Büttl, Andrea Marikovszky

- **e.**/ **November 7.** 'Introduction of UBI' topic for Seniors in a local Senior Club. By Judit Morva and Andras Lazar members of our Association.
- f./ December 7th. Annual General Assembly
- g./ We finished compiling a small ABC book for UBI. Not yet printed. We hope to get presented in 2021. May 31. This is our 10- year- anniversary.
- **h.**/ 'More Freedom Through Basic Income', from Basic Income Network Germany. One of our member Ursula Pflieger would finance the layout of this 'LEGO' book. One other member Marta Szutor made a translation already.

We translated and made a subtitle for the film 'Free Lunch Society - Come Come Basic Income'. We had already some screening of the film in small groups. We can't show the film in a big cinema, because we have no permit. (We have no budget for that)

Top put on screen in clubs, this can be important instrument by the ECI-UBI Signature campaign later on.

# We had preparation meetings in Vienna twice for the ECI campaign:

**a.**/ **2019. March 22th -24th.** our association was represented by Zita Stockwell, Marta Szutor, Katalin Farkas and evamaria langer-dombrady. Evamaria voted as coordinator and organizer for Hungary.

**b.**/ **2019. October 11th - 12th** from our side was there: Ursula Pflieger, Marta Szutor, Katalin Farkas and evamaria.

# 2020/2021. Years

Because of the Covid-19, we had to cancel our Vienna meeting in March 20-21.

Instead we started meetings on ZOOM. We lost our money, because of the travel/hotel reservation, but on ZOOM it was more confortable to come and have a meeting together.

At that time we hoped, that we will get soon the EU Committee's acceptance of our Petition. We had to wait quite some time to get start with the ECI-UBI Campaign all around Europe.

From this time on, we had a regular ZOOM meetings with our international UBI partners. Also started ZOOM meetings with our Association's members. During summer, we were allowed to meet in the garden with some distance. The International UBI Week at this time was organized on ZOOM. Three

different groups: politicians/ professionals/ social during 3 occasion had round table discussion about UBI with moderators.

The Start of the ECI-UBI was 25th September 2020: European Citizens' Initiative – Start Unconditional Basic Incomes throughout the EU. In the mean time we had the second extension till March 25th, 2022. This is very difficult to organize a campaign without contacting people. Everything goes only online. We still hope, that during summer time we can go out directly to people and talk with them about UBI.

In Hungary we are the first and still the only Unconditional Basic Income organisation, whose only target & destination and nonstop work goes for the introduction of UBI in Hungry, in the EU and finally all around the World. This is our Mission!

"YESTERDAY we hoped for it,

TODAY we are thinking about it,

TOMORROW we couldn't imagine living without it!

# This is the UNCONDITIONAL BASIC INCOME!"





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