



## **I n v i t a t i o n**

We often talk about Unconditional Basic income nowadays. This subject divides the political parties, the leaders of economy, social organisations and even ordinary citizens.

Lots of people see this as an only solution and others without the slightest understanding of the idea discard it outright.

To understand the concept and to get it better known internationally and nationally the **First Hungarian Unconditional Basic Income Association** (FNA Egyesület) in co-operation with **Unconditional Basic Income Europe** (UBIE) organises an International Conference with the participation of 13 countries expert specialists in Budapest. Here the concept and it's feasibility will be explained by expert speakers specialising in the subject.

We are confident that at this event we will introduce a better view and give more information to everyone who is interested in the subject.

In this optimistic spirit we cordially invite You to our Conference with the headline:

**We Don't Have Freedom Without Basic Income  
UBI is the Inevitable Solution**

The location for the Conference is at  
**Hotel Classic Budapest**  
**1118 Budapest, Zólyomi utca 6.**  
<http://www.classichotel.hu/index.php?link=3&lang=en>

## **Schedule of the Conference**

### **Day 1 November 20 Friday**

Moderators Judit Morva/ George Droppa/ Daniel Feher

1. **Registration** from 9.30am.
2. **The opening of the Conference, greetings**  
Representing the First Hungarian Unconditional Basic Income Association  
**Gyongyi Szentpeteri** the Chair (Budapest)  
Representing the UBIE  
**Barb Jacobson** Chair of Unconditional Basic Income Europe and a  
co-ordinator of Basic Income UK. ( London)
3. **International lobbying for basic income: the role of BIEN and UBIE**  
**Daniel Feher** (Brussels )
4. **UBI and the refugees in Europe.**  
**Lena Stark** UBI - (Sweden)

Discussion with a panel of 3-4

5. **Social/ welfare inequality and the reasons for this. Low wages. The situation in Hungary and Internationally. The degrees of poverty.**  
Through the eyes of a politician, a Union member, an overseas and a local Civil Organisation:  
Civil action for the worthy living - Experiences of the Hungarian Anti-Poverty Network  
**Johanna Laszlo** ( Hungary) The European Anti-Poverty Network  
Working-poverty and its effect on the employees in poverty and its effects on society  
**Lajos Korozs** (Hungary) politician/sociologist  
The possible Introduction of UBI and it's effect as a solution for the social problems from the viewpoint of the Unions.  
**Tamas Szekely** (Hungary) Hungarian Chemical, Energy Industry and related Trade Industry workers (VDSZ) Union's Deputy Chair.  
What about Bulgaria -Situation, opinions on the introduction of the UBI.  
**Georgi Nedelchev** (Bulgaria)

## C o f f e e B r e a k

6. **Lack of workplaces, reduced working hours, pensions. Lets face the facts. Inequality in Healthcare and the UBI**  
„People get sick because they are poor”  
**Dr. Anna Ried** (Canada) interview with ( **Enno Schmidt** film approx. 6 perc minutes with Hungarian subtitles)  
Deficit of workplace- Reduced working hours  
**Mátyás Benyik** (Hungary) Attac Hungary  
30 Hours a Week for Europe - Overcoming the Crisis with Shorter Working Hours.  
**Margareta Steinrücke** (Germany) the German Workers Chambers, Bremen spokeswoman, sociologist, writer

Discussion with a Panel of 5-6

## **L u n c h**

### **7. Inequality of freedom.**

The economic possibilities of the introduction of the UBI

**Zoltán Pogátsa** (Hungary) economist, sociologist, specialist in political economics. The Associate Professor at the West -Hungarian University, researcher at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

„**The Inequality of Freedom**”

**Ddr. Karl Widerquist** (USA) He holds two doctorates- one in Political Theory from Oxford University (2006) and one in Economics from the City University of New York (1996). specializing in political philosophy

Discussion with a Panel of 7

## **Day 2 November 21 Saturday**

Moderators Alexandra Köves/ Daniel Feher/ George Droppa

### **1/A. A People who think differently / UBI models**

„The secure base „ – Basic Income proposal and the possibilities of Introduction In Hungary by the PM Party (Dialogue for Hungary)

**Bence Tordai** (Hungary) economist/sociologist/politician

UBI as part of a new social and economical system

**Gabriel Karacsony** (Slovakia) DANUBKA -New Political Movement Slovakia

The Austrian national funding model and the international strategic considerations.

**Klaus Sambor** (Austria) Attac – Austria

## C o f f e e   B r e a k

### **1/B. A People who think differently / UBI models/ Sustainability. Degrowth.**

„The Framing of the Idea of (Unconditional) Basic Income”

The advantages/disadvantages of the mushrooming Dutch idea and in what way they differ from the original UBI proposals our Organisation started with”

**Adriaan Planken** (Hollandia)

The pioneers of change from Brasil.

One of the founder of the Re-Civitas Institute speaks about their independent UBI project

**Marcus Brancaglione** (Brazilia)

UBI, a springboard toward sustainable and desirable Degrowth

**Vincent Liegey** (France)

Discussion with a Panel of 1/A and 1/B

## L u n c h

### **2. Research into the Future. Megatrend.**

Population, growth, employment from close up, and at a distance

Or: "Let see the wood from the trees"

**Dr. Tibor Németh** (Hungary)

Unconditional Basic Income as a tool of redefining work for a de-growth economy

**Dr. Alexandra Köves** (Hungary)

Discussion with a Panel of 2

## C o f f e e   B r e a k

### **3/A. The philosophy of UBI - change of Paradigm.**

The introduction of UBI isn't an economic issue. The UBI isn't a target, but a means towards a knowledge- and people centred society. About the vision behind basic income

**János Tózsér** (Hungary) philosopher and

**Judit Gebert** (Hungary) Economist

Discussion with a Panel of 3/A

### **3/B. The introduction of unconditional basic income in Switzerland and the soul of men.**

**Enno Schmidt** (Switzerland)

Discussion with a Panel of 3/B.

Kind regards,

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