



ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Article 1 – Name, seat, term

- 1.1 Under the name “BIEN-SUISSE”, alternatively “BIEN-CH” or “BIEN.CH”, an association is hereby created in conformity with articles 60 et seqq. of the Swiss Civil Code.
- 1.2 The seat of the association is Geneva.
- 1.3 Its existence is not limited in time.

Article 2 – Purpose

- 2.1 The purpose of the association is to study and promote the concept and practice of unconditional basic income, in Switzerland and elsewhere, as defined in its charter annexed to these statutes.
- 2.2 To achieve this it organizes meetings, seminars and conferences and undertakes other activities which will encourage interest in the subject.

Article 3 – Principles

- 3.1 The association is apolitical.
- 3.2 The association is not for profit.

Article 4 – Members

- 4.1 Any person or legal entity may become a member of the association for the year by paying the annual subscription.
- 4.2 The amount of the annual subscription is determined by the General Meeting.
- 4.3 A member may resign from the association at any time by giving at least one month’s notice to the Committee.
- 4.4 An annual or extraordinary General Meeting may by a majority vote expel a member from the association, after the member has been provided with an explanation for the expulsion and has been given a chance to respond.

Article 5 – Rights and responsibilities

- 5.1 All members have an obligation to pay the annual subscription.
- 5.2 All members have a vote at a General Meeting and are eligible.
- 5.3 All members may submit individual proposals for discussion at a General Meeting. Such proposals must be provided to the Committee by 10 days before the General Meeting concerned.
- 5.4 The liabilities of the association shall be covered exclusively by its own assets, and neither its members nor its organs shall be liable.

Article 6 – Organs

- 6.1 The organs of the association are:
 - the General Meeting
 - the Committee
 - the auditors.

Article 7 – General Meeting

- 7.1 The General Meeting consists of all members of the association. It is called by email or post by the Committee.
- 7.2 An Annual General Meeting takes place at least once a year. An extraordinary General Meeting may be called at any time, either by decision of the Committee, or at the request of at least 10 members or at least one fifth of the membership, whichever is less.
- 7.3 The General Meeting is responsible for all activities of the association; in particular, it
- a. approves the reports of the president, the treasurer and the auditors
 - b. elects the president, the remaining members of the Committee and the auditors
 - c. approves any changes in the present Articles of Association
 - d. decides whether to expel a member from the association
 - e. treats the items on its agenda
 - f. treats any individual proposals from members.
- 7.4 All General Meeting decisions are taken by a simple majority of the members voting, except for a decision to wind up the association. Proxy votes are not recognized.
- 7.5 A General Meeting shall be called at least 14 days in advance, enclosing the meeting's agenda.

Article 8 – Committee

- 8.1 The Committee shall consist of at least three members, to be elected each year by the General Meeting. Members may stand for reelection.
- 8.2 The General Meeting shall elect a President and a Vice-President; other roles within the Committee are decided by the Committee itself.
- 8.3 The Committee implements the decisions taken by the General Meeting and represents the association in its relations with third parties.
- 8.4 The signatures of two Committee members, of whom one shall be the President or the Vice-President, are required to commit the association.

Article 9 – Auditors

- 9.1 Two auditors shall be elected each year by the General Meeting.
- 9.2 They may stand for reelection three times.

Article 10 – Dissolution

- 10.1 A General Meeting decision is required to wind up the association.
- 10.2 The General Meeting shall be called according to the rules and the agenda shall contain an item for the dissolution of the association.
- 10.3 Dissolution requires a two-thirds majority of the votes.
- 10.4 The Committee shall decide to which similar Swiss association any remaining assets of the association shall be transferred on dissolution.

Article 11 - Entry into force

- 11.1 The present Articles of Association were approved in their original form by the founding General Meeting on 11 September 2001, and in their current version by the General Meeting held on 7 June 2014. They enter into force immediately.

Signed on 27 August 2016 in Lausanne – the French source version only is legally valid.

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