

## **BIEN congress - Portugal 2017**

The Portuguese network proposes to host the next BIEN congress.

Lisbon is a good place for the next conference none-the-less because we are very motivated and have a clear idea of what needs to be done for the Congress to be a success.

The Portuguese network is recent (founded 2013) but has been very active promoting several conferences and other types of events (see [here](#) the list of events) , including a major conference at the Portuguese national parliament in Feb. 2016.

The network is composed mainly of two different groups:

- (1) A group of around 10 very active hard-core members which will help organise the congress, with many others less active but who will help organize the “basic income week”.
- (2) A hard-core group of researchers composed of 5 philosophers and one economist (see [here](#) the description) whom will also help with the organization of the congress.

The network will also collaborate with the political party PAN (a green party), which is represented at the national parliament. PAN will host the main part of the conference at the national parliament. They have the logistics experience necessary to make the realisation of the event a smooth one, and they will contribute to the mediatic impact of the congress.

The network will also count with the collaboration of the [Political Theory Group](#) at the university of Minho, a very active and experienced academic group in the organization of conferences.

A prospective call for papers is included below.

## CALL FOR PAPERS AND PROPOSALS:

### IMPLEMENTING A BASIC INCOME

17th BIEN Congress, Portugal

When? 15–17 June 2017

Where? Portuguese National Parliament

Portuguese Basic Income Week 12–18 June 2017

Today basic income attracts the public attention as a fair and realistic public policy. We can see it as important political parties in Europe have adopted the unconditional basic income as a policy objective. Our 2017 congress will discuss the different aspects of the politics of a basic income under the general theme: **Implementing a Basic Income**.

We invite submissions around (but not limited to) the topics below.

- ◆ Economic models for a basic income
- ◆ Evaluations and prospects of various pilot projects
- ◆ The politics of a basic income
- ◆ Results and strategies of communication regarding the diffusion of a basic income

The above topics are not intended to limit the boundaries, but to set as references for a broader discussion. We invite all interested individuals and groups to participate. Those who want to present should submit abstracts (up to 300 words in English) to [bien2017.callforpapers@gmail.com](mailto:bien2017.callforpapers@gmail.com) by **February 29th 2017**

Potential **keynote speakers** include (these are only suggestions, no contacts have been made yet):

Erik Olin Wright (USA)  
Jacob Hacker (USA)  
Karl Widerquist (USA)  
Paul Niehaus (GiveDirectly)  
Thomas Piketty (France)

Yanis Varoufakis (Greece)  
Jurgen De Wispelaere (Finland)  
Sarath Davala (India)  
Evelyn L. Forget (Canada),  
Philippe Van Parijs (Belgium)  
[Vieira da Silva](#) (Portugal)  
Daniel Raventos (Barcelona).  
Scott Santens (USA).  
Marshall Brain (USA).  
London Futurists David Wood (UK)  
London Futurists James Hughes (UK)  
ames Mulvale (Canada)  
Federico Pistono (Italy and USA)  
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**Portugal Basic Income Week** will be held along with the 16th BIEN congress. We also invite all interested individuals and groups to participate in this event which will be comprised of concerts, film-screenings, performances and campaigns. Those who want to give proposals for Basic Income Week should submit them to [bien2017.callforpapers@gmail.com](mailto:bien2017.callforpapers@gmail.com) by February 29th 2017.

Programs of the congress and Basic Income Week will be compiled from all submissions and proposals by March 31st 2017. If you have any question, please contact us at [bien2017.callforpapers@gmail.com](mailto:bien2017.callforpapers@gmail.com)

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Local Organizing Committee of the 17th BIEN congress,  
Portugal  
Executive Committee of Basic Income Week

**Organisation:** Basic Income - Portugal

**Collaboration:**

- Pan
- Political Theory Group of the University of Minho
- ...

**Sponzors:**

- Crowdfunding campaign
- ...