



How and when I met first with Unconditional Basic Income
The story of the First Hungarian Unconconditional Basic Income Association

20/21. February 2011. I watched my favorite German ZDF Nachtstudio (Nightstudio) program hosted by Volker Panzer. (he was a fantastic person)

The guests were: Götz W. Werner entrepreneur, Michael Opielka Professor for Socialpolitic in Jena, Adrienne Goehler Curator and author (Verflüssigungen - Wege und Umwege vom Sozialstaat zur Kulturgesellschaft. 2006. Frankfurt/Main: Campus)

The Title of the show was the book of Werner&Goehler: 1000 Euro für jeden - Zukunftsmodell Grundeinkommen ? / 1000 Euros for everybody- basic income model of the future? The video only in German is here: <https://youtu.be/1-ND0C9ULIM>

That was it ! After this hour-long show I could not go to sleep. In my mind nonstop circled this fantastic idea and I couldn't understand, how comes that this does not exist already. I never heard about UBI before.

Early morning I attacked my PC and started to research about UBI/BGE. In German language I found many interesting informations, and of course in English too. But for me seemed to the Germans were better organized.

After that, I tried to get some Hungarian information. I could not find anything interesting... So I started to translate and started to get in contact with foreign UBI groups and UBI persons on the Facebook.

I made my family, friends and clients crazy, because I was totally carried away with UBI - I talked only about UBI.

So I started to let people in Hungary know about UBI/FNA. I made a complete plan incl. the logos, how and what to do to introduce UBI in Hungary.

On May 31st 2011. I invited 38 people, came 18. From this 18 people we still have 4 members. One is Zita. The others showed interest for UBI/FNA, but I think they did not really believed in it.

After this beginning, we started a regular monthly meeting and all kind of activities. We never stopped from the first moment on. We have done and continue to do huge UBI distribution work in Hungary, despite the fact that we currently have only 16 members. The name of our Association by now known in the international UBI field too.

On May 31. 2021 is our 10 Years of existence. We will get together to celebrate on the 3th of June.

Here are all our contact informations :

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<https://www.facebook.com/Diem25HU/>

and this is the latest FB page, special for signature collecting for ECI-UBI campaign

https://www.facebook.com/Felt%C3%A9tel-N%C3%A9lk%C3%BCli-Alapj%C3%B6vedelmek-Bevezet%C3%A9se-az-Eg%C3%A9sz-EU-ban-105997968328823/?ref=pages_you_manage

The First Hungarian Unconditional Basic Income Association's members are not only talk, but do work for the Idea of UBI. List of some what we done and keep on doing.

- * 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 31th First ever event to found our UBI Community.

2011/12. The Enno Schmidt-Daniel Häni: "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 met with Götz W.Werner and got the signature for the book: "1000 € für jeden - Freiheit Gleichheit Grundeinkommen"

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 participants 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 Plaanken (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 ☺

2016. September 24th. 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. We must work more on and in this Group to get more benefit as well.

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 and now one of the candidate for the 2022 election as a Prime minister.

2018. August 28th - September 4th Sarath Davala was our Guest from India, Hyderabad. From this fantastic week we could talk days and days, it was so rich in experience. 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 Pape (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 7. 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.

i./ 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)

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 comfortable 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/have 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 we organized on ZOOM. Three different groups: politicians / professionals / social, during 3 occasion had round-table-discussion about UBI with moderators. (we have them on our YT.chanel)

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 Hungary, 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 !"

[Photo was taken on the ECI-UBI 2013/14 campaign.](#)

[The 3 founder members from left: Zita-Evamaría-Ushi. Our president Gyöngyi and others.](#)

