

Short Report from AUSTRIA (9. March 2017)

1. Preparation of the „10. International Basic Income Week“ (18. - 24. Sept. 2017)

We plan to send out the "call for participation" in April 2017 and ask for a decision, if we want to have a common Slogan. This time we will use a new UBI film "FREE LUNCH SOCIETY" in many cinemas in Austria and for which also an international version in ENGLISH is in discussion to be prepared.

2. Regional Meeting (AT-HU-SL) in Vienna (21. - 22. Sept. 2017)

Beside the internal meetings (21. and 22. Sept. 2017) in the evening on 21. Sept. 2017 we will organize a public event, for which Werner Rätz has agreed to come to Vienna for a key-note speech for (working title) "Vorbereitung einer Kampagne für eine zweite EBI für BGE im Jahr 2018" (preparing a campaign for a second ECI for UBI in 2018).

3. Congress "Gutes Leben für alle" (Good live for everyone) 9.- 11. Febr. 2017 was organized in Vienna by the University of Economics and Business in cooperation with 40 cooperations partners (e.g. Attac Österreich, Grüne Bildungswerkstatt, Austrian Unions ÖGB, Katolische Sozialakademie Österreich, System Change not climate Change, Gemeinwohl Ökonomie, etc.) Within this big event (more than 1000 persons) the UBI was also topic in a specific workshop, but also came up in many related workshops e.g. concerning "labour" or reduction of working hours.

4. As already mentioned in Madrid, a new **UBI organization "Generation Grundeinkommen"** (Generation UBI) for the introduction of UBI in Austria has been started. The first big event with 300 persons was organised by Helmo Pape on 19. Jan. 2017 and on 19. Febr. 2017 the next big event took place, using at the beginning the above mentioned film FREE LUNCH SOCIETY. The UBI with the four criteria is the basis. A "VOLKSBEGEHREN" (petition for a referendum) is planned in Austria ("timeframe" 2018), possibly parallel with a "New European ECI for UBI".

5. Media: The UBI is more and more topic in radio, TV and newspaper in a kind of "Pro and Contra". In a "left oriented" bottom up movement AUFBRUCH (set off, uprising) the UBI is also in discussion.

6. Politics: Even in small groups of the socialist party SPÖ (besides the parties [not yet in the Austrian Parliament], which have already UBI in their program) the topic UBI is in discussion in relationship with the "Wertschöpfungsabgabe", for which the Attac group for UBI has already elaborated possible solutions.

