



PROPOSES: INDEX 2006

- **The introduction of an unconditional Basic Income for everyone.**

From 0 to 17 years : € 150.

From 18 to 24 years: € 444.

From **25 to 64 ans : € 600.**

With more than 65 years : € 888.

Even those who have never had a paid job are entitled to a Basic Income, for example parents looking after their children at home, freelancers, persons un entitled to social security, persons living in poverty, etc. – in short, everybody without exception has a right to a Basic Income.

- **The abolition of social taxes on work (or labour),** so as to make employment affordable again.
- **The abolition of tax on private monthly incomes not exceeding € 1,500 (≈ BEF 60,510).**
- **Reduction of corporation tax to 15%.**
- **Free health insurance for all citizens (permanent residents).**

Consequences

- **The cost of labour (of employing workers) diminishes radically.**
- **Employment levels rise.**
- **Work and services become cheap again.**
- **Companies stop delocalizing.**

Explanation: If you are currently earning € 1,500 (≈ BEF 60,510) net, you are effectively costing your employer € 3,335 (≈ BEF 134,534).

However, when under VIVANT's system you receive a Basic Income of € 600 (≈ BEF 24,204), you will cost your employer only € 900 (≈ BEF 36,306). Your employer will be able to employ one, two or even three extra people, if desired, with the same budget of € 3,335 (≈ BEF 134,534).

- **"Black" work is eradicated, as labour is no longer subject to social taxes.**
The requirement to report for unemployment benefit therefore becomes redundant.
- **The State's expenses are reduced.**
- **As the price of labour becomes affordable again,** the demand for clandestine workers disappears and they will be less encouraged to immigrate illegally.
- **The efficiency of the public services is increased.**
- **Political demagoguery and abuse of power are checked.**
- **Social exclusion is significantly reduced.**
- **People are enabled to change jobs easily and find the job they like.**
- **People are given the chance to enjoy life.**
- **People are enabled to work as much or as little as they want.**
- **Those who work hard can earn a lot.**
- **Entrepreneurial initiative is made easier.**

Two hundred years ago, 50% of the population needed to work in order to produce enough food to feed the whole population. Today, the corresponding figure is 2%. And only a quarter of the world population would have to work in order to produce 100% of all the goods needed by the people on the planet, at the same time providing a decent income for each one of them, whether working or not. This represents an in-

credible new freedom... and it is within our reach! The principle behind Basic Income is that you are free to work a little, a lot or not at all.

A Basic Income guarantees you your means of subsistence whatever happens. And working allows you to earn more if you want to.

Everybody has this freedom of choice.

Who is going to pay for it?

VIVANT's solution: Let us substitute tax on work (on labour) and tax on private monthly incomes not exceeding € 1,500 (≈ BEF 60,510) by tax on consumption (social VAT). The price of products remains the same, but the State's income from social VAT increases, by an amount large enough to pay a Basic Income to each individual.

The greater your spending power, the more you consume and therefore the more social VAT you contribute. Social VAT could more precisely be termed social tax on consumption.

A corollary to this is the great reduction in the State's administrative costs. In Belgium alone, VIVANT's system would mean a reduction of five million yearly tax declarations and of more than 30 formalities involved in the employment of personnel.

An integrated and rational management of the social security system would on its own allow the State to save 6% of its current expenses, or € 6.2 billion (≈ BEF 250 billion), which is enough to finance the payment of a Basic Income to one million people for the whole year!

Is the project realistic?

Many people name this utopian, but humanity has always progressed thanks to innovations that reactionaries of the time rejected as utopian.

A few Utopias have in the course of history become irreversible acquisitions: the abolition of slavery, universal suffrage, the women's vote, paid holidays, obligatory schooling, etc. **What VIVANT offers is both simple and wise** and is only a matter of common sense. If you want to convince yourself, ask for our programme, which provides a detailed explanation supported by facts and figures.

What you have just been reading is on y a foretaste of the breath of fresh air that **VIVANT** wants to inhale into society.

VIVANT represents true progress in the sense of **greater solidarity and conviviality in society.**

Analysis of the price of an 800 g. loaf of bread

	Present system	VIVANT's system
Raw materials:	€ 0.44	€ 0.44
General costs:	€ 0.16	€ 0.16
Labour:	€ 0.72	€ 0.24
Taxes:	€ 0.08	€ 0.06
Profit margin:	€ 0.16	€ 0.20
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Total VAT excl.:	€ 1.56	€ 1,1
VAT:	6% = € 0.0936	50% = € 0.55
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Total VAT incl.:	€ 1.65	€ 1.65

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