

BASIC INCOME

For VIVANT the role of the State is precisely to create the conditions which will permit each one of us to develop fully, in total freedom.

To this end VIVANT has conceived a programme **both economic and social**, for the two aspects are interdependent.

All our politicians would like to implement social policies, but tell us, shamelessly, that they lack the means to do so.

Just as they all wish to make the economy flourish and provide jobs for everyone, but talk of unfavourable economic conditions, of other imperatives..., of FATE.

VIVANT certainly does not underestimate the vicissitudes of the economy -- and believes that this is precisely why it is high time to envisage a new organisation of society, founded on some solid ideas:

- A MINIMUM INCOME FOR EVERYONE THROUGHOUT LIFE
- ABOLITION OF TAXES ON LABOUR (**VIVANT-EUROPE**)
- REPLACEMENT OF TAXES ON LABOUR WITH A TAX ON CONSUMPTION.
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A Basic Monthly Income for All (indexed):

From 0 to 17 years	135 euros
From 18 to 24 years	400 euros
From 25 to 64 years	540 euros
From 65 years	800 euros

Example

A family of four with two children aged 14 and 18

Basic monthly income: $540 + 540 + 135 + 400 = 1,615$ euros

This Basic Income replaces all other forms of allowances.

Except that sickness and invalidity benefits are maintained.

We explain below how this Basic Income is combined with other forms of income.

Any insurances directly contracted by individuals are not affected.

Advantages of the Basic Income

- Dignity for all. No more unemployment and dependence on hand-outs.
- Everyone is free to work or not to work. No more marginalisation.
- Simplified administration.
- Total transparency.

Where does the money come from?

- From savings on the costs of the numerous organisations which administer social welfare, unemployment benefits and taxes on labour.
- By introducing a modified VAT (1).
- From replacing the present system of benefits.
- From a financial transactions tax.
- From growth of the economy (everyone becomes a consumer, or at least has that possibility, and the number of jobs and overall purchasing power will go up).

(1) In Vivant, VAT becomes STC (social tax on consumption).

