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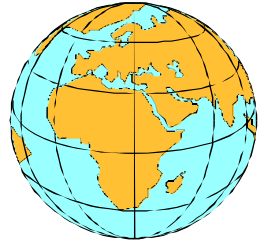
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**“Liberate work by removing its tax burden and financesocial security by taxing the consumption of goodswhich most often are produced by machine.”**

# **ELECTRONIC VIVANT- EUROPE**

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**FRANÇOIS BAYROU IS JOINED BY  
“PARTI FEDERALISTE” AND “ALTERNATIVE LIBERALE”**

On November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005, at a seminar in Brussels on the problem of employment organised by the VIVANT-EUROPE movement, we met Christian CHAVRIER, President of the French Federalist party, the “Parti Fédéraliste”, and a representative of the French Liberal Alternative party, “Alternative Libérale”.

Both showed a great deal of interest in VIVANT’s programme and in the efforts VIVANT-EUROPE is making for the introduction of a European taxation system consisting of the elimination of tax on work and the funding of social security mainly through consumption (tax on products).

Since the meeting, these two parties have included a **novel taxation system** and an **unconditional Basic Income** in their programmes.

In the context of the French election campaign, they thereby rally with François BAYROU.

Extract from the Federalist party’s election programme

***The Fundamental Aim: The Unconditional Basic Income:***

In order to put an end to social marginalisation, the Federalist party is in favour of introducing an unconditional Basic Income. This is the minimum amount required for survival, which would be paid out to every citizen from birth to the grave. The Federalists would like to see this Basic Income become the European social model. It would be

financed by a social VAT, levied mainly on manufactured goods. The elimination of a large part of employers' contributions as a result of the implementation of such a social VAT system, would give room for manoeuvre to businesses and therefore to employment. The Basic Income, the feasibility of which has been established by economists from both the Left and the Right, has a twofold aim: to avoid the perverse effects of benefit and to free up work in a large section of the economy. Our present system is too complex and too expensive. We have to get out of it.

Extract from the Liberal Alternative party's election programme

### **In Favour of an Income for Freedom**

The Income for Freedom is a great incentive for work and employment, as it eliminates the perverse effects of the RMI (Minimum Insertion Income). It opens up new types of jobs that are not being offered today because they create an added value for the employer that is less than the cost of the SMIC (minimum wage). This is a real obstacle to employment in many cases. These often unskilled jobs are so many points of reinsertion, or beginnings to a career. In the middle term, career perspectives can be opened up and wages be increased essentially through education and continual training.










The Income for Freedom encourages risk-taking and initiative, by guaranteeing our compatriots a last resource in case of adversity. It will effectively contribute to fighting the fear of enterprise and the fear of failure that are so well anchored culturally in France.




The Income for Freedom will never be a blank cheque for sitting around doing nothing: as Liberals, we place our trust in people and their desire to become free and responsible individuals. The RMI today has the effect of discouraging work. The Income for Freedom has no such effect, as it is not withdrawn as soon as one starts earning.

Finally, the employee is ensured a real chance against the employer in contract negotiation: he/she maintains the power to say No and to go and look for another job, even if he/she does not have other resources.

## REMINDER

### PARTISANS OF TAX ON CONSUMPTION (SO-CALLED SOCIAL VAT):

 <p><b>Maurice Allais:</b> Nobel laureate in Economics; Physicist  <a href="http://allais.maurice.free.fr">http://allais.maurice.free.fr</a></p>	 <p><b>Jean Arthuis:</b> Former Minister; President of the Finance Commission of the Senate  <a href="http://www.senat.fr/senfic/arthuis_jean83011j.html">www.senat.fr/senfic/arthuis_jean83011j.html</a></p>	<p><b>Pierre Aunac:</b> Former General Manager of a business; author of “L'économie au service de l'homme” (“Economics at Our Service”)</p>
 <p><b>François Bayrou:</b> MP  <a href="http://www.assemblee-nationale.fr/12/tribun/fiches_id/410.asp">www.assemblee-nationale.fr/12/tribun/fiches_id/410.asp</a></p>	 <p><b>Christian Blanc:</b> MP  <a href="http://www.assemblee-nationale.fr/12/tribun/fiches_id/286166.asp">www.assemblee-nationale.fr/12/tribun/fiches_id/286166.asp</a></p>	<p><b>Jean Paul Baquiast:</b> Member of PanEurope France</p>
 <p><b>Anne-Marie Comparini:</b> MP  <a href="http://www.comparini.net">www.comparini.net</a></p>	 <p><b>Nicolas Dupont-Aignan :</b> MP  <a href="http://www.assemblee-nationale.fr/12/tribun/fiches_id/1206.asp">www.assemblee-nationale.fr/12/tribun/fiches_id/1206.asp</a></p>	 <p><b>Christian Gaudin:</b> Senator  <a href="http://www.senat.fr/senfic/gaudin_christian01017n.html">www.senat.fr/senfic/gaudin_christian01017n.html</a></p>
 <p><b>Francis Grignon:</b> Senator  <a href="http://www.senat.fr/senfic/grignon_francis95036h.html">www.senat.fr/senfic/grignon_francis95036h.html</a></p>	 <p><b>Henri Guaino:</b> Former Chief Commissioner for National Planning  <a href="http://notre.republique.free.fr/bioguinno.htm">http://notre.republique.free.fr/bioguinno.htm</a></p>	<p><b>Bertrand de Kermel:</b> National Secretary; member of the FRS (Social Republicans' Forum) charged with Poverty Issues; President of the Poverty and Politics Committee  <a href="http://www.pauvrete-politique.com/p_administration.htm">www.pauvrete-politique.com/p_administration.htm</a></p>

 <p><b>Hervé Le Lous:</b> CEO of Fournier Laboratories, Juva Santé and Urg <a href="http://www.urgo.fr/fr/urgo/presentation/index.php">www.urgo.fr/fr/urgo/presentation/index.php</a></p>	 <p><b>Philippe Marini:</b> Rapporteur to the Finance Commission of the Senate <a href="http://www.philippe-marini.net">www.philippe-marini.net</a></p>	 <p><b>Jacques Myard:</b> MP <a href="http://www.jacques-myard.org">www.jacques-myard.org</a></p>
 <p><b>Alain Rouleau:</b> President of Rouleau Guichard (textiles); President of the FEEF (French Federation of Businesses and Entrepreneurs) <a href="http://www.feef.org">www.feef.org</a></p>	 <p><b>Guillaume Sarkozy:</b> President of the Union of Textile Industries</p>	 <p><b>Dominique Strauss-Kahn:</b> MP <a href="http://www.blogdsk.net">www.blogdsk.net</a></p>

**At the Senate's sitting of November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 21:30, 40 Senators voted for an amendment in favour of social VAT. They were:**

Nicolas About	Jean-Paul Amoudry	Philippe Arnaud	Denis Badré	Gilbert Barbier
Claude Biwer	Maurice Blin	Didier Borotra	Jean Boyer	Marcel Deneux
Yves Détraigne	Muguette Dini	Daniel Dubois	Jean-Léonce Dupont	Pierre Fauchon
Françoise Férat	Christian Gaudin	Gisèle Gautier	Adrien Giraud	Jacqueline Gourault
Jean-Jacques Jégou	Joseph Kergueris	Pierre Laffitte	Valérie Létard	Jean-Claude Merceron
Michel Mercier	Aymeri de Montesquiou	Catherine Morin-Desailly	Georges Mouly	Philippe Nogrix
Georges Othily	Anne-Marie Payet	Jacques Pelletier	Yves Pozzo di Borgo	Bernard Seillier

