

This Is Goodbye

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Hi guys. It's been a while. We've been meaning to write this post for a few months now, but life kept getting in the way. We haven't written anything on the blog this year apart from the announcement of FIWE 2020, which ended up getting canceled due to the covid restrictions.

It's time to face the facts – What Life Could Be has run its course, served its purpose, and it's time to move on. I suppose it's pretty obvious that our hearts aren't in it any more.

We could have just closed the site down. But we wanted to say one last goodbye before we hang up our hats for good. So let's explore why we've run out of steam. We've realized that...

...We Just Don't Enjoy Writing

Neither of us particularly enjoys writing blog posts. It seems strange that we started a blog in the first place then, but at the time we didn't know that we weren't writers and we were caught up in the enthusiasm of this new movement we'd just discovered, so we decided to give it a go.

It went fine for the first couple of years. We told our story and became part of the FI community both in Germany where we lived at the time and in Europe in general. We met a tonne of fantastic people, many of whom have become good friends.

But then our enthusiasm for writing posts started to tail off, mostly because...

...We Don't Have Anything Left to Say

Let's face it, there's only so much to say about FIRE, and it's all been said already. Many times. We just don't feel we have any value left to add. We could tell you guys more about our FI life here in Romania, but to be honest it's not that interesting. And we're definitely done writing about personal finance and investing since...

...We Have FIRE Burnout

We've been intensively involved in the FIRE community in Europe since 2014 and while it's been an amazing experience, our enthusiasm for talking about FIRE has tailed off. Over the years we've read literally thousands of blog posts about all aspects of FIRE, listened to hundreds of hours of podcasts, and been to countless meetups. It's all been interesting, but like we said above, there's only so much you can say about FIRE, and we need a break for a while. Which means that...

...We're Putting Our Energy into Other Things

We both have a tonne of other projects we want to devote our time and energy to at the moment, but none of them are FIRE-related.

We're also spending boatloads of time with our kids, especially this year due to lockdown and school closures. (We're just starting week 6 of homeschooling for this school year.)

Besides looking after the kids, running the house, working in the garden, and pursuing our other projects we just don't have time to write blog posts and maintain the blog.

Something's gotta give. We've decided to be honest with ourselves – and with you guys – and admit that it's time to wave goodbye to What Life Could Be.

So What Now?

We'll keep the site online for two weeks after we publish this post, then we'll shut it down forever.

We were keeping the site active so we'd have somewhere to publish information about [Financial Independence Week Europe](#). But we've decided to give FIWE a new home at [FIREhub.eu](#), the site we co-founded at [FIWE 2017](#).

In the next couple of weeks we'll be moving all information about past FIWEs to the [Meetups](#) section of FIREhub. And we'll be putting out information about future FIWEs via FIREhub and its related [facebook page](#).

We still can't be sure whether there will be a FIWE in 2021 because the covid situation is still so uncertain. Once we make a decision, we'll let you know via FIREhub.

All that's left to say now is a huge thank you to all of you. To everyone who's been a regular reader, commented on our posts, and reached out to us in various ways over the years. Some of you even took a chance on us and signed up for a FIWE event. We hope to see a lot of you again soon once this crazy world has sorted itself out.

Thank you, and goodbye,

Mr & Mrs W

