



EUSKADI

BASQUE COUNTRY



KEY FIGURES



- **Surface area:** 7,235 km²
- **Population:** 2.180.449 inh.
- **Population density:** 301 inh./km²
- **No. of Municipalities:** 251
- **Official Languages:** Basque and Spanish
- **Working population with higher education:** 35%
- **GDP per capita:** 33.896 euros
- **Average annual temperature:** 14 °C

CHALLENGES AS A COUNTRY

- Positioning the Basque Country among the top three in the world on the **Human Development Index**
- Achieving a **poverty rate under 5%**
- Slashing unemployment to under 6%
- **Consolidating Peace**
- Agreeing a **new status in the political relationship with Spanish State** and showcasing Euskadi (The Basque Country) as a territory of excellence for the coming decade



EUSKADI, THE COUNTRY OF THE BASQUES

On 7 October 1936, the **first Basque Statute of Autonomy**, which recovered the “Fueros” or historical rights, was passed

1936

Basque self-government began to be institutionalised with the **first Basque Government and the first Basque Premier**, Lehendakari José Antonio Agirre

During the Spanish dictatorship, Euskadi had its own **government in exile**

1939

In 1979 Euskadi regained its self-government with the approval of the **Statute of Gernika**

1979

Euskadi has its own language and cultural history

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THE STATUTE OF AUTONOMY

defines all the competences of Euskadi

THE BASQUE PARLIAMENT

is the supreme representative body

FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC ARENA

Euskadi is noted for its “Concierto” (Economic Agreement), which regulates those relations and is recognised by European institutions

CONCIERTO

Its application provides the Basque Autonomous Community with fiscal autonomy and the resources of a Public Treasury through tax collection

INDUSTRIAL HUB OF SOUTHERN EUROPE: BIGLITTLE



Highly industrialised territory

- Strong manufacturing base (21%): automotive industry, aeronautics, environment, industrial design and engineering.
- Trail-blazing cluster policy since 1991: 17 priority clusters

Internationalised economy

- 36,4% ratio of exports to GDP



Most important financial centre on the Atlantic Corridor

- Headquarters of one of the leading banks in Europe: BBVA

RESEARCH, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

124 entities in the Basque Science and Technology System

1,85% of investment in R&D / GDP

58 Business units of R&D

4 Science and Technology Parks with over 17,000 people working in more than 400 companies

Knowledge generation

- 9 BERCs: Basque Excellence Research Centres
- 4 CICs: Cooperation Research Centres (Biomaterials, Nanogune, Biogune, Energigune)



4 universities with over 67,000 students and 9 Public Research Entities



Technology Development:

- 10 Multifocal technology centers
- 6 Sectoral Technological Centers



PRESENCE IN THE WORLD



- 7 Basque Government Delegations
- SPRI Commercial Network in 83 countries
- 191 Euskal Etxeas

KEY INDICATORS

0.922 out of 1
Seventh in the world ranking
Human Development Index



24,3% **Industrial GDP**
(EU average: 17,3%)

121% **GDP Per Cápita**
Eight EU Country



2 **Tourist quality**
Second destination in
terms of Tourist Quality
certifications, after Andalusia

39,7% **graduates in
science and technology**
First EU Country
46,1% of youth (30-34) with higher
studies (EU average 39,9%)



124%
**Productivity per employed
person**
Forth country of the EU in
productivity per employed
person (EU average:100%)

KEY INDICATORS

83,5 years old Quality of the Health Service

The country with the longest life expectancy in the EU



53% Density of Natural Spaces

Over 53% of the territory as woodland (EU average: 37,8%)



31 Michelin Stars The highest concentration in the world in 2017.

Martín Berasategui, Pedro Subijana, Hilario Arbelaitz, Eneko Atxa, Juan Mari Arzak...



1.169.404

visitors to the Guggenheim Museum in 2012

Leading cultural institution in the world in terms of degree of self-funding

5000 years old The country of the Basque Language

A unique language with no known ties with any other language



35 The Basque Language, Euskera, is now one of the 35 twitter languages.





“Hidden amongst mountains, a people inhabits both sides of the Western Pyrenees, a people that has preserved its ancient language over long centuries, and to a great extent its old regime and customs as well. The Basque people.

Even in more modern times, torn apart into two very unequal parts and under the rule of power nations, the Basques have never surrendered their way of being. Intermingling with none of their neighbours, they have remained in a condition of original simplicity of manners, and still have their distinctive national character, and above all have preserved the old spirit of freedom and independence that Greek and Roman writers already praised in them”.

Wilhelm von Humboldt



Thank you

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