

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



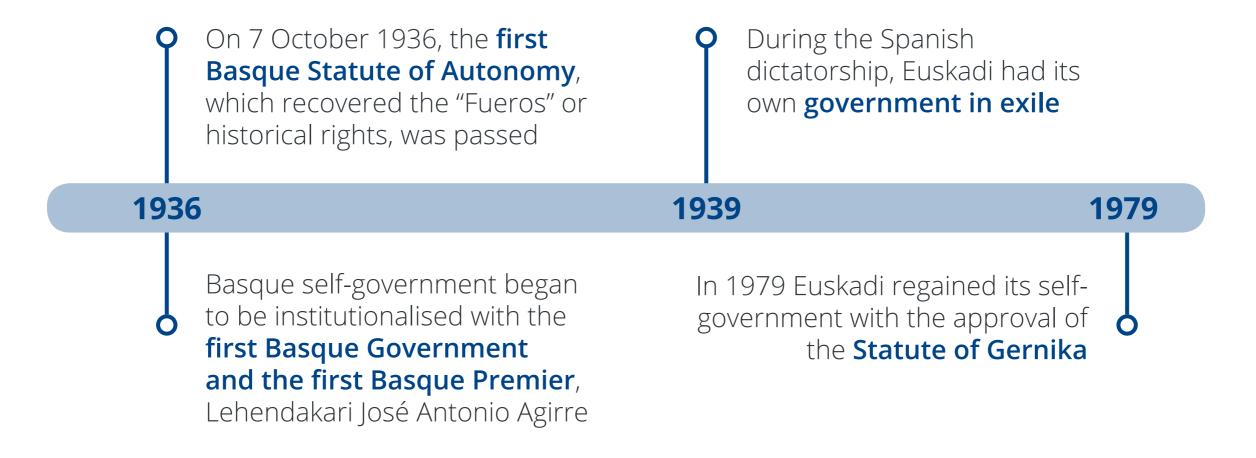
CHALLENGES AS A COUNTRY

- 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





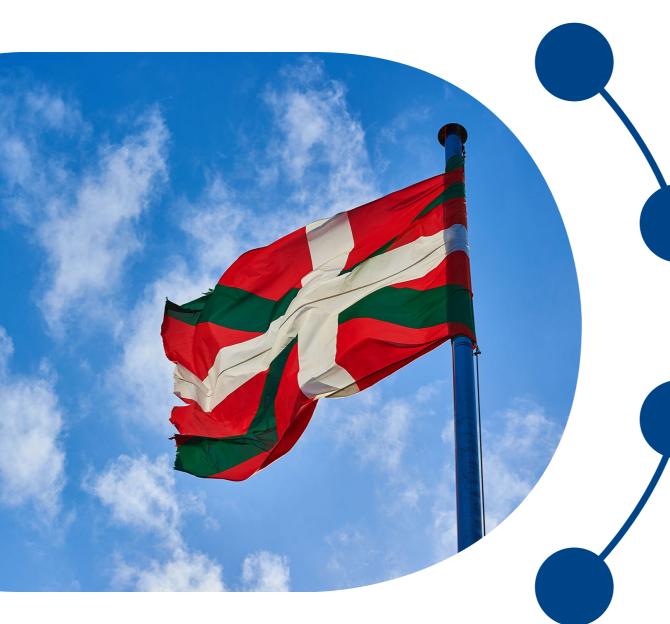
EUSKADI, THE COUNTRY OF THE BASQUES



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

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

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





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

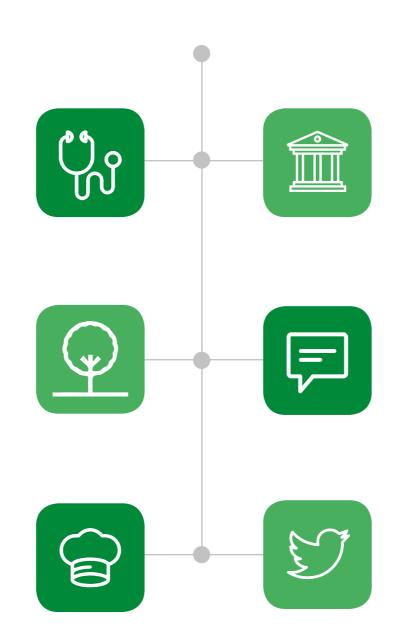
The country with the longest life expectancy in the EU

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...



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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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