BILBAO

City of opportunities







Bilbao

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VISIT BILBAO





Bilbao, the economic and financial heart of Biscay

Bilbao is a city that has shown a unique ability to **transform challenges into opportunities.** It has always invested in innovation, sustainability and culture and it has become a world leader in urban regeneration. The Guggenheim museum is just the tip of the iceberg of a transformation that has turned Bilbao into a modern, efficient, friendly and attractive place to live, work and visit.

Investing in Bilbao means wagering on a city that combines **history and future** and has economic stability, an innovative environment and a strategic location on the European Atlantic Axis.



World-class ecosystem



A wealth of talent



Quality of life



The best tax system



Business friendly government



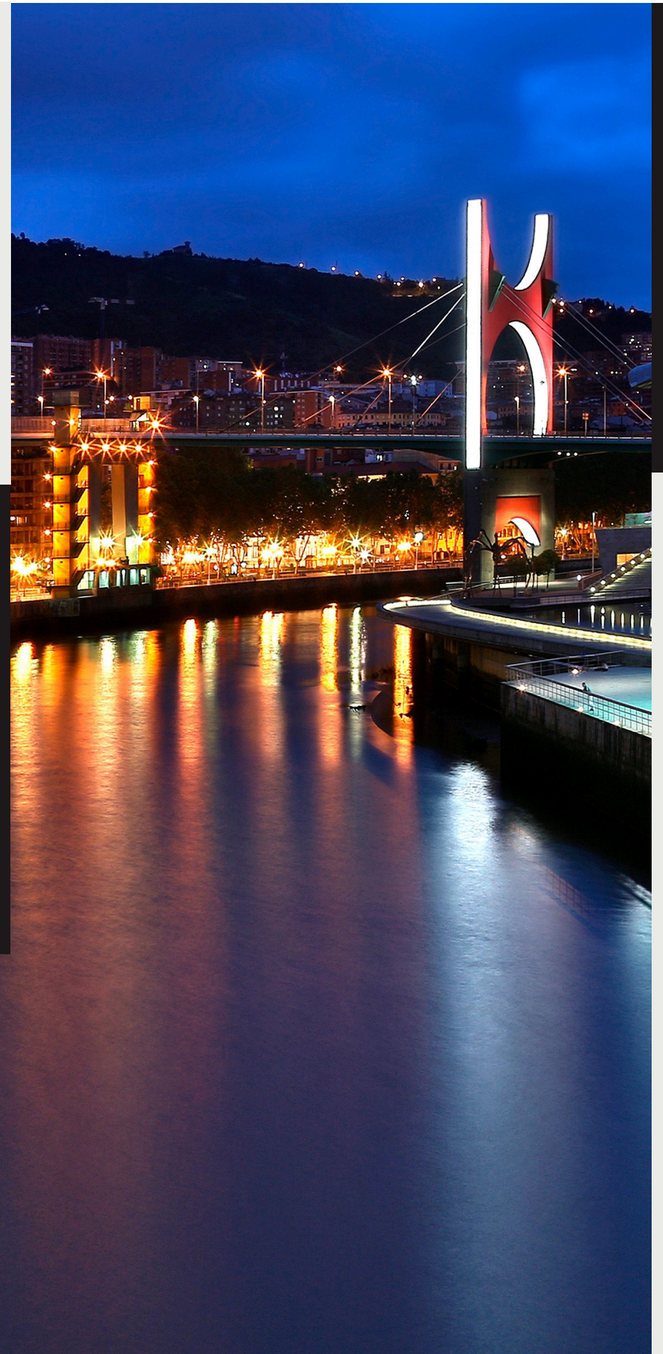
Independent financial system



Fiscal autonomy

3M

AREA OF INFLUENCE



9,9%

UNEMPLOYMENT

TOP 4

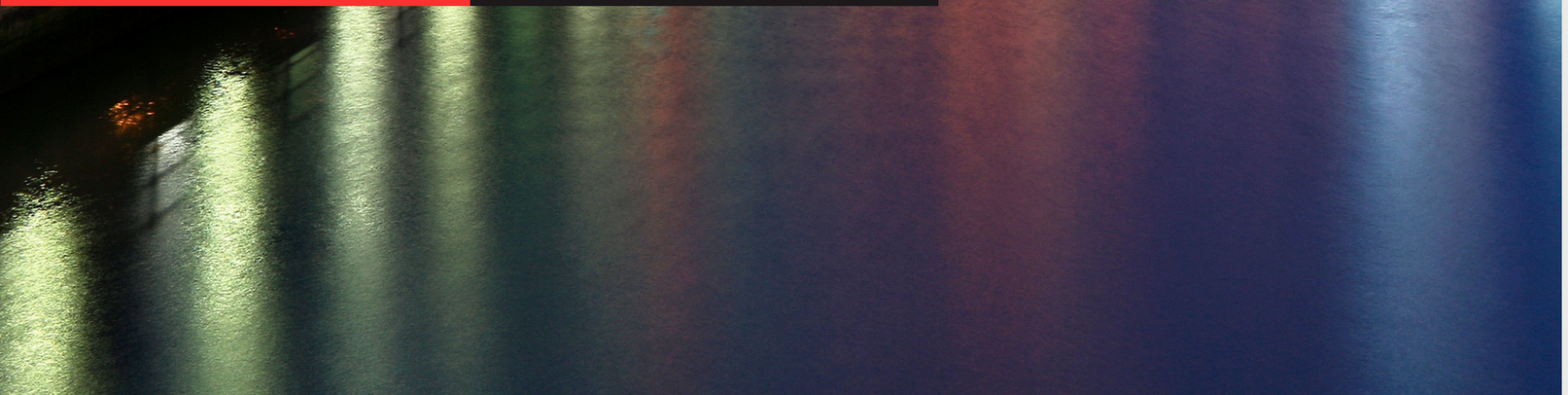
EUROPEAN FDI

348,089

Nº OF RESIDENTS

41.39%

EMPLOYMENT RATE FOR PEOPLE WITH ADVANCED EDUCATION



€41,511

GDP PER CAPITA 2023

A prime place to live, work and enjoy

EDUCATION



CULTURE AND LEISURE



HEALTH



DIVERSITY AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY



FOOD



THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY



02

STRATEGIC LOCATION



A prime location in the heart of the European Atlantic Axis

Bilbao has a strategic location on the European continent with excellent connectivity by sea, air and land that makes it a **top location for logistics.**

LAND

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

- An efficient and sustainable system
- 3 underground lines with a future expansion

ROADS

- Road network with access to the main European routes

BILBAO INTERMODAL

- Connected to more than **240 destinations**

TRAIN STATION

- Plan for high-speed train station

Paris - 9h
Madrid - 4h
Barcelona - 5.3h
La Coruña - 5h



SEA

SEAPORT

- **No. 23** - TOP 30 European Union
- The largest on the Cantabrian seaboard
- Constant growth in freight and passengers
- Leadership with **34.3 million tons of freight**
- **5th largest** port in Spanish system
- Atlantic European Leader



AIR

INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

- **10 minutes** from the city centre
- 43 European destinations
- 5 transoceanic destinations
- **7.06 million passengers** and **54,468 flights in 2025**



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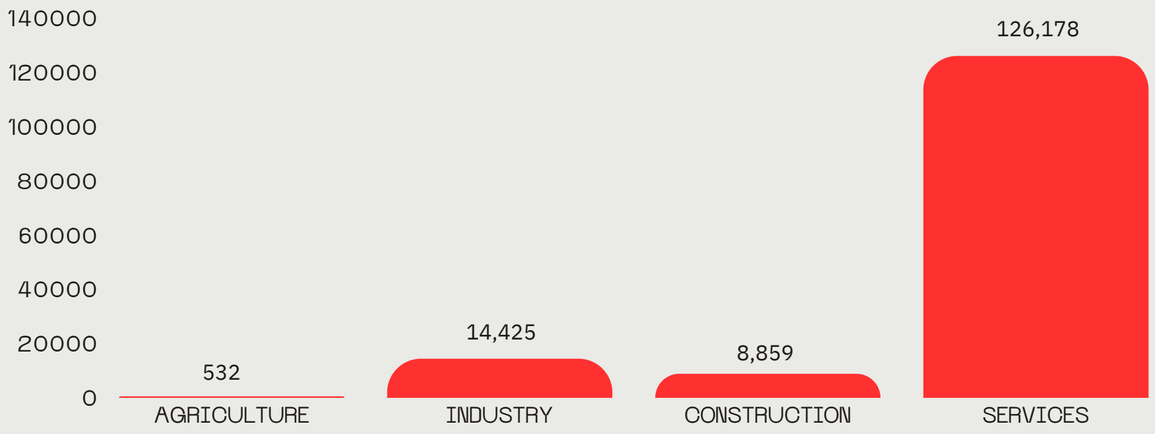
BUSINESS ECOSYSTEM



Top 10 Spanish cities with the highest number and percentage of *gazelle companies

**A company with a high rate of growth in a very short period of time In general, they are companies that grow very fast in terms of billing and hiring (at least 20% a year for 3 consecutive years).*

PEOPLE EMPLOYED



City of Bilbao (2024)

150,000
PEOPLE EMPLOYED

EMPLOYMENT RATE

51.1%



Bilbao and Euskadi in continuous evolution and growth

+900

International companies in the Basque Country

€1,069M

DIRECT FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN THE BASQUE COUNTRY

2024



Knowledge intensive business services (commonly called KIBS) are companies that provide professional services to other companies (business to business), employ highly-qualified people and generally use new technologies.

	KIBS-P	KIBS-T	KIBS-C
	PROFESSIONAL	TECHNOLOGY	CREATIVE
	Legal and accounting, consulting and business management services.	The digital transformation, engineering and architecture, research and development	Communication, advertising and market studies.
		62% GROWTH BETWEEN 2014 / 2024	
24,169 KIBS JOBS			
JOBS	10,168	11,480	2,521
BUSINESSES	3,509	1,689	1,022

Bilbao - Bizkaia - Euskadi: an agile and competitive environment adapted to real needs

POLITICAL AUTONOMY

Local decision-making and the capacity to adapt politics to the needs of businesses.

FISCAL AUTONOMY

Bizkaia Provincial Council has its own tax system to activate incentives that drive investment, innovation and internationalisation.

INSTITUTIONAL COMMITMENT TO THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY

A coordinated support and guidance network in every stage of business growth.

ATTRACTIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR INVESTMENT

Stability and an orientation towards economic development to attract investment and generate business.

INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE ENTREPRENEURIAL ECOSYSTEM

Programs, spaces and financing for entrepreneurship and scaling innovative projects.

SECTORIAL STIMULUS

Clusters that connect businesses and technology to compete and grow in strategic sectors.



NEGATIVE NAME CERTIFICATION

- Apply at the central business registry
- You can submit up to five names in order of preference
- Validity: 3 months

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CAPITAL PAYMENT

- Open a bank account in the name of the “company being incorporated”
- Deposit the capital specified by statute
- The bank issues a certificate that is submitted before a notary
- A stock value must be submitted if there are contributions in kind

02



SIGNING OF THE DEED OF CONSTITUTION

- Draft corporate statutes (name, purpose, capital, domicile, participation...)
- Sign before a notary along with the certificate of legal name, bank certificate or inventory of contributions, statutes and ID of business partners and spouses

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APPLY FOR VAT NUMBER

- Submit form 036 to the regional tax authority
- Documentation: deed of constitution (original and copy) and ID of the applicant or power of attorney
- A provisional VAT number is granted that must be exchanged for the definitive one in 6 months

04



INSCRIPTION IN THE BUSINESS REGISTRY

- Deadline: 1 month for SA, 2 months for SL from signature before notary
- Registration corresponding to legal domicile
- Documentation: certificate of legal name, deed of constitution, form 600 (exempt from payment but obligatory)
- After registration the corporation acquires legal personhood

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OTHER SPECIFIC REGISTRIES

- Cooperative Corporations → General Registry of Cooperatives
- Worker-Owned Companies (SLL /SAL) → Registry of Worker-Owned

06

The Basque Country is a regional nexus for innovation

With backing for **R&D above the national average and** a consolidated network of science, technology and innovation, the Basque Country is seen as a regional nexus for innovation. And it is the only region of Spain that belongs to the **EU High Innovation** group, holding the top position among southern European regions.

KNOWLEDGE

Science and technology for innovation

UNIVERSITIES

BASIC AND EXCELLENT RESEARCH CENTRES (BERC)

COOPERATIVE RESEARCH CENTRES (CIC)

TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT

Research applied to the need of the business community

TECHNOLOGY PLATFORMS

Centres for generating scientific-technological knowledge and transferring it to the business community

- Tecnalia Research & Innovation
- Ik4 Research Alliance



2.21%

GDP DESIGNATED FOR R&R

Basque Country

BUSINESS COMMUNITY

Sectorial specialisation and business knowledge

TECHNOLOGY PARKS

A meeting point for science-technology services and business knowledge

CLUSTERS

A world-class system of clusters whose primary purpose is to increase the competitiveness of companies through cooperation with each other and using the support of institutions and universities

An environment ready to scale thanks to a network of infrastructures

- Clusters
- Technology parks
- Conferences and events
- Spaces for entrepreneurship



SPACES FOR ENTREPRENEURS

Bilbao has **numerous initiatives** that make the city a nexus for entrepreneurship.

- **BILBAO AUZO FACTORY**
  Hubs for incubation, acceleration, training and networking.

  Irazabal-Matiko
  Boluetaberri
  Cantera

- **BILBAO BERRIKUNTZA FAKTORIA (BBF)**
  A network for learning and innovation that drives new business projects connecting universities with tractor entities.

- **CENTRO DE EMPRENDIMIENTO**
  An entrepreneurship centre that brings together all the resources for people who want to start a company or business project.

TECHNOLOGY PARKS

9 Campuses spread over the three territories that form an interconnected ecosystem that drives key factors, like **transferring knowledge** and **R&D** to the business community and networking.

EUSKADIKO PARKE TEKNOLOGIKOAK Parke

tecnalia

ikerlan

CIC bioGUNE
MEMBER OF BASQUE RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGY ALLIANCE

CIC energiGUNE
MEMBER OF BASQUE RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGY ALLIANCE

CIC nanoGUNE
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CLUSTERS

AUTOMOTIVE

ACICAE

AEROSPACE

GAIA CLUSTER ICTA

DIGITAL

hegan basque aerospace cluster

BHC BASQUE HEALTH CLUSTER

Cluster Energía BASQUE ENERGY CLUSTER

aclima Basque Environment Cluster

BUILD:INN BASQUE CONSTRUCTION CLUSTER

CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

Bilbao has several **multipurpose spaces** for holding all kinds of meetings, conferences and events.

B!E!C!

A unique space because of its size and versatility that can be used for exhibitions, conferences or concerts

Other spaces:

AZKUNA ZENTROA ALHÓNDIGA BILBAO

itsasmuseum

SALA BBK

CONFERENCE CENTRE EUSKALDUNA BILBAO

Biscay, motor of the energy sector with a presence of the world’s biggest brands

7.5%

GDP OF THE ENERGY SECTOR



€47,000M

Worldwide revenue of the **350** companies present in the Basque Country

Petronor

IDOM

AERnnova

ormazabal velatia

ULMA

SIEMENS Gamesa RENEWABLE ENERGY

CAF

BIOLAN accurate · easy · smart

ITP Aero

MONDRAGON HUMANITY AT WORK Finance Industry Retail Knowledge

Orona

Ingeteam

Irizar

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ACICAE

Iberdrola

Etxetar

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growing together

RAIL

CAF

CULTURE / CREATIVE INDUSTRY

MONDRAGON
HUMANITY AT WORK
Finance
Industry
Retail
Knowledge

Creativity World Forum 2024
Euskadi Basque Country

ZINEUSKADI

ETXEPARE EUSKAL INSTITUTUA

ENERGY

Petronor

Iberdrola

SIEMENS Gamesa
RENEWABLE ENERGY

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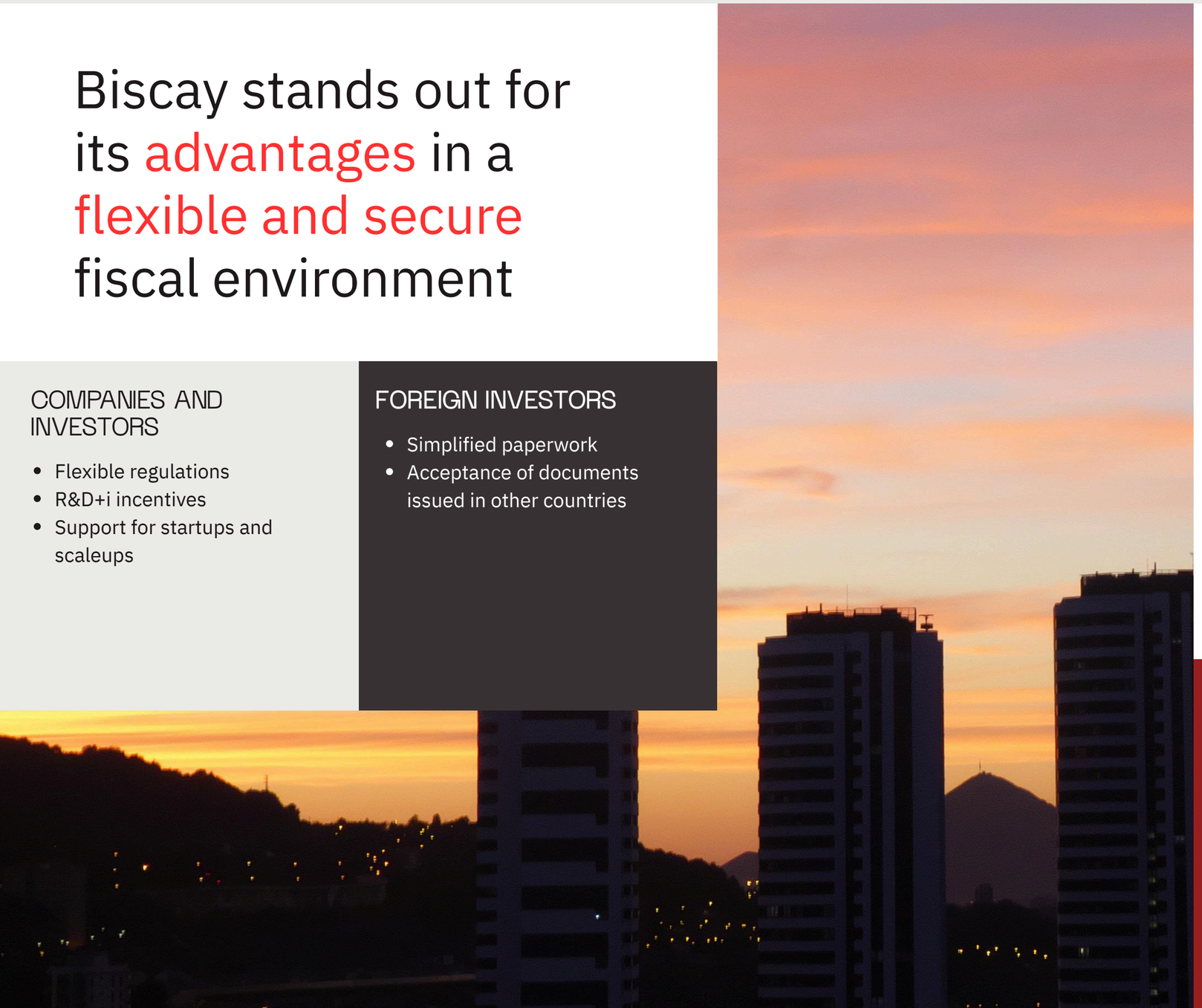
INDEPENDENT TAX SYSTEM



Biscay stands out for its advantages in a flexible and secure fiscal environment



COMPANIES AND INVESTORS

- Flexible regulations
- R&D+i incentives
- Support for startups and scaleups

FOREIGN INVESTORS

- Simplified paperwork
- Acceptance of documents issued in other countries

TAX INCENTIVES FOR:

- Talent
- Energy Transition
- Investments
- Audiovisuals

FLEXIBILITY AND SECURITY

If they are not used up in the current year they can be applied for the next 5 years. Additionally, the framework is stable and especially favourable for entrepreneurs.

INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS

Up to 35% for investing in micro-companies and innovative SMEs.

Full backing to make your company grow

The city of Bilbao and the territory of Biscay have an **attractive ecosystem for establishing new companies**. That is why both institutions provide support services to startups.

- Aid
- Programs
- Subsidies



Public backing for creating and consolidating companies

The institutional support ecosystem of the region **provides the necessary instruments** for entrepreneurs to be able to **create, develop and consolidate** their business projects.

ACCELERATORS AND INCUBATORS

MULTI-SECTORIAL
BerriUp / Deusto Digital Accelerate/ Metxa

ICT
KBI Digital / Auzo Faktory / Boluetaberri / Auzo Faktory Rekalde / Initland Bilbao / Zitek

CREATIVE INDUSTRIES
AUZO FAKTORY CANTERA

BILBAO BIZKAIA ACCELERATOR TOWER (BAT)

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B Accelerator Tower

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Bilbao

FINANCING

BUSINESS ANGELS
BerriUp / Deusto Digital Accelerate / Metxa

CROWFUNDING
Culinary Action!

REFUNDABLE TAX CREDITS WITH GUARANTEES
Seed Capital

SUBSIDIES



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BUSINESS FRIENDLY GOVERNMENT



A city where efficiency and legal stability are a key part of its identity

Bilbao facilitates relationships between government and companies, driving transparency and optimising resources. And it also has **channels for community participation** that allow social groups influence decision-making.

- Open, transparent and collaborative government agencies
- Efficient contract execution
- Simplification of registry systems
- Strategic development of human resources

1st

Position in the index of Municipal Transparency (ITA)



The Basque Country is a solid industrial region and it is deeply integrated into European chains

Strengths like its cluster policy, technology ecosystem and public - private collaboration set it apart.

INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT FLOWS (IED)

- The Basque Country > 15% of the outgoing stock of IED of Spain
- Incoming IED stock grows at an annual rate of 12.6% (2019-2023)
- Incoming IED by sector:
  - 38.3% manufacturing
  - 37.6% energy
- (very important for high-value industrial projects)
- Investment composition (2024):
  - 75.7% acquisitions (brownfield)
  - 1.3% incoming greenfield
  - 3.2% outgoing greenfield
- Companies with foreign capital: 873 (4.4%), with a strong European share and growing North American presence

HISTORIC STRENGTHS

- Cluster policy
- Science / technology ecosystem
- Public-private collaboration
- High level of industry

ESPECIALISATION IN TECHNOLOGY

- Basque exports
- 49.4% medium-high level of technology
- 34.7% medium-low level of technology (much higher than EU-27: 41.1% and 16.7%)

GENERAL GOAL OF THE NEW PLAN FOR INDUSTRY - BASQUE COUNTRY 2030

More and better industry and lower emissions with an additional factor of cutting bureaucracy.

In continuous evolution and growth

38.3%

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY

37.6%

ENERGY

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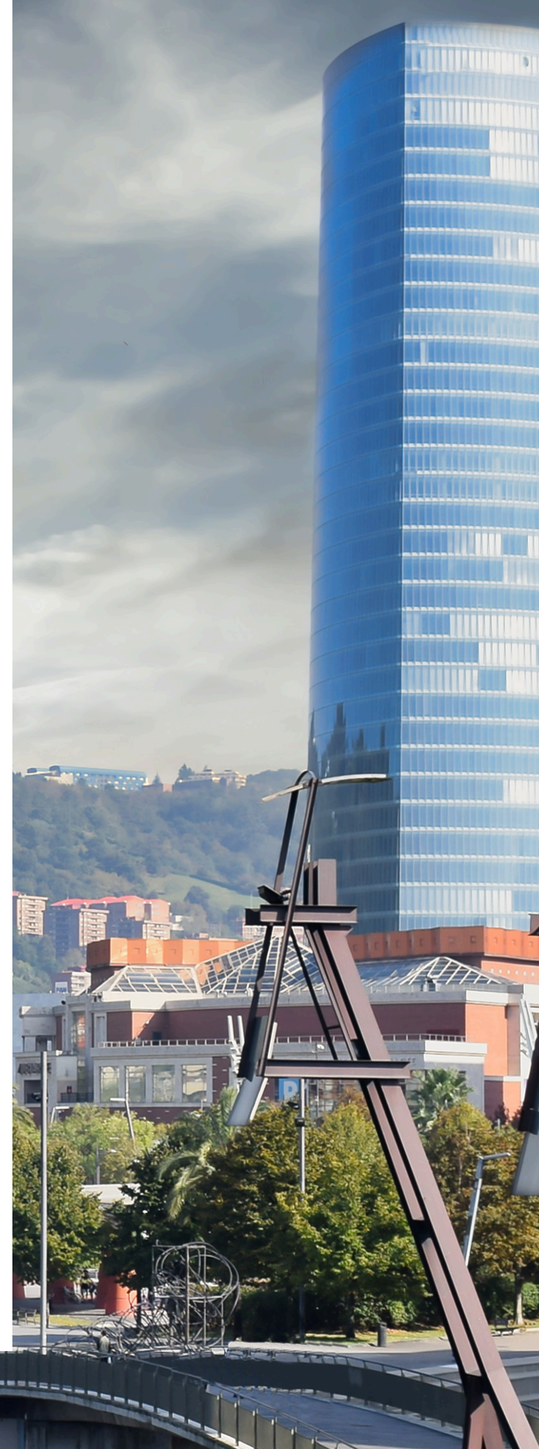
SPACES FOR OPPORTUNITIES



Zorrotzaurre

Urban Innovation District

800,000 m^2 of land

150,000m^2

COMMERCIAL USE



Zorrotzaurre

Urban Innovation District



PUBLIC-PRIVATE COOPERATION

Alliance between the City of Bilbao and Basque Technology Parks

Bilbao

EDUCATION

- Public and private universities
- Higher education centres
- University of the Basque Country, University of Deusto, Mondragon Unibertsitatea, DigiPen, Kunsthal: **518 students on the island**

LIVING

- Housing: open market and public (more than 5500 units)
- Sports Facilities: sports centres and rowing pavilion
- Green Space: **7.5 km riverside walks**
- Reserved for Industrial Memory: **restoring 320 buildings**
- Student housing
- Cultural and creative spaces
- IMQ private hospital

SUSTAINABILITY

- Flood risk reduction system
- **Zero-emissions buildings**
- Facilities for electric cars
- **100% electric public transport system**
- Island tram (4 stops)

INNOVATION

- Northern Urban Innovation Park
- Built area 45,748 m^2
- **7 new buildings** and 4 existing buildings
- Art and creativity industries
- **Northern Urban Innovation Park**: Built area 81,960 m^2, pending commercialisation and 8 new buildings
- Internet and digital technology industries
- Knowledge intensive service industries

EUSKADIKO PARKE TEKNOLOGIKOAK Parke

Punta Zorrotza

■ Meeting, leisure and recreation area

317,000 m^2 of land

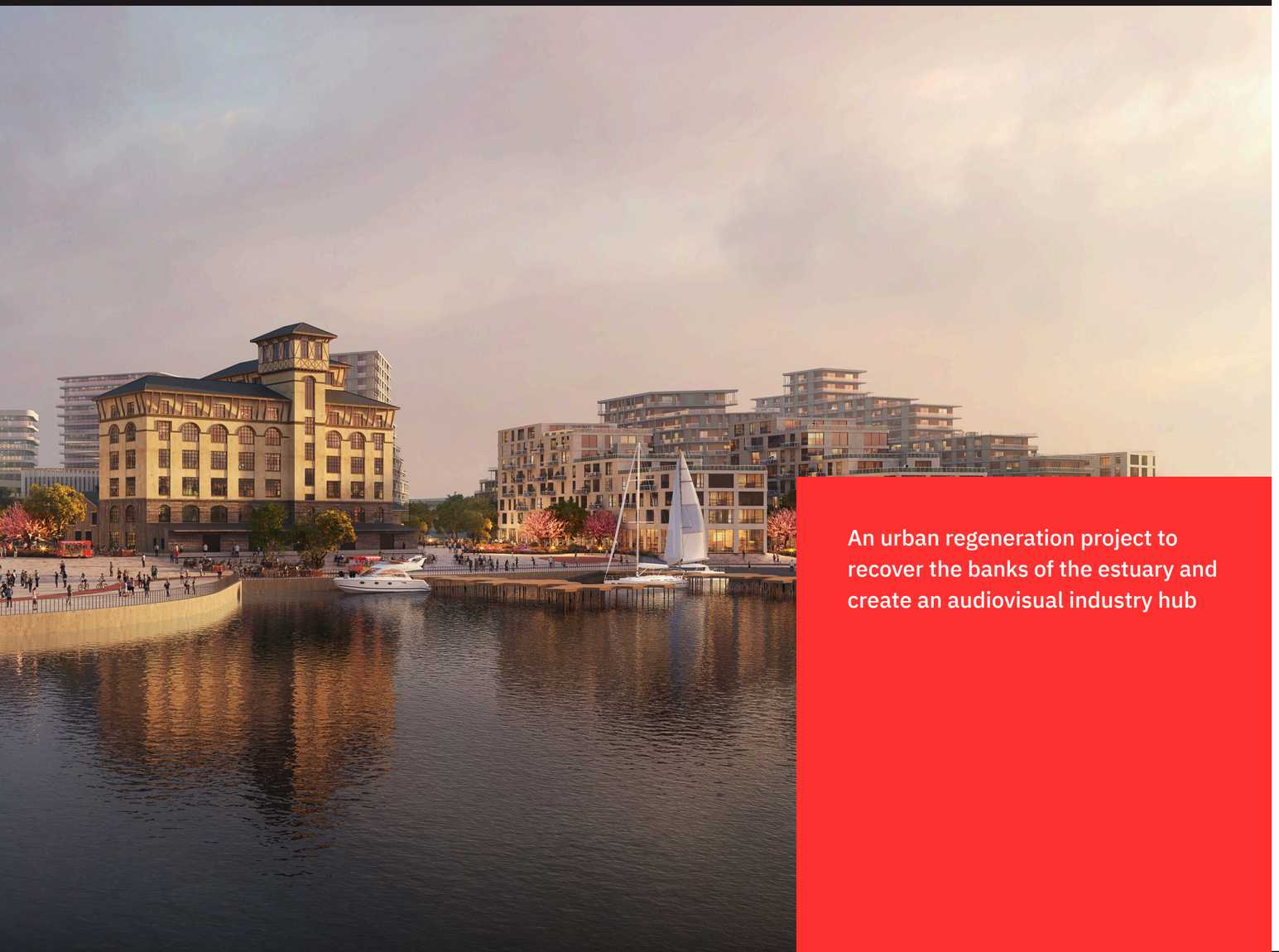
100,000m^2

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY



Punta Zorrotza

Area for meetings, leisure and recreation



An urban regeneration project to recover the banks of the estuary and create an audiovisual industry hub

It is an area for gatherings, leisure and enjoying the city that integrates the current residential area with urban development that enhances the visibility of **future economic, business and residential initiatives.**

HOUSING UNITS

- 2000 new housing units
- Regeneration of the current residential area

SPORTS FACILITIES

GREEN SPACE (100,000 m^2)

AUDIOVISUAL HUB (122,000 m^2)

The purpose is to promote the creative culture industry including the rehabilitation of four existing industrial pavilions in which areas for expansion where offices, green rooms and other related services are planned. The open and flexible floor plans of the buildings make it possible to adapt them to the needs of the audiovisual industry quickly.

Abando Station

- High-speed train station



€720M investment

Abando Station

High-speed train station



100,000m²
OPEN SPACE

The Abando Master Plan consists of a 720 million euro investment program and it will bring the **high-speed train to the city centre** of Bilbao.

17,750m²
commercial use

40,000m²
urban park

1,100
housing units

550
parking places

Olabeaga

Urban regeneration

In line with the General Plan, the urban planning goal for Olabeaga is to improve the neighbourhood so it can be regenerated and, consequently, be used primarily for residential areas.

GOALS

- Strengthen the connection between Olabeaga and Zorrotzaurre with a pedestrian walkway so the future amenities of the island can be used to service the neighbourhood of Olabeaga
- Contribute to the **regeneration of the estuary**
- Increase the population so the neighbourhood can get facilities and services
- Preliminary investment estimate: **€60 M**
- Total housing units: approx. **580, 40% of which will be subsidised or protected**



580

HOUSING UNITS

€60M

INVESTMENT

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SPACES FOR OFFICES AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITY



Offices

Sustainability, accessibility and security

There is a growing demand trend for office spaces toward modern buildings that meet requirements in sustainability, accessibility, security, and representativeness.

BILBAO OFFICES

- +135 locations*
- +110 buildings exclusively for office use
- 4% average availability
- 660,000 m2 total
- 4.50-4.75% Prime Yields Bilbao

(*) Includes both exclusively office-use buildings and mixed-use buildings



+110

BUILDINGS FOR EXCLUSIVE OFFICE USE

Hotels

Quality for a complete experience

Since 2023, Bilbao has gained 100 new places to meet a quality-driven tourism demand, focused on cultural, gastronomic, and business experiences.

2025 BILBAO

- 10,000 beds
- €116 ADR
- 5.50-6-00% Yield

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN BILBAO

- 5 Hotels
- +300 rooms



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NEW HOTELS

+300
NEW ROOMS

Flex Living

A new way to live

Flex living has become an alternative to traditional housing letting that gives people a new user experience, flexible leasing and a feeling of belonging to a community.

BILBAO FLEX LIVING

- 815 beds
- 830-1,260€/month
- 5.50%-5.75% Yield



Student Housing

The housing for students provides comfort, independence and security that gives students and their families peace of mind, especially during the first years of university.

BILBAO STUDENT HOUSING

- 1,859 beds
- 800-1060€ / month
- 5.25-5.50% Yield





Senior Living

Senior living has emerged as a housing model that is an alternative to nursing homes and that is aimed at independent groups of users over 65 with common interests.

BILBAO SENIOR LIVING

- 6 flats

Flex Spaces

Flexible office spaces are presented as the perfect solution not just for freelancers and small businesses, but also for any corporation that needs flexibility and representation.

BILBAO FLEX SPACES

- 15 Flex Spaces
- €160 - 320/ month
- 5.5 - 6% Yield





Serviced Apartments

Serviced apartments are an alternative to hotels and are geared towards longer stays and a selection of high-priority services for the most demanding guests.

BILBAO SERVICED APARTMENTS

- 134 apartments
- 5.75-6.00% Yield

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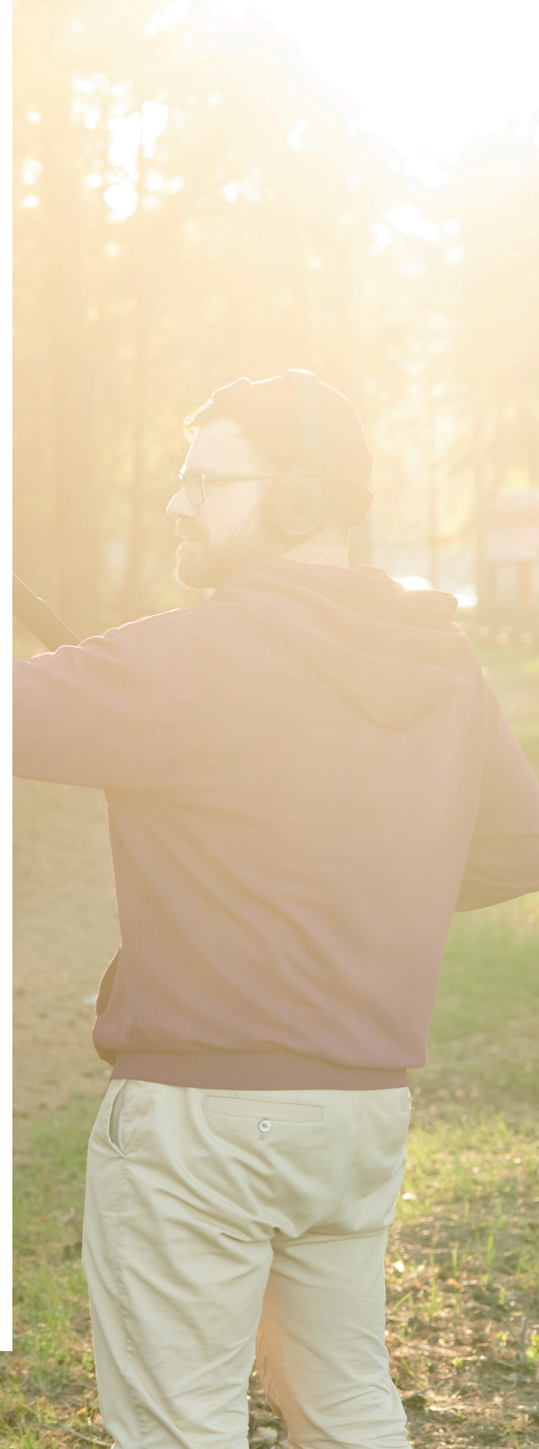
LOCAL TALENT



The Basque Country is the autonomous community that invests most in education by population

↑ 40% above the national average

€2,373 /per capita



56.48%

EMPLOYMENT FOR PEOPLE WITH ADVANCED EDUCATION

307,000

WOMEN EMPLOYED

VS. 299,000 men

A large number of universities that drive qualified talent

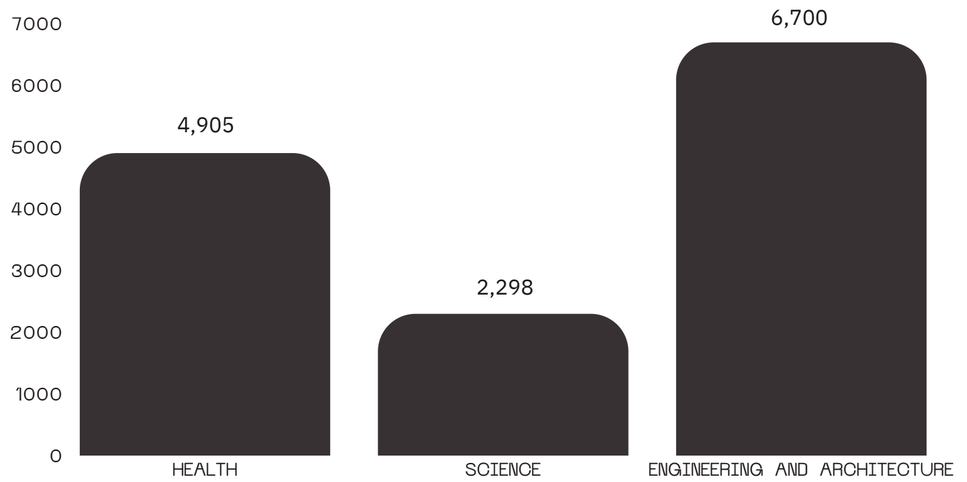
Nº OF STUDENTS IN DEGREE PROGRAMS

22,775
PUBLIC UNIVERSITY

10,372
PRIVATE UNIVERSITY

+40%
STUDENTS IN TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS
+ engineering, architecture and health sciences

Nª OF STUDENTS



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ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

+130
DEGREES AND DOUBLE DEGREES

+160
MASTER'S PROGRAMS

+65
PHDS

+30K
STUDENTS

UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES

Universidad del País Vasco / Euskal Herriko Unibertsitatea

MONDRAGON UNIBERTSITATEA

Deusto

CÁMARABILBAO UNIVERSITY BUSINESS SCHOOL

IED KUNSTHAL

esden Business School

DigiPen INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Basque VET, a European leader in innovation and talent

Basque vocational education and training has been recognised by the European Commission as a leader in Europe thanks to its capacity for **turning complex global challenges into real solutions.**

(*) VET: Vocational Education and Training

32
VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRES

253
DEGREES AND DOUBLE DEGREES

3,136
LOWER LEVEL STUDENTS

7,498
MEDIUM-LEVEL STUDENTS

11,435
HIGHER LEVEL STUDENTS

ALTERNATING DUAL VET

A training model shared between VET centres and companies.

HIGH-PERFORMANCE CYCLES

A disruptive collaborative challenge-based learning methodology.

TECHNICAL TRANSFER AND INNOVATION

Infrastructure and knowledge for strategic sectors: energy, creative industries, automation, manufacturing and automotive.

TKNIKA

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Bilbao will be the home of the Centre for Applied Research and Innovation for VET.

Bizkaia talent

In order to provide higher quality services to companies and entrepreneurs interested in settling in the city, the Invest Bilbao office collaborates with Bizkaia Talent, which is an **initiative geared towards attracting and hiring highly-qualified professionals.**

Networking
Links between organisations and professionals

Talentia
Help for developing the talent of university students

Intermediation and job offers
Managing job offers from collaborating organisationss

Location & Be Basque Dual Career Center
Reception of professionals and their partners



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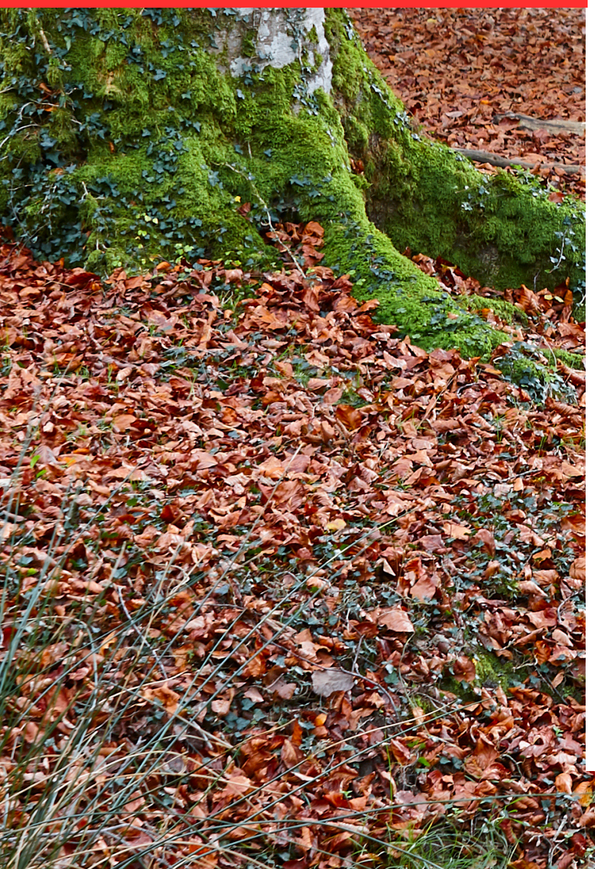
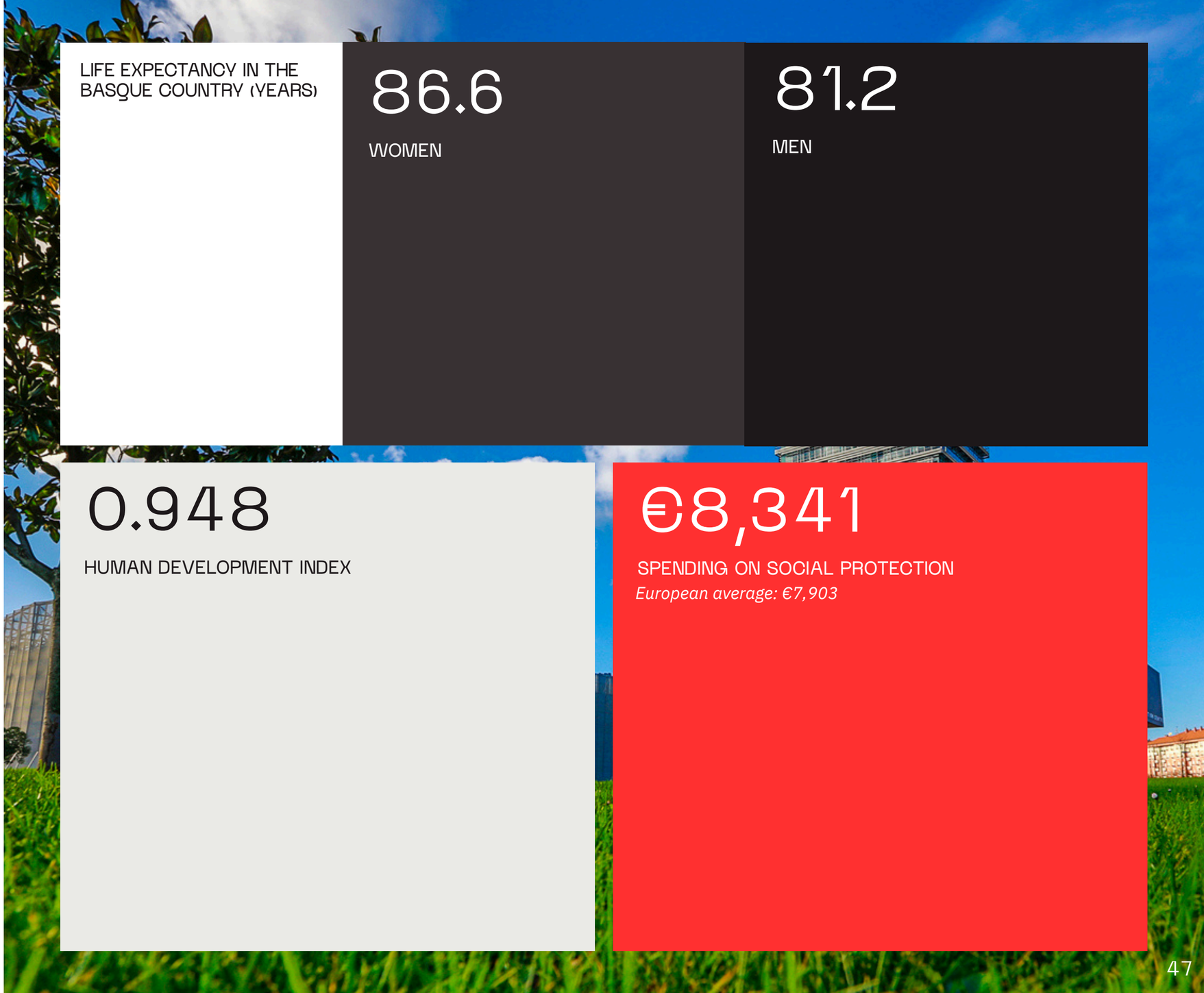


WELL BEING, CULTURE AND SUSTAINABILITY



A city where living, working and having a good time peacefully coexist

Bilbao is a medium-sized, modern and welcoming city with a great quality of life. Its scale and dynamism make it easy to **have a good work-life balance**, making it an attractive place to live and work.



LIFE EXPECTANCY IN THE BASQUE COUNTRY (YEARS)

86.6

WOMEN

81.2

MEN

0.948

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX

€8,341

SPENDING ON SOCIAL PROTECTION

European average: €7,903

Nº2

Ranking in the regional competitiveness index

Orkestra - Basque Institute for Competitiveness, 2025

THE REGIONAL INNOVATION SCOREBOARD

TThe Regional Innovation Scoreboard rates the Basque Country as a “strong innovator”. The Basque Country is above average for innovation in the European Union.

EU27 = **100**

108.1

(2025)



EU REGIONAL COMPETITIVENESS INDEX

EU27 = **100**

Rank **83/234**

107

(2022)

EU REGIONAL SOCIAL PROGRESS INDEX

EU27 = **100**

Rank **44/236**

113.5

(2022)

Live with nature at your doorstep



5
FOREST PARKS

21
URBAN PARKS

20'
EREAGA

25'
AZKORRI

25'
SOPELANA



200
ha of green space

Efficiency is in the DNA of urban transport

With energy consumption by urban transport barely **1.8 MWh** per resident, Bilbao is the most efficient city in Spain.

METRO

- 40 stops (43 Km)
- Three lines
- Frequency: 6

TRAINS

- Three commuter train lines with 44 stops (60 km)
- Regional connections with 79 stations (181 km)

BUSES

- 43 urban bus lines
- 104 provincial bus lines
- 90% of the population has a bus stop within 300 m of their home

TRAM

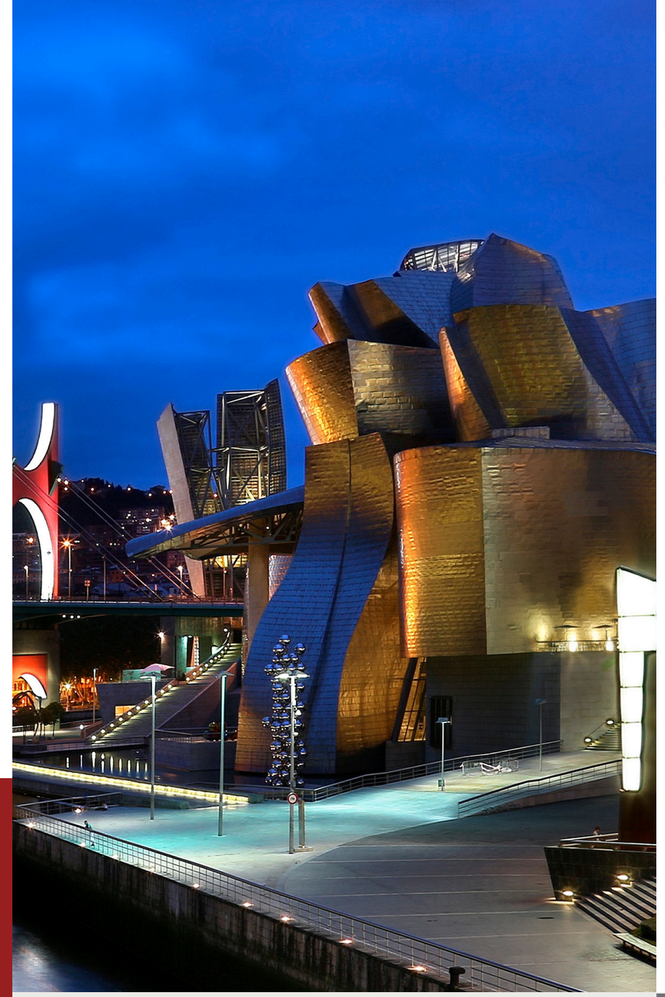
- Connects several neighbourhoods going along the Bilbao estuary
- Stops in Landmark Areas: Old Town, Arriaga theatre, Guggenheim museum...



BICYCLES

- 35 lending points

A culture in constant evolution driven by leading institutions like the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao and the Fine Arts Museum with record numbers of visitors every year



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MUSEUMS WITH RECOGNISED PRESTIGE

1,741
CULTURAL EVENTS

+200
SPORTS CLUBS

Bilbao BBK Live

bilbao basque FEST

Tour de France GRAND DÉPART PAYS BASQUE 2023

UEFA EUROPA LEAGUE BILBAO FINAL 2025

UEFA women's CHAMPIONS LEAGUE BILBAO 24 FINAL

Red Bull CLIFF DIVING

Investec CHAMPIONS CUP / EPCR CHALLENGE CUP Bilbao 26 FINALS

ATHLETIC CLUB BILBAO



Basque food, among the best in the world

Bilbao is a medium-sized, modern and welcoming city with a great quality of life. Its scale and dynamism make it easy **to have a good work-life balance**, making it an attractive place to live and work.

RESTAURANTS IN BILBAO
MICHELIN STARS

- *Ola Martín Berasategui*
- *Nerua*
- *Atelier Etxanobe*
- *Mina*
- *Zarate*
- *Zortziko*
- *Bakea (Mungia)*
- *Islares*
- *La Revelía*



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MICHELIN STARS

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RESTAURANTS

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PRIZES AND AWARDS

SEOUL SMART CITY PRIZE
2024

BEST REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT DESTINATION
2024

EUROPEAN CITY OF THE YEAR AWARD
2018

LÝ KÚAN YEW WORLD CITY PRIZE
2010

RANKED FOURTH AS BEST LARGE EUROPEAN CITY FOR ATTRACTING FOREIGN INVESTMENT
2025

GLOBAL EVENTEX AWARDS
2025

PRIZES ASPRIMA-SIMA
2025

SMART CITY INDEX
2025

THE WORLD'S MOST WALKABLE CITIES
2025

WORLD'S BEST CITIES REPORT
2025

HAPPY INDEX
2025

TOP 100 ICCA RANKING
2025



CITY OF SCIENCE AND INNOVATION
2025

Through Red Innpulso, the,Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities MICIU has awarded Bilbao with the 'City of Science and Innovation' distinction. This award recognises cities that show a **commitment to innovation** and that have implemented policies and actions that are favourable to local innovation, making them drivers of innovation in their territories.



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