



 Bizkaia

A person is sitting on a stone wall in the foreground, looking out over a city. The city is densely packed with buildings and is situated in a valley. In the background, there are mountains under a sky with large, dramatic clouds. The entire image has a red color overlay.

biscay, an appealing region >

In the centre of the European Atlantic Axis

- Biscay is the largest of the three Historical Territories of the Basque Country and its capital, Bilbao, the main City of Bay of Biscay, Atlantic Arch Europe. The Basque Country is located in the north of Spain, a **strategic country**, a confluence of two continents and an axis of the Mediterranean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean.

- A 2,000 km. corridor connecting more than 10 EU regions
- 80 million people: 25% of the population of the euro zone
- More than 2 billion euros in GDP: 30-40% of GDP of the euro zone
- A corridor between ports: more than 60 ports with total traffic of over 650 million tonnes per year



Who we are

- *Millenary traditions in the country where we speak the oldest language in Europe.*
- *A vibrant cultural scene. High ranking-festivals and first-class cultural facilities.*



Beach 10 minutes away from city center



Home to five different world heritage sites



Sports, gastronomy, folklore, festivals...

 **Bizkaia**

One of the most advanced regions in the world

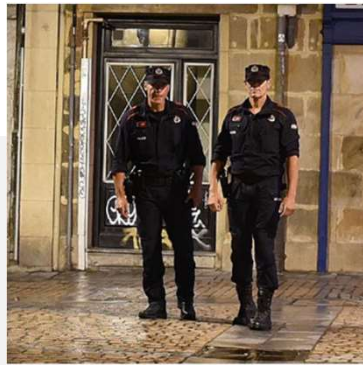
- Basque Country is the territory with the highest level of **quality of life** in Spain (OECD Source).



- Extensive health infrastructure that covers the needs of citizens through the **Basque Health Service-Osakidetza**



- Euskadi has the **lowest dropout rate** for young people between 18 and 24 years old (7.7%)



- One of the **safest territories** in Europe, with a rate of 39 crimes per 1,000 inhabitants, compared to 45 in Spain and 56 on average in the EU 27



- **Life expectancy** in Basque Country is 83.6 years old



Talent territory

- Bilbao is in third place in the **world ranking in capacity to retain talent** among more than 150 cities according to the VII Global Talent Competitiveness Index 2020 presented in the World Economic Forum in Davos (Switzerland).



In data

- Basque Country is a territory of **great economic dynamism**, which has its own tax system. It is a strategic point for the business sector, tourism and culture with a great capacity for attracting talent, innovation and entrepreneurship.



The South of the North & The North of the South



- The most important **international airport** of the northern part of the Iberian Peninsula (AENA)
- The **largest Atlantic port** in Southern Europe
- Bilbao is the most committed to **sustainable mobility city** in the Spanish State (Greenpeace)
- Biscay, **transparent territory** recognized and awarded at European and international level

A place to live with an international projection



- Bilbao Biscay has one of the world's icons of architecture: **Guggenheim Museum Bilbao**, which year after year attracts thousands of visitors to a city and a territory that combine dreamlike landscapes, an internationally renowned gastronomy and a language and identity its own.



- With 55 spaces in Natura 2000 Network, the percentage of protected areas covers up to 20,5%. Beach 10 minutes away from city center, home to four different world heritage sites, sports, folklore, festivals...

Every culture expression belongs to our people.



Unique territory due to stability and legal security



zero uncertainty

outstanding qualities

- › Policy of “zero uncertainty”
- › Proximity and agility
- › Avoiding double taxation
- › Transparency

taxation serving productive economy

- › For highly qualified and talented people
- › For startups and R+D+I intensive firms
- › For investment and financing

deductions through non accounting adjustments

- › Tax rate reductions
- › Tax losses carry forward
- › Tax rate
- › Deductions



*Industrial country &
ecosystem for business >
and innovation*

Our core Industrial and Advanced Services

Driving clusters

- › Aeronautics
- › Automotive
- › Appliances
- › Electronic and Information Technologies
- › Energy
- › Maritime
- › Machine tools
- › Environment
- › Paper
- › Port
- › Audiovisual

Statewide, the Basque Country supplies

- › 90% specialty steels
- › 80% machine tools
- › 65% forging and stamping
- › 50% capital goods
- › 40% appliance sector
- › 25% aeronautics
- › 25% automotive components
- › 12% electronics, computers & telecommunications

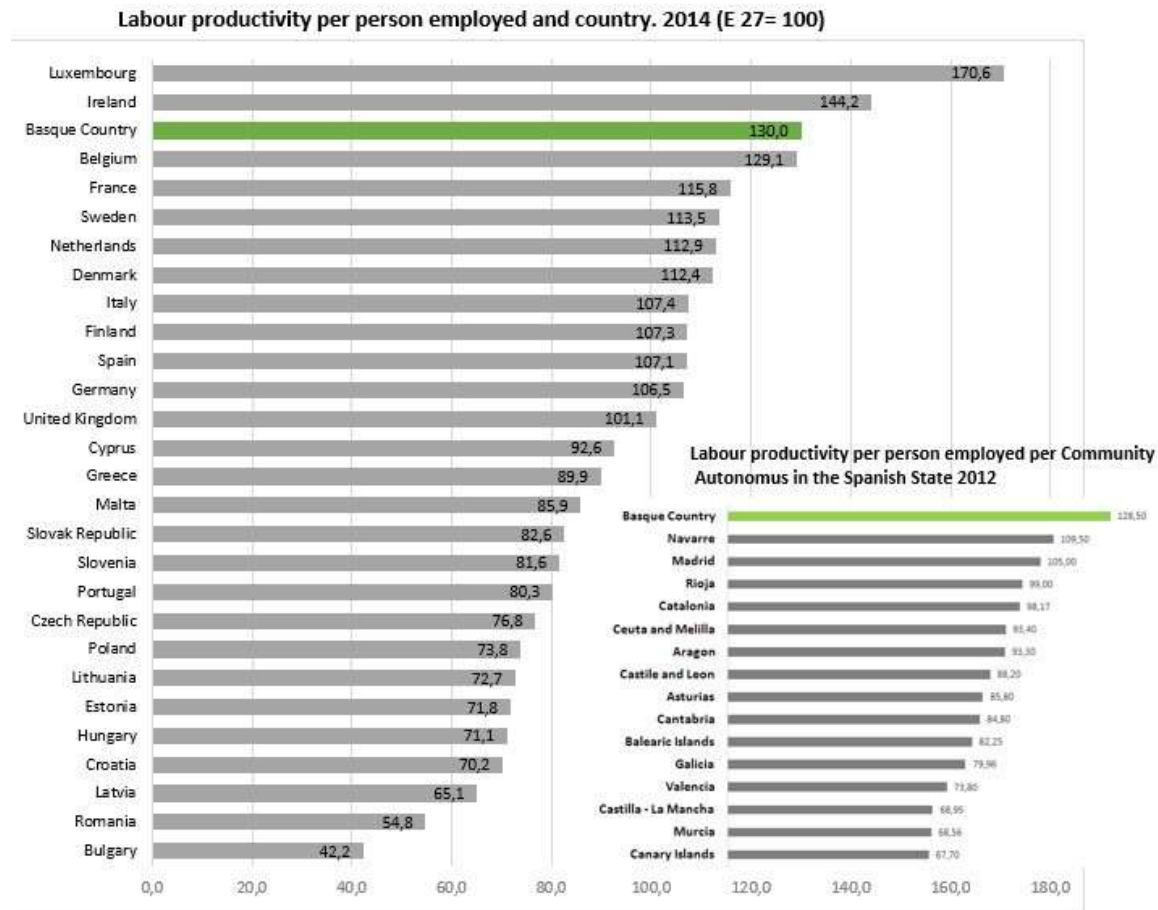
Ecosystem of industry



Fostering Talent & Productivity

- Top ranked country in the EU in terms of science and technology graduates (43%).
- Third largest (€12k) expenditure per student (after Denmark and Austria) in educational institutions from primary to tertiary.

Source: OCDE



Manufacture Oriented R&D&I World Class Ecosystem

R+D+I investment: 1,93 % GDP. First region in Spain

Basque Science, Technology and Innovation Network

Generation of Knowledge

- **9 BERCs:** Basque Excellence Centres
- **7 CICs:** Cooperation Research Centres
 - Biomedical research (Biogune)
 - Biomaterials (Biomagune)
 - Nanosciences (Nanogune)
 - Advanced Manufacturing(Margune)
 - Micro-technologies (Microgune)
 - Energy (Energigune)
 - Tourism (Tourgune)

Technology Development & Application

2 R & D Research & Development Platforms: 2,877 fulltime jobs



- ❖ **5 Sectorial Centres**
- ❖ **5 Health R&D Units**
- ❖ **6 Public Research Bodies**

128 Entities in the Basque Science & Technology Network

Strategic projects

- Automotive Intelligent Center
- Aeronautics Advance Manufacturing Center

R&D&I strategy

1,93% GDP
Reinvestment in
R&D&I

R&D&I SYSTEM

People

Strategic Projects

Infrastructures

Support
Programmes

Technology Parks as a key instrument

Techonology Park of Bizkaia

Stablished companies	219
Workforce	7,647
R&D employees	27%
Global income	€ 2,455 M

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