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BID TO BECOME A EUROPEAN REGION OF SPORT  
QUESTIONNAIRE



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## GENERAL INFORMATION

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### a. Name of the Region (Territory)

#### COMPETENT FRAMEWORK OF THE HISTORICAL TERRITORY OF BIZKAIA

##### BIZKAIA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

The **General Assemblies** are the highest body of representation and citizen participation for the people of Bizkaia: **the Parliament of Bizkaia**. As a parliamentary institution, it exercises its legislative powers in areas within its remit to promote progress in Bizkaia. Similarly, it oversees and **monitors the activity of the Bizkaia Provincial Council**.

The General Assemblies of Bizkaia have a long historical tradition, with origins dating back to the Middle Ages, predating the construction of the Gernika Assembly House, **which makes it one of the earliest democratic political systems in Europe**. The Bizkaia General Assemblies pioneered democratic instruments such as Habeas Corpus, the prohibition of torture and Universal Nobility, well before many other European institutions.

Restored in 1979 after a hiatus of over 100 years following the abolition of the **Fueros (1) in 1876**, the Bizkaia General Assemblies have played a key role in the institutional development of the Basque Autonomous Community and the restoration of the historical rights of the Basque Territories.



(1) The *Fueros* were the legal code governing the Lordship of Bizkaia. Equivalent to a general law that encompassed various types of regulations and was, at the same time, constitutional law and a civil, criminal and procedural code. It originally emerged from the entire network of customs and traditions that became established among the people of Bizkaia over time.

## a. Name of the Region (Territory)

## COMPETENT FRAMEWORK OF THE HISTORICAL TERRITORY OF BIZKAIA

## BIZKAIA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

The recognition of the historical rights of **the Basque Territories** was specified in **Article 3 of the Statute of Autonomy (1979) of Gernika**, which states that they may preserve or, where applicable, restore and update their own organisational and institutional structures of self-government.

The institutions of the government of the Historical Territory are the General Assemblies as a parliamentary chamber and the **Provincial Council as an executive body**.

The Spanish Constitution and the Statute of Autonomy of the Basque Country recognise the organisation and self-government of the Historical Territory of Bizkaia.

The *Basque Law 27/1983* regulates the distribution of powers between common and provincial institutions, assigning the historical territories the implementation and development of **regulations to promote sport**.



**a. Name of the Region (Territory)****COMPETENT FRAMEWORK OF THE HISTORICAL TERRITORY OF BIZKAIA****BIZKAIA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL**

Under Law 2/2023 on Physical Activity and Sport in the Basque Country, the Bizkaia Provincial Council is responsible for:

- **Developing regulations for school sports and implementing them in coordination with the municipal administration.**
- **Approving sports policies and regional sectoral plans.**
- **Managing and updating the sports facilities registry.**
- **Providing technical and financial support for promising athletes and sports clubs.**
- **Overseeing and regulating sports federations in the region.**



### a. Name of the Region (Territory)

We consider **Bizkaia** to be a region composed of ten districts and 113 municipalities.

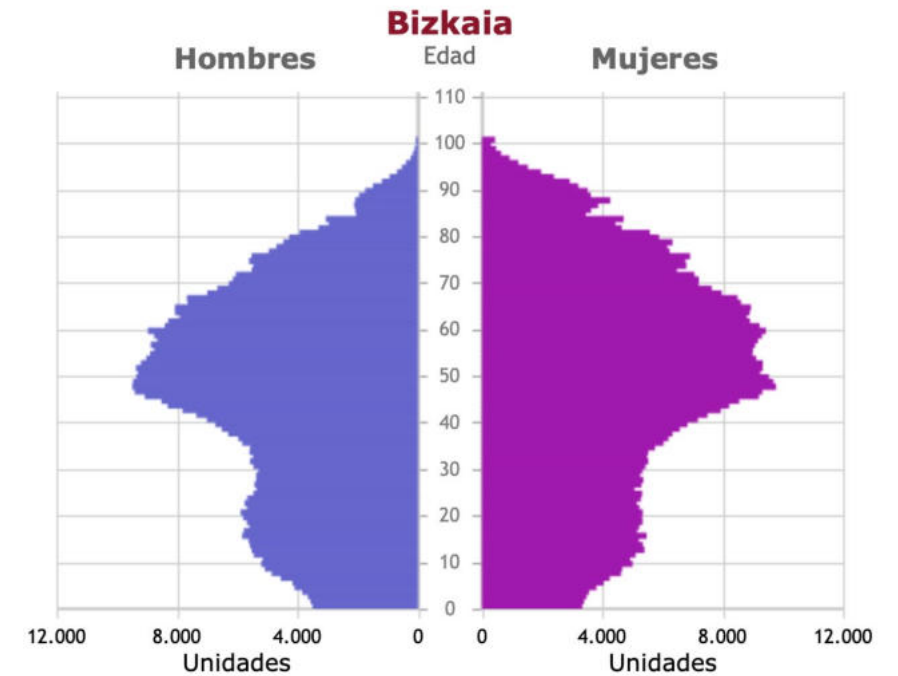


1 Busturialdea	20
2 Uribeakosta-Mungialdea	18
3 Durangoaldea	13
4 Enkarterri	11
5 Nerbioi-Ibaizabal	11
6 Ezkerraldea	9
7 Arratia-Amorebieta	11
8 Txorierri	7
9 Lea-Artibai	12
10 Bilbao	1
	113

## b. Population

Age groups					
Age	Inhabitants	%			Sex ratio
		Total	Female	Male	
≥ 65	282,638	24.8	57.9	42.1	1.38
20-64	666,633	58.4	50.4	49.6	1.02
≤ 19	191,258	16.8	48.5	51.5	0.94
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,140,529</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>51.9</b>	<b>48.1</b>	<b>1.08</b>

Source. Eustat. 2024 Data



### c. Contact people

**LEIXURI ARRIZABALAGA ARRUZA**

**PROVINCIAL COUNCILLOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BASQUE LANGUAGE, CULTURE AND SPORT**



A law graduate, her education is complemented by a master's degree in legal practice and advocacy at the University of Deusto.

From a very early stage, her professional life has been linked to the city council of the place she was born. Councillor since 2003, in 2015 Arrizabalaga was elected mayor of Gatika, a position she has combined with her seat in the Basque parliament since 2012.

### c. Contact people

## **CARLOS SERGIO ACHÓTEGUI** **GENERAL DIRECTOR OF SPORT OF THE BIZKAIA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL**



- Holds a Degree in Physical Education from the Basque Institute of Physical Education (1998).
- Qualified Teacher with a specialisation in Human Sciences from the Begoñako Andra Mari University School of Teaching (1991).
- Diploma of Advanced Studies - Doctoral Programme in Leisure and Human Potential from the University of Deusto (2010).
- Physical Education lecturer at Begoñako Andra Mari University School of Teaching (1994-2015).
- Physical Education teacher in secondary education at the Colegio-Seminario Resurrección María de Azkue, Bilbao (1997-1999).
- General Advisor at the Department of Basque Language, Culture and Sport of the Bizkaia Provincial Council (2015-2023).
- General Director of Sport of the Bizkaia Provincial Council (2023-present).

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## SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE – SPORTS FACILITIES (INDOOR/OUTDOOR)

- a. Detailed list of sports infrastructures/facilities according to type, purpose and condition.
- b. Breakdown of regional expenditure for the maintenance of sports facilities over the last three years.
- c. Estimated amount of investment planned for the next three years in sports infrastructure.
- d. Is there a sports development plan? What are its objectives?
- e. Detail of the annual budget of the Bizkaia Provincial Council allocated to sport and the percentage that this amount represents in relation to the Provincial Council's total budget.

### a. Detailed list of sports infrastructures/facilities according to type, purpose and condition

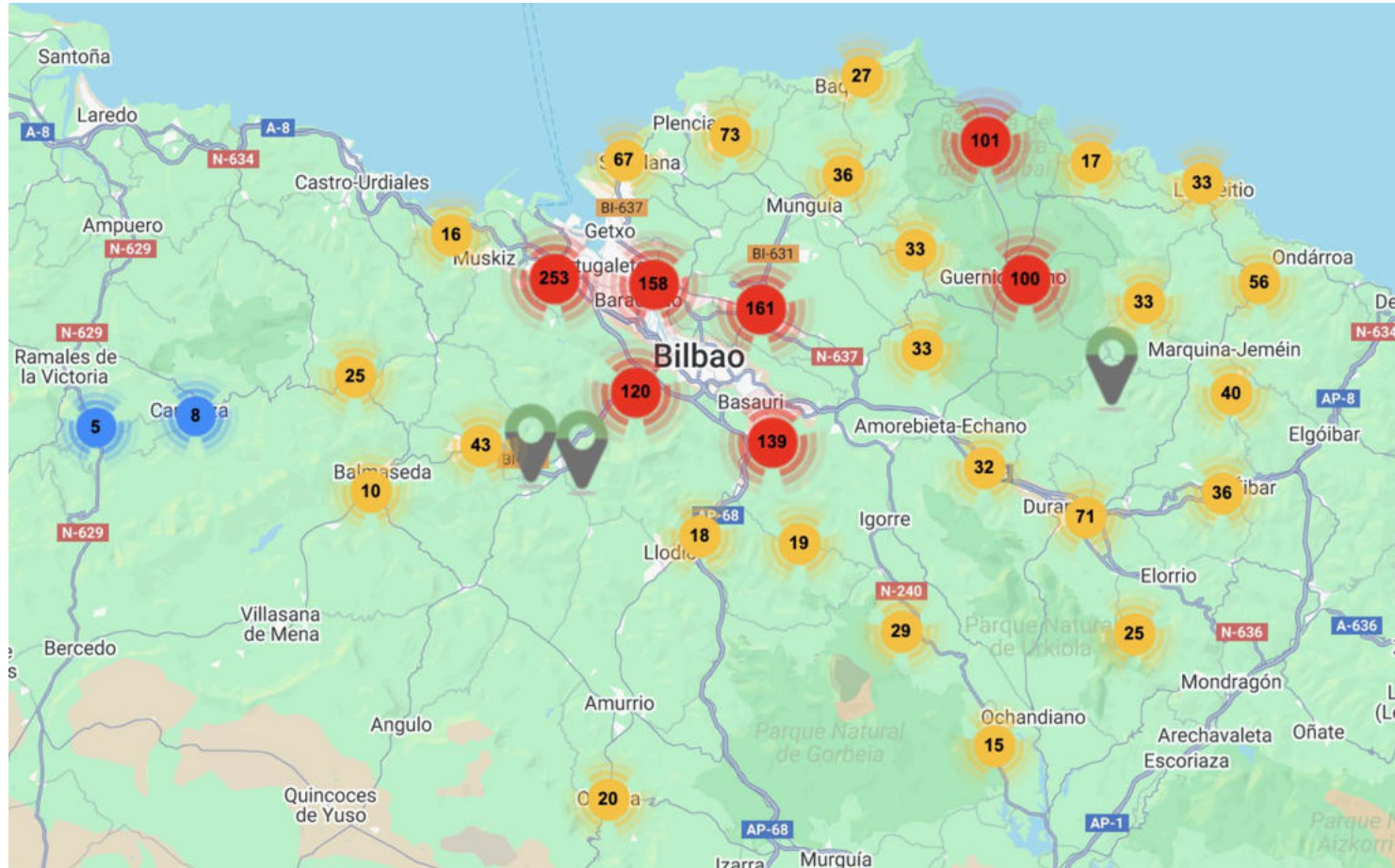
Detailed information on sports infrastructures in Bizkaia is provided below through the Sports Facilities Census. This resource provides a detailed list of public and private sports facilities, categorised by type, purpose and condition.

The platform allows citizens to access interactive maps that show the location and features of each facility, enabling the planning and management of sports activities in the autonomous community.

Census of Sports Facilities in Bizkaia				
	Type of management			Total
	Public	Private	Other situations	
Sports facilities	1,527	282	76	<b>1,885</b>
Sports facilities	3,430	1,111	16	<b>4,557</b>
Complementary spaces	4,594	1,242	0	<b>5,836</b>

 CENSO DE INSTALACIONES DEPORTIVAS <https://instalazioak.euskalkirola.com/busqueda-listado>

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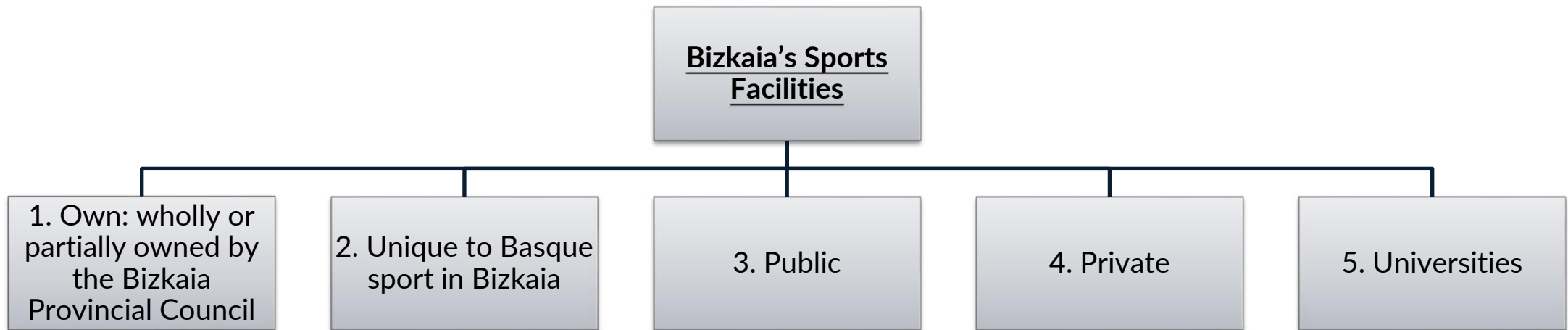


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Location of Sports Facilities in the Historical Territory of Bizkaia

## a. Detailed list of sports infrastructures/facilities according to type, purpose and condition



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# 1. Facilities owned or partially managed by the Bizkaia Provincial Council

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## Facilities partly managed by the Bizkaia Provincial Council

### SAN MAMÉS FOOTBALL GROUND

On 6 March 2007, SL San Mamés Barria was established with the purpose of promoting, constructing and managing the stadium for the exclusive use of Athletic Club in its competitive activities.

The Bizkaia Provincial Council holds a 23.58% stake in this limited company.



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### SAN MAMÉS FOOTBALL GROUND

Ranking awarded by UEFA: category 4 stadium (maximum)

In November 2015 the San Mamés Stadium was recognised as the **best sports building in the world**, awarded by the World Architecture Festival held in Singapore.

In addition to a public sports centre, managed by Bilbao Kirolak, San Mamés has 6,000 square metres around the perimeter of the pitch for the organisation of any type of event.

It also has shops and restaurants. It is home to the Athletic Club museum.



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## Facilities belonging to the Bizkaia Provincial Council

### MEAZTEGI GOLF COURSE

Meaztegi Golf is located 21 km from Bilbao in the municipalities of Abanto-Zierbena, Ortuella and Trapagaran. It is the first publicly owned golf course in Bizkaia with private management (tender).

Its facilities include the following features:

- 104-hectare surface area, with 65 hectares dedicated to playing areas.
- 18-hole course - par 72 - over six kilometres long.
- A 310-metre driving range with 60 bays.
- Nine-hole pitch & putt course with pitching green and putting green.
- Clubhouse or social building with café and restaurant.
- Parking for over 150 vehicles.



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## Facilities belonging to the Bizkaia Provincial Council

### BIZKAIA-KIROL ETXEA PELOTA COURT

The Bizkaia-Kirol Etxea Pelota Court is much more than a sports venue. It is an architectural landmark that combines the tradition of Basque pelota with a modern and multifunctional infrastructure, becoming a symbol of Bilbao's evolution and a hub for sport and culture in Bizkaia.  
<https://www.bilbonauta.com/bilbao/fronton-bizkaia-kirol-etxea/>

It is a short pelota court with a large capacity: 3,000 seats:

- Court (seating and back wall)
- 1st floor (Boxes), (seven boxes)
- 2nd floor (side and back wall)
- 3rd floor (side and back wall)

Especially designed for hand and racket play

Adjacent facilities: press room, warm-up court, first-aid room, press room (44 seats), changing rooms, toilets, analysis room, warehouse, lockers, catering areas.



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## Facilities belonging to the Bizkaia Provincial Council

### BIZKAIA-KIROL ETXEA PELOTA COURT

The Bizkaia - Kirol Etxea Pelota Court also features a “trinkete” style court, the main characteristics of which are as follows:

Capacity: 406 seats

Distribution:

- Court,
- Back Wall (1st floor)
- Back Wall (2nd floor)
- Back Wall and glass side wall

Specialities: Hand, Racket, Share

Adjacent facilities: Toilets, Storeroom



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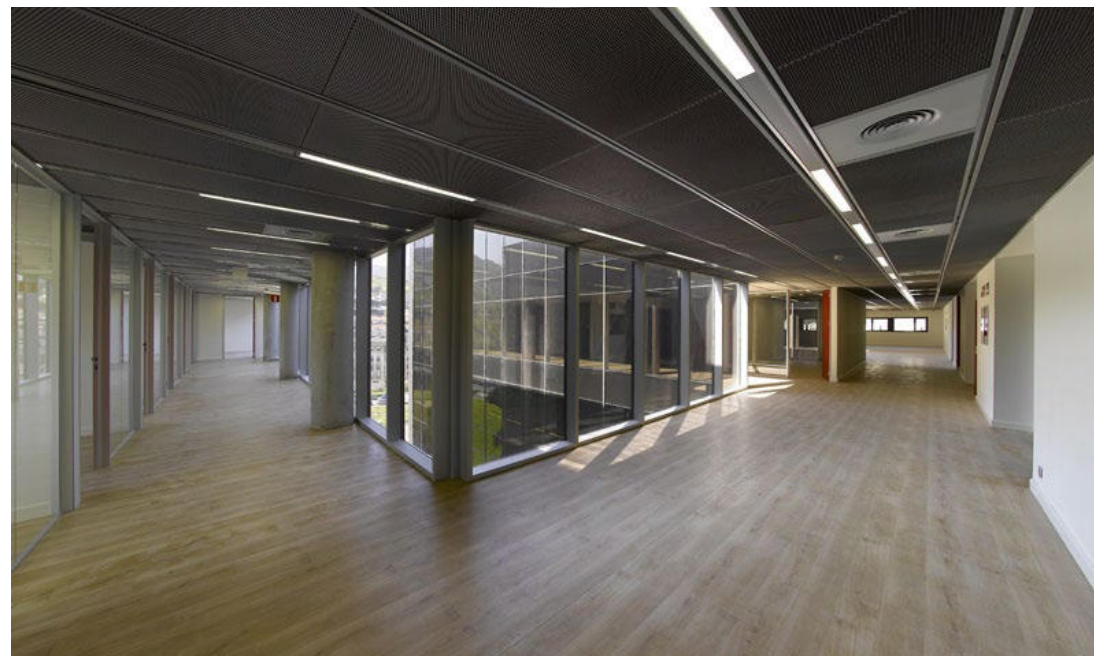
### KIROL ETXEA (HOUSE OF SPORT)

A seven-storey, 7,000 m<sup>2</sup> building which houses the headquarters of various sports federations. Each floor includes offices, classrooms, meeting rooms and toilets.

It is home to the following federations:

**Underwater Activities, Chess, Athletics, Motorsport, Basketball, Handball, Baseball/Softball, Bowling, Boxing, Hunting, Cycling, Adapted Sports, Air Sports, Winter Sports, Fencing, Football, Gymnastics, Golf, Weightlifting, Basque rural sports, Equestrian, Field Hockey, Judo and Related Sports, Karate, Wrestling and Sambo, Mountaineering,**

**Motorcycling, Swimming, Paddle Tennis, Skating, Basque Pelota, Fishing and Casting, Petanque, Canoeing, Rowing, Rugby, Surfing, Taekwondo, Tennis, Table Tennis, Archery, Triathlon, Volleyball**



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### GERNIKA, JAI ALAI

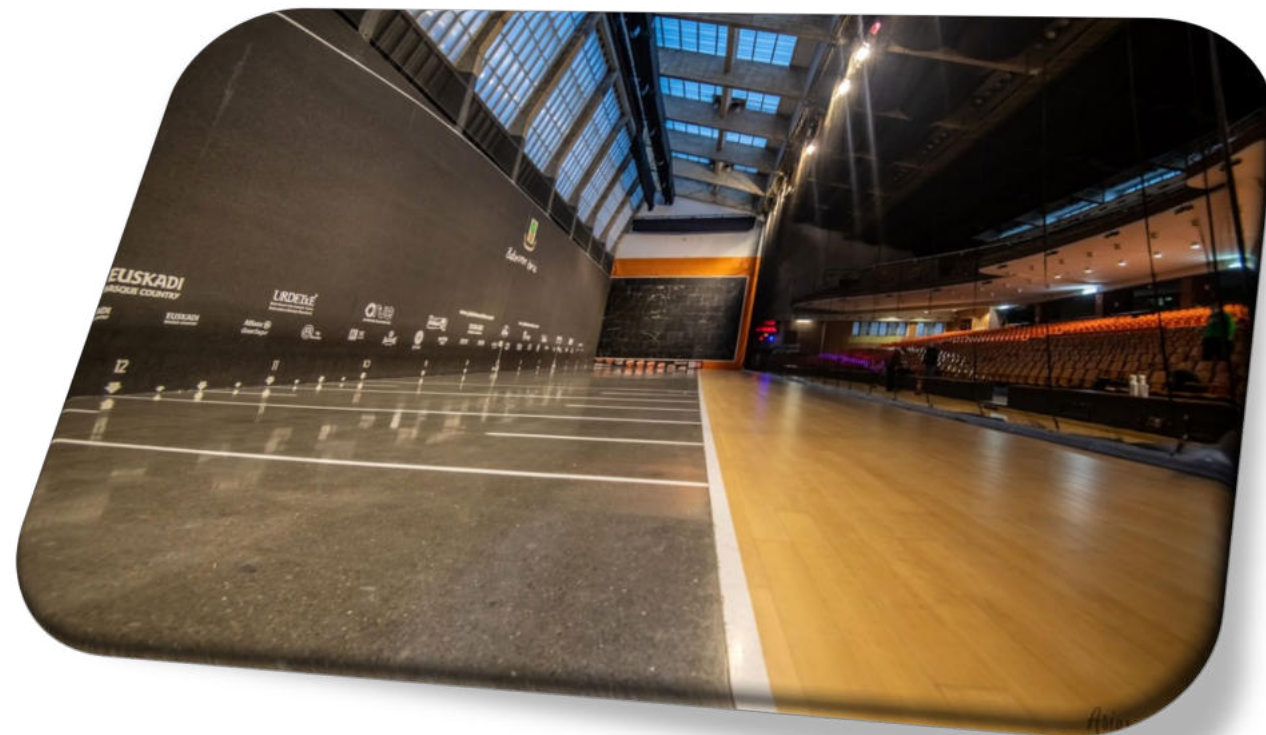
The Jai Alai court in Gernika is the largest in Europe and the second largest in the world.

At the Gernika Jai Alai, they play “Cesta Punta”, a form of Basque Pelota that is listed in the Guinness Book of Records as the fastest ball sport in the world. The ball can reach a speed of 300 km per hour.

The Gernika Jai Alai was constructed by the prestigious architect Secundino Zuazo in the shape of a set square and with two storeys.

It was inaugurated in June 1963.

It is managed by a private company through a public tender process.



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## Facilities belonging to the Bizkaia Provincial Council

### ARTXANDA SHOOTING RANGE

The Artxanda Shooting Range has the following facilities:

For precision shooting:

- a compressed air gallery with 14 positions.
- a 25-metre precision shooting gallery with 16 positions.
- a 50-metre precision shooting gallery with 30 positions.

The galleries have automated machinery for speed shooting.

(I.P.S.C.) Shooting courses

Bar-cafeteria.

The Artxanda Shooting Range is managed by the Bizkaia Territorial Shooting Federation.



a. Detailed list of sports infrastructures/facilities according to type, purpose and condition

## 2. Unique facilities for Basque sport in Bizkaia

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## Unique facilities for Basque sport in Bizkaia

The land of the Basque language, or *Euskal Herria*, is a community defined by a strong cultural identity determined by various factors, among which **language and culture stand out. Basque traditional sports (pelota, rowing and Basque rural sports) are deeply rooted in the region's culture, extending beyond sport to form part of its social and cultural heritage.** These highly spectacular sports play a key role in reinforcing Basque identity and promoting Basque culture. Their origins lie in the daily work and traditions of the Basque people.



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## Unique facilities for Basque sport in Bizkaia

### BASQUE RURAL SPORTS - RECOGNISED DISCIPLINES:

- Soka tira.
- Harri jasotzea.
- Trontza.
- Aizkora.
- Idi probak.
- Zaldi probak.
- Asto probak.
- Segá.
- Lokotx apustua.
- Txinga eroatea.
- Ingude altxatzea.
- Orga joko.
- Zaku lasterketa.
- Lasto jasotzea.
- Ontzi eroatea.
- Lasto botatzea.
- Harri zulatzaileak.
- Giza-probak.



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## Unique facilities for Basque sport in Bizkaia

### Carrejos de arrastre (dragging tracks):

Given their unique nature, it is worth highlighting the carrejos de arrastre (dragging tracks) used for:

- Idi probak (stone dragging by oxen)
  - Asto probak (stone dragging by donkeys)
  - Zaldi probak (stone dragging by horse and cart)
  - Giza probak (stone dragging by people) (image)
- There are other forms of stone dragging that are less widespread or practised



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## Unique facilities for Basque sport in Bizkaia

### Sokatira:

Sokatira, or tug of war, is a traditional Basque sport that combines strength, strategy and teamwork.

It is played both outdoors and indoors and teams compete in categories based on the combined weight of their members.

Today, this sport is played all over the world. The Tug of War International Federation (TWIF) is responsible for organising the various World Championships every two years.

The Basque team has officially participated in these championships since 2014. In 2021, Bizkaia hosted the World Tug of War Championship.

For their preparation, the teams use these unique facilities.



## a. Detailed list of sports infrastructures/facilities according to type, purpose and condition

### Unique facilities for Basque sport in Bizkaia

#### Basque Bowling, Bolatoki:

Bowling alleys are facilities designed for bowling, a traditional sport that has deep roots in the rural areas of the Basque Country.

These facilities, known as “bolatokiak” in Basque, can be found both indoors and outdoors depending on the specific type of bowling being played.

The different types of bowling vary in the number of pins, the type of ball used and the rules of the game, which brings diversity and cultural richness to this tradition.



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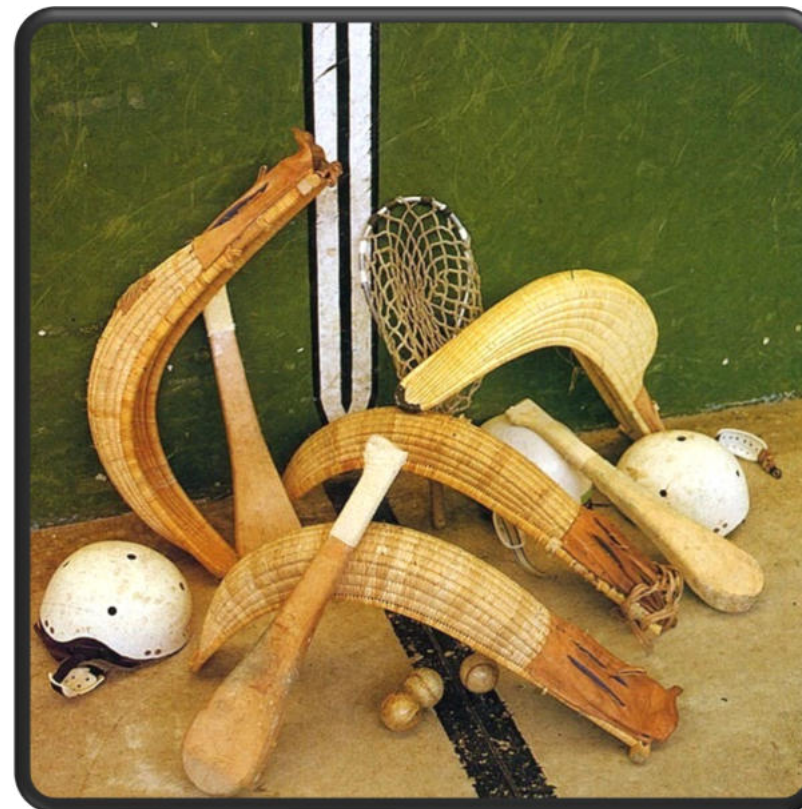
### Basque Pelota:

**Basque pelota** is a traditional sport of the Basque Country that involves hitting a ball against a wall or court using the hand or other tools such as rackets, baskets or xisteras (hand-held wickers).

It is practised in various forms such as hand, cesta-punta, remonte and pala, which highlights its cultural and social significance.

**Pelota courts**, specific spaces dedicated to participation in this sport, are central to community life, as well as being used for social and cultural events.

These facilities may be open or enclosed, depending on the type of game being played.



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## Unique facilities for Basque sport in Bizkaia

### Rowing (training tanks):

Rowing clubs in Bizkaia use various facilities and training methods to prepare their athletes.

Among these facilities, rowing tanks are unique structures that allow rowers to practise their stroke technique in a controlled environment without the variability encountered in open water.

These tanks aid in the correction of movements and the improvement of coordination.



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## 3. Public sports facilities

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## Main (public) sports facilities in Bizkaia. Quantitative photo

	Conventional Sports Facilities	No.	Sports facilities/inhabitant ratio		Unique Sports Facilities	No.	Sports facilities/inhabitant ratio
1	Football pitches	118	9,695 inhab.	1	Bidegorris (cycle lanes)	439 km	2,597 h/km
2	Sports centres	66	17,294 inhab.	2	Callisthenics Parks	44	25,909 inhab.
3	Covered and enclosed pelota courts	120	9,533 inhab.	3	Pump tracks	20	57,000 inhab.
4	Heated indoor swimming pools	47	24,341 inhab.	4	Parkour parks	6	190,000 inhab.
5	Athletics tracks	13	87,792 inhab.	5	Climbing walls	16	71,250 inhab.
6	Padel tennis courts	99	11,556 inhab.	6	Rowing centres	14	81,429 inhab.
7	Tennis courts	82	13,951 inhab.	7	Velodromes	4	28.5000 inhab.

### a. Detailed list of sports infrastructures/facilities according to type, purpose and condition

The Bizkaia Provincial Council, drawing on the sports facilities in Bizkaia and taking into account surveys of sporting habits, has created the *KIROLGUNEAK*:

These are spaces for participating in sports in outdoor settings beyond conventional sports facilities, designed for independent use by athletes.

To this end, these spaces have been made available with both offline and online activities to learn and enjoy all these sports activities safely and with proper technique.

This will lead to an increase in sport participation, as well as people's commitment to it, turning Bizkaia into A GREAT AREA FOR SPORT.

## Kirolguneak (outdoor spaces)

Pump Track
Igeribideak (open water swimming areas)
Parkour
Hiking
Callisthenics
Cholesterol routes
Climbing
Outdoor fitness parks



### a. Detailed list of sports infrastructures/facilities according to type, purpose and condition

#### PUMP TRACK

A Pump Track is a closed circuit, generally built with materials such as fibre, earth or asphalt, featuring a series of slopes and curves designed to be navigated without the need to pedal using non-motorised vehicles such as bicycles, scooters, skates or skateboards.

To promote these spaces, the Bizkaia Provincial Council has organised masterclasses for those looking to learn or improve their Pump Track skills, alongside a series of instructional videos on different aspects of the sport.

The Catalogue of Pump Tracks in Bizkaia comprehensively compiles the dimensions, technical characteristics, available services and safety measures of each facility.

#### Kirolguneak (outdoor spaces)



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**IGERIBIDEAK:****Kirolguneak (outdoor spaces)**

These are areas on the coast of Bizkaia equipped for open water swimming.

They have been classified into three levels (GOLD/SILVER and BRONZE) based on six criteria: accessibility to the swimming area, facilities, swimming route, accessibility, safety and local participation.

No	Name	Distance
1	Areeta	190 m
2	Laidatxu	175 m
3	Isuntza	250 m
4	Arrigorri	280 m
5	Astondo	750 m
6	Ereaga	850 m



### a. Detailed list of sports infrastructures/facilities according to type, purpose and condition

#### PARKOUR

#### Kirolguneak (outdoor spaces)

Parkour is a sporting activity that involves moving through urban environments by overcoming obstacles such as walls, fences and other architectural elements, using agile and fluid movements.

The Bizkaia Provincial Council organises parkour masterclasses aimed at individuals interested in starting or honing their skills in this discipline, and has produced a series of tutorial videos to complement the in-person parkour training.

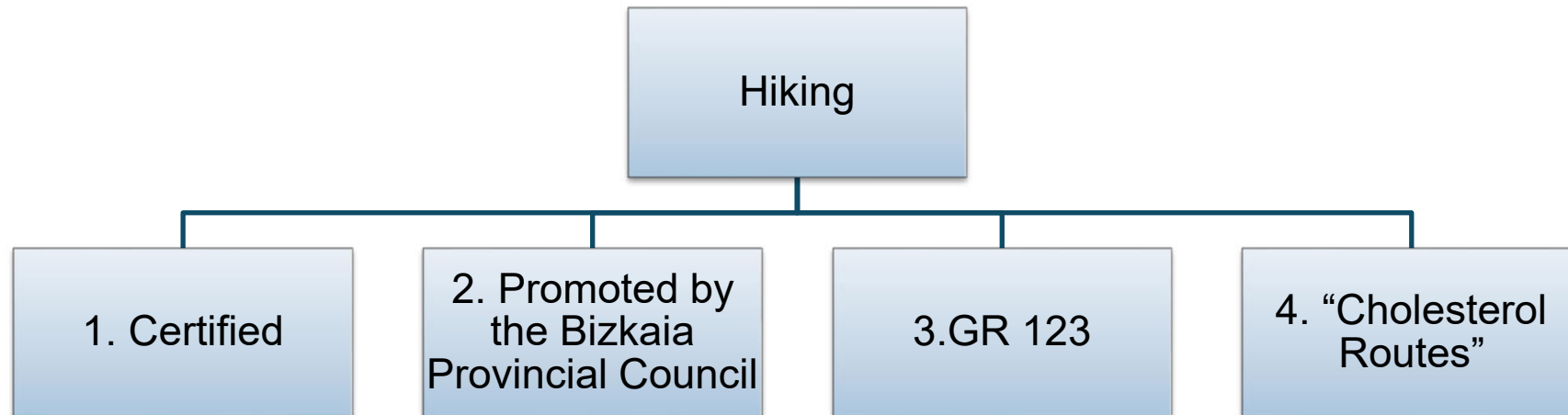
A Parkour Parks Guide has been published detailing the practice, benefits, risks and guidelines for designing and optimising safe and functional facilities, complying with technical regulations.



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HIKING

Kirolguneak (outdoor spaces)



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HIKING

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# 1. Certified

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Kirolguneak (outdoor spaces)

HIKING: PR

In Bizkaia, the 41 certified Short-Distance Trails (PR®), which cover a total of 376.35 km, offer an excellent opportunity to explore the region's natural and cultural diversity.

These routes typically take half a day or a full day to complete and are marked with white and red signs. They are managed and overseen by the Bizkaia Mountaineering Federation (BMF-FVM).



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Kirolguneak (outdoor spaces)

**HIKING: GR**

Bizkaia's certified Long-Distance Trails (GR®) include seven routes spanning 843.9 km, offering hikers the opportunity to immerse themselves in the scenic and cultural richness of the region.

These routes, marked with white and red signs, are designed for long distances and are managed by the Bizkaia Mountaineering Federation (BMF-FVM).



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HIKING

Kirolguneak (outdoor spaces)

## 2. Promoted by the Bizkaia Provincial Council

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## HIKING:

Kirolguneak (outdoor spaces)

## URKIOLA NATURAL PARK AND SAC

PR BI 41 Baltzola, Mythological Trail
PR BI 51 Along the Otxandio Roads
<u>PR BI 80 Discovering Urkiola</u>
PR BI 81 Circuit of Galdara
PR BI 82 Charcoal Makers' Path
PR BI 83 Great Legarmendi Traverse
PR BI 84 Erleabe, Way of the Bees
PR BI 85 Circuit of Anboto
PR BI 86 Following the Mendiola River
PR-A-21 Circuit of Aramaio



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## HIKING

## ARMAÑÓN NATURAL PARK AND ZEC ZONE

PR-BI-120 Los Jorrios Trail
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PR-BI-121 Sopeña Holm Oak Forest
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Kirolguneak(outdoor spaces)
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## HIKING

Kirolguneak (outdoor spaces)

## GORBEIA NATURAL PARK AND ZEC ZONE

12 Routes to Reach the Summit of Gorbeia from Bizkaia
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Paths of Gorbeia Natural Park
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Saldropo Wetland Route
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Barazar Forest Path
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Atxulo Route
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Larreder Route
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HIKING

Kirolguneak (outdoor spaces)

3. Gr 123

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#### HIKING: GR 123

#### Kirolguneak (outdoor spaces)

One of the main GR® trails in Bizkaia is the **GR® 123 - Bizkaiko Bira**, which circles the outskirts of the Historical Territory of Bizkaia in 19 stages.

This trail showcases a diverse range of landscapes, from coastal cliffs to mountain ranges and rural countryside.

The section that covers the coastline of Bizkaia, from Ondarroatto Muskiz, will in turn continue the [European Coastal Path E9](#) in Bizkaia.

Coming from France, the E9 traverses Gipuzkoa and continues through Cantabria, Asturias and Galicia, before finally entering Portugal.



a\_ Detailed list of sports infrastructures/facilities according to type, purpose and condition

HIKING

Kirolguneak (outdoor spaces)

## 4. Cholesterol Routes

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## Kirolguneak (outdoor spaces)

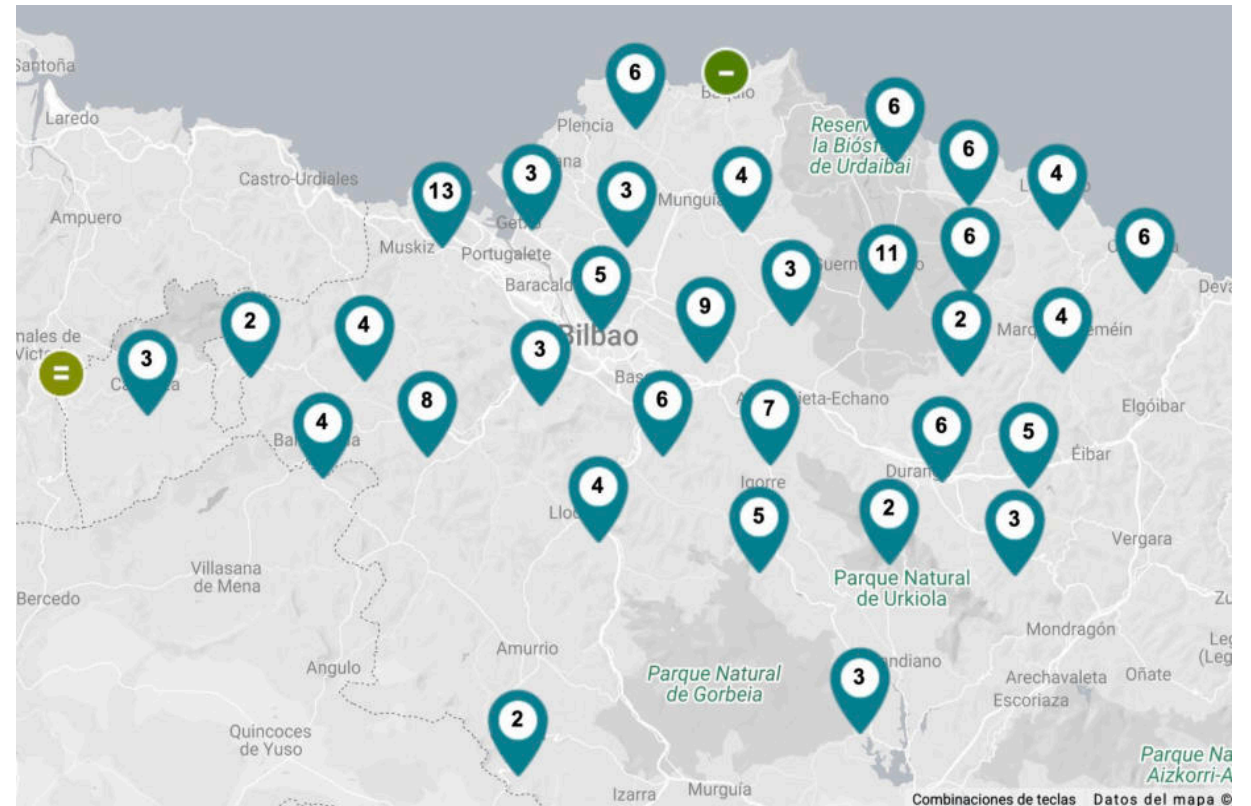
## HIKING: CHOLESTEROL ROUTES

In virtually all municipalities, there are routes that residents use to regularly participate in “sports walks”.

These are paths, circuits and routes which, whether official or not, we as citizens have spontaneously adopted for walking.

It is precisely these routes that we call “cholesterol routes”.

The website of the General Directorate of Sports of the Bizkaia Provincial Council lists some of the routes in 92 municipalities in Bizkaia.



### a. Detailed list of sports infrastructures/facilities according to type, purpose and condition

#### CALLISTHENICS

#### Kirolguneak (outdoor spaces)

Callisthenics is a physical training discipline featuring bodyweight exercises that enhance strength, flexibility and motor control. It involves functional movements like pull-ups, push-ups, squats and dynamic drills, requiring no specialised equipment.

The Bizkaia Provincial Council offers masterclasses for beginners and advanced athletes, supported by audiovisual resources covering everything from basic techniques to advanced routines.

A specific guide has been created on callisthenics parks, detailing how to carry out this activity safely, the benefits its provides and the criteria necessary to build suitable, accessible and sustainable spaces.



## a. Detailed list of sports infrastructures/facilities according to type, purpose and condition

**CLIMBING**

Sport climbing involves ascending natural or artificial rock walls using only your hands and feet to progress.

To ensure safety, approved fixed safety features are used, installed on the wall in advance, creating routes or itineraries to follow.

The difficulty of each route is determined by factors such as the inclination of the wall, the size and shape of the holds, the possible natural resting points and the length of the route.

To promote this activity, the Provincial Council has carried out maintenance and the re-equipping of routes in collaboration with the Bizkaia Mountaineering Federation.

It is important to note that climbing in certain areas in Bizkaia is regulated with a view to protecting biodiversity and natural habitats.

**Kirolguneak (outdoor spaces)**

Sports facilities and equipment		
Arratia indusi	Baltzola	Muruetagan
Ametzorbe	Gaztelugatxe	Mugarra
Atxarre	Gorbea itxina	Ogoño
Atxarte	Jorrios	Orduña
Busturia Quarry	Kanterepe	Otoio
Ereño Quarry	La arboleda-Peñas Negras	Santa Eufemia (urregarai)
Aretza	Lamindao	Pagasarri
Galdames	Llodio (Maritxu's balcony)	Turtzioz-katea (ranero)
Bentatxuri-Baltzola	Matxitxako	Urduliz



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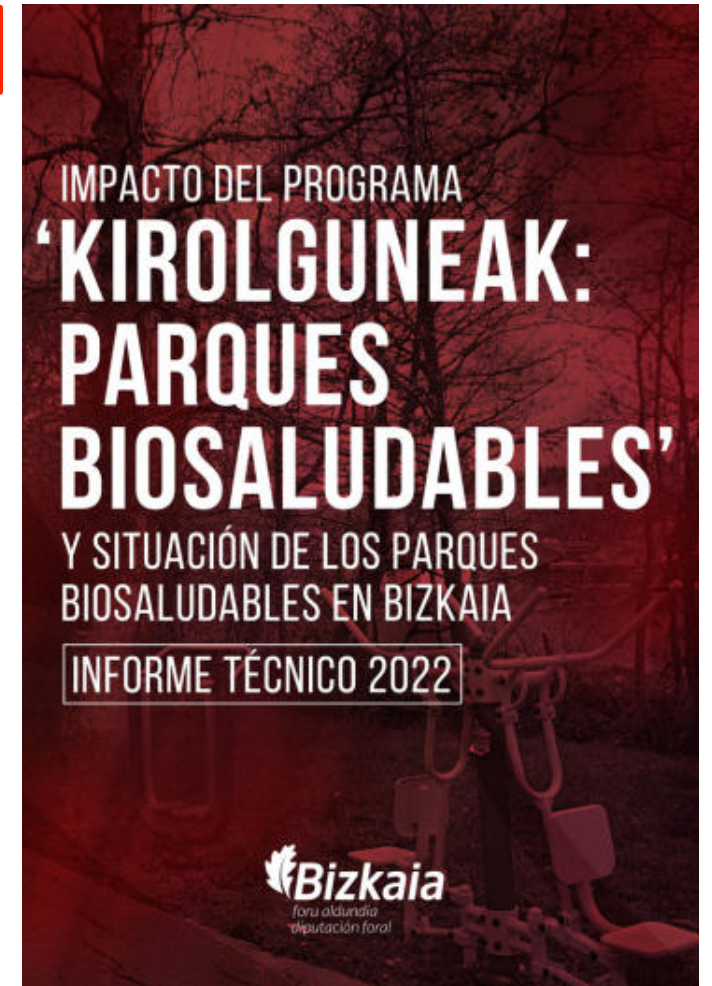
OUTDOOR FITNESS PARKS:

Kirolguneak (outdoor spaces)

Outdoor fitness parks are outdoor spaces equipped with machines designed to promote physical activity and the overall well-being of citizens, especially older people.

In Bizkaia, a total of 184 outdoor fitness parks were identified, present in 66.96% of the municipalities of the region, with an average of 1.64 parks per municipality. These areas are categorised according to the type of equipment they offer: machines for endurance training, upper and lower body mobility, strength and multipurpose use.

The programme “Kirolguneak: “Outdoor Fitness Parks” demonstrated that these types of outdoor fitness parks are a valuable tool for enhancing the quality of life for the residents of Bizkaia.



a. Detailed list of sports infrastructures/facilities according to type, purpose and condition

## 4. Private sports facilities

a. Detailed list of sports infrastructures/facilities according to type, purpose and condition

## Main private sports facilities in Bizkaia associated with ACEDYR\*

Club Deportivo Martiartu	Club Deportivo Bilbao	Real Club Jolaseta
<b>Sports facilities and equipment</b>		
Five indoor padel tennis courts	Indoor swimming pool: two pools (25 by 12.5m and a beginners' pool)	Five indoor padel tennis courts and two outdoor courts
Tennis: two indoor courts and two outdoor courts	Wellness areas (adjacent to changing rooms)	Hard tennis court. two outdoor courts
Indoor swimming pool: 25 by 12.5m	Cardio and strength gym: 100 workout stations	Clay court tennis: nine courts (three indoor)
Outdoor swimming pool: 50 by 25m	Climbing Wall	Field hockey pitch
Golf (driving range, pitch & putt and putting green)	Multipurpose room	Sports centre
Sports Centre	Boxing ring	Swimming pools: three pools (lap swimming, multipurpose, and children's)
Pelota courts: two (long and short, 36 and 22 metres)	Padel tennis: two indoor courts	36-metre pelota court
Gyms: three (Fitness, multipurpose and CrossFit)	Pelota courts: one 50m long and one beginner's court	Multipurpose gym

\* Association of Sports and Recreational Clubs and Entities

a. Detailed list of sports infrastructures/facilities according to type, purpose and condition

## Main (private) sports facilities of note in Bizkaia

Sports Facilities of Athletic Club in Lezama	Real Club Marítimo del Abra - Real Sporting Club	Golf Clubs in Bizkaia with Facilities
<b>Sports facilities and equipment</b>		
One full-size natural grass pitch with a seating capacity of 3,200	Heated swimming pool	Meaztegi Golf Club. (Public course, already mentioned)
Three regulation-sized natural grass pitches	Two outdoor swimming pools with solarium	Uralburu Golf Club (Galdakao)
Four full-size artificial grass pitches	Sauna	R.S. Golf de Neguri (Getxo)
One indoor artificial grass pitch (reduced dimensions)	Squash courts	Derio Golf Club (Derio)
One “goalkeeper cage”. Specific training area	Gym	Club de Golf Palacio de Urdaitz (Mungia)
Three gyms for cardiovascular and strength training.	300 berths for boats ranging from six to 25 metres.	
Additional and support facilities.	Facilities of the José Luis Ugarte Sailing School	

a. Detailed list of sports infrastructures/facilities according to type, purpose and condition

## Main (private) sports facilities of note in Bizkaia

Equestrian sports facilities	
Sports facilities and equipment	
Club Hípico Goiherri (Erandio)	Club Hípico Barrika (Barrika)
Club Hípico Laukiniz (Laukiz)	Club Hípico Mungia (Mungia)
Centro Ecuestre Burduin (Trapagaran)	Club Hípico Irolas (Urduliz)
Centro Ecuestre Orive (Zalla)	Yeguada Valle (Villasuso de Mena)
Club Hípico Goikomendi (Lemoniz)	Hípica Zelai Alai (Iurreta)
Club Hípico Kati-Bi (Amorebieta)	Club Hípico Castillo de Butron (Gatika)
Club Hípico Okendo (Okendo)	



a. Detailed list of sports infrastructures/facilities according to type, purpose and condition

## Private physical fitness operators in Bizkaia with more than one centre

Operator	No. of locations
Brooklyn Fitboxing	7
Synergym	6
Altafit	4
Vivagym	4
Basic Fit	3
Curves	3
Fitness Park	3
Metropolitan	3
Body Gym	2
Around 50 CrossFit facilities or general gyms operate in Bizkaia, each with a single location	



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## 5. Sports facilities at universities

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## Main Sports Facilities at Universities in Bizkaia

Sports Facilities on University Campuses in Bizkaia	
Sports facilities and equipment	
University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU)	T.U. University of Deusto
400 m2 fitness centre.	Three padel tennis courts
Three multi-purpose rooms (guided activities)	Four gyms
Sports centre (divisible into three basketball courts)	One sports centre (divisible into three basketball courts)
Football pitch	Fitness Room
Athletics Track	Six multi-purpose rooms
36-metre pelota court	Football pitch
	Sprint track

### b. Breakdown of regional expenditure for the maintenance of sports facilities over the last three years.

The analysis of sports facility maintenance investment for 2022-2024 is based on the budgets of the Department of Basque Language, Culture and Sport, the General Directorate of Sport, the Department of Natural Environment and Agriculture and the Department of Transport, Mobility and Tourism. The Bizkaia Provincial Council has significantly increased its investment in sports facility maintenance over the past three years.

2022	
Bizkaia and Kirol Etxea Pelota Court	€2,008,000
Olympic Shooting Range	€998,500
Arraun eskola	€100,000
Bizkaiko Bira - GR 123 trail	€155,000
Environment	€2,653,230
Mobility	€11,802,256
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€17,716,986</b>

2023	
Bizkaia and Kirol Etxea Pelota Court	€2,008,000
Sports infrastructure grants for municipalities in Bizkaia	€4,000,000
Bizkaiko Bira - GR 123 trail	€75,000
Velodrome	€1,500,000
Environment	€2,653,230
Mobility	€5,026,798
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€15,263,028</b>

2024	
Bizkaia and Kirol Etxea Pelota Court	€2,008,000
Sports infrastructure grants for municipalities in Bizkaia	€3,000,000
Unique spaces in three municipalities of Bizkaia	€750,000
Gernika Jai Alai	€21,000
Bizkaiko Bira - GR 123 trail	€95,000
Environment	€2,653,230
Mobility	€22,711,244
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€31,238,474</b>

### c. Estimated amount of investment planned for the next three years in sports infrastructure.

The Bizkaia Provincial Council believes that sport should remain a central pillar for the region, so it deems it essential to continue allocating resources in this area. Despite the current situation, its intention is to maintain at least the level of investment reached in previous years.

While precise future expenditure is difficult to forecast, investment is estimated to exceed €45,000,000.

	2026	2027	2028
Bizkaia Pelota Court	€2,800,000	€2,800,000	€2,800,000
Bizkaiko Bira – GR 123 trail	€95,000	€95,000	€95,000
Subsidies/grants for municipalities	€1,500,000	€1,500,000	€1,500,000
Other provincial departments	42,018,876	€43,902,591	*€45,131,863.55
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€46,413,876</b>	<b>€48,297,591</b>	<b>€49,526,864</b>

\* A 2.8% increase, as the budgets are provisional and pending approval.

d. Is there a sports development plan? What are its objectives?

The Bizkaia Provincial Council aims to further encourage daily sports participation across Bizkaia, as it is key to good health, as well as fostering education, equal opportunities and core values that are fundamental for the sustainable human development of Bizkaia: a culture of effort, equality, teamwork, empathy and solidarity.

For this reason, efforts will be made to improve and increase opportunities for all citizens of Bizkaia to participate in sports, with particular attention to traditional sports, female athletes and individuals with functional diversity.

The main objectives are as follows:



**GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF  
SPORT**

d. Is there a sports development plan? What are its objectives?

### 1. Promote sport as a healthy and inclusive tool

- **Enhance and improve the offerings of the ESKOLA KIROLA (SCHOOL SPORT) programme**, ensuring that all school-aged children in Bizkaia can choose the sports that best suit their tastes and interests in an environment where sport is primarily an educational tool in the hands of competent people.
- **Support the organisation of participatory sports leagues and events** that are inclusive in nature in natural environments
- **Develop digital tools to bring all healthy sports participation opportunities closer to the public**, especially those carried out in natural and urban sports spaces



GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF  
SPORT

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## 2. Support for the governance of sports entities

- Definition and implementation of a Support Plan for the gradual professionalisation of the management of sports entities in Bizkaia, with special emphasis on those participating in ESKOLA KIROLA (SCHOOL SPORT)
- Offer support services for municipal sports, enabling them to optimise resources so that all citizens, particularly adapted athletes and women, can have access to sports facilities in their local area.
- Promote actions aimed at enhancing the professional skills of coaches, providing support to access the training required by current regulations for coaching roles, as well as providing sports training in Basque for all Eskola Kirola (School Sport) coaches.



**GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF  
SPORT**

d. Is there a sports development plan? What are its objectives?

### 3. Attracting high-level sporting events

- Strengthen the regional sports federation system, ensuring that every year in Bizkaia we have a wide and varied range of sports competitions for all citizens.
- Encourage the organisation, growth and revival of high-level sporting events, working closely with local federations and sports clubs to give athletes and fans the chance to experience elite sport in their own region.



GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF  
SPORT

d. Is there a sports development plan? What are its objectives?

#### 4. Promotion of athletes' participation in high-level events

- Support Bizkaia's athletes in international competitions by providing them with training resources, coaching and financial assistance for travel costs.
- Support Bizkaia's teams in national and international competitions, especially those in the first and second national-level categories, with particular emphasis on encouraging the participation of women and adapted athletes.



GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF  
SPORT

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### 5. Enhance the sports infrastructure of Bizkaia in collaboration with the municipalities, federations and clubs in the region

- Encourage the effective use of existing natural and urban sports facilities across Bizkaia to support healthy physical activity for all those who use them.
- Support the upkeep, maintenance and modernisation of existing sports infrastructure to meet the evolving needs and standards of Bizkaia's sports system.



GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF  
SPORT

d. Is there a sports development plan? What are its objectives?

## 6. Preserving and promoting BERTOKO KIROLAK

- Continue to support and promote traditional Basque sports (pelota, rowing and Basque rural sports) through agreements with sports federations and sponsorship of sporting events.
- Support the development of training centres for BERTOKO KIROLAK in collaboration with relevant federations, fostering community engagement while ensuring their continuity and improving their public image.



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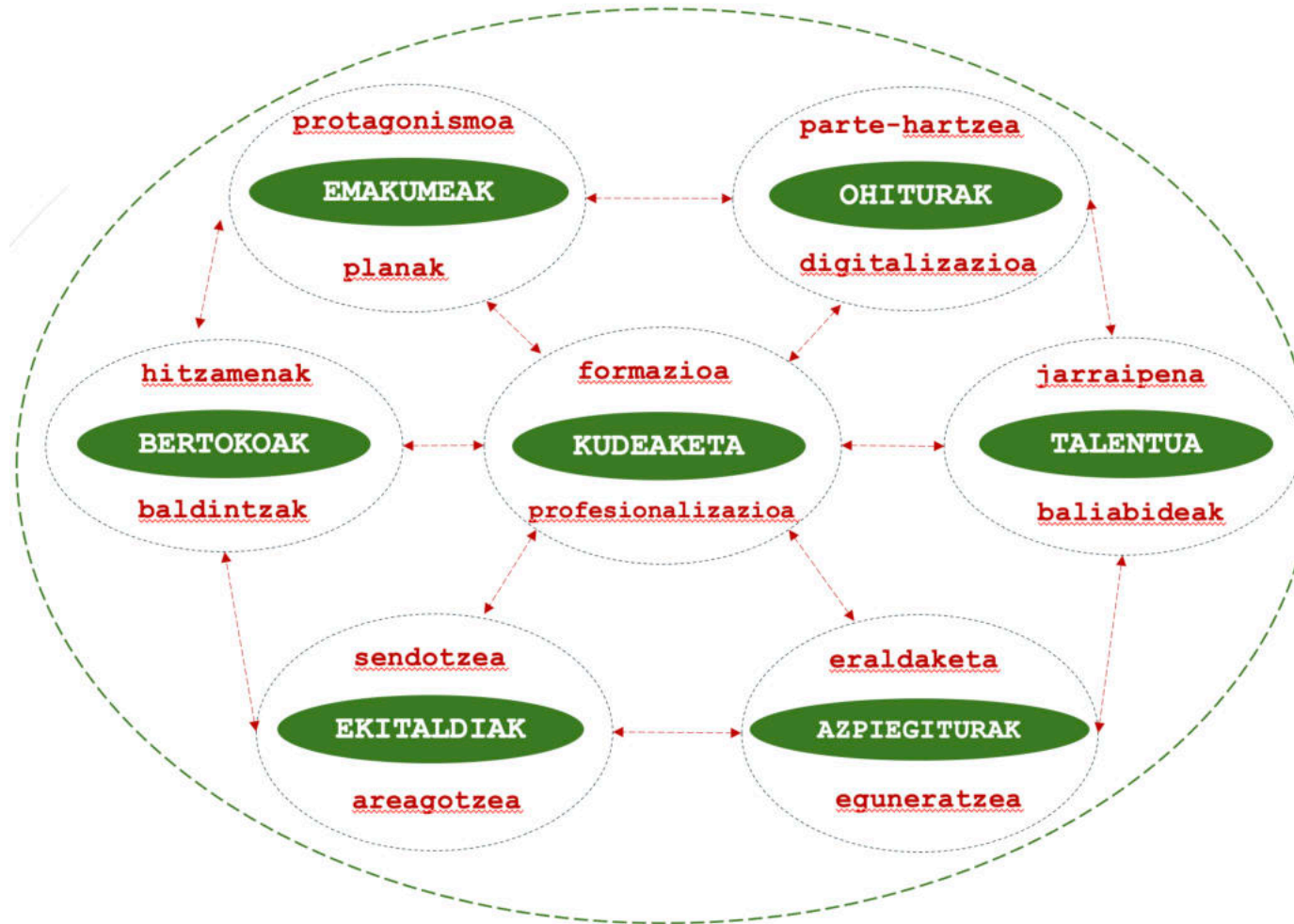
### 7. Ensuring the genuine inclusion of women in the sports system

- Strengthen gender equality plans within regional sports federations as a demonstration of their commitment to fair treatment of women; a necessary step towards real integration.
- Develop programmes to enhance the role of women in leading sports entities in Bizkaia, empowering younger generations to take on management and leadership roles in the future.
- Implement initiatives to highlight the achievements of Bizkaia's top female athletes in collaboration with municipalities and media outlets, providing young people with role models to inspire their sporting ambitions.



**GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF  
SPORT**

d. Is there a sports development plan? What are its objectives?



GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF  
SPORT

e. Detail of the annual budget of the Provincial Council allocated to sport and the percentage that this amount represents of the Provincial Council's total budget.

2025		
SPORT		BIZKAIA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL
Department of Basque Language, Culture and Sport – General Directorate of Sport	€11,692,000	10,660 MILL. €
Department of Natural Environment and Agriculture	€2,653,230	
Department of Transport, Mobility and Tourism	€42,944,617	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€57,289,847</b>	
% with regard to the Provincial Council's total budget: <b>0.54%</b>		

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## ACCESS TO SPORTS FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES

- a. Explain how sports associations or clubs in Bizkaia work; agreements, subsidies/grants and possibilities of use by non-members
  
- b. Detail the level of accessibility to the facilities for the general population: existence of agreements, membership card for reduced-rate entry, public transport to reach the sports facilities, etc.

- a. Explain how sports associations or clubs in Bizkaia work; agreements, subsidies/grants and possibilities of use by non-members

In Bizkaia, sporting activities are organised in stages according to age and the preferences of the population:

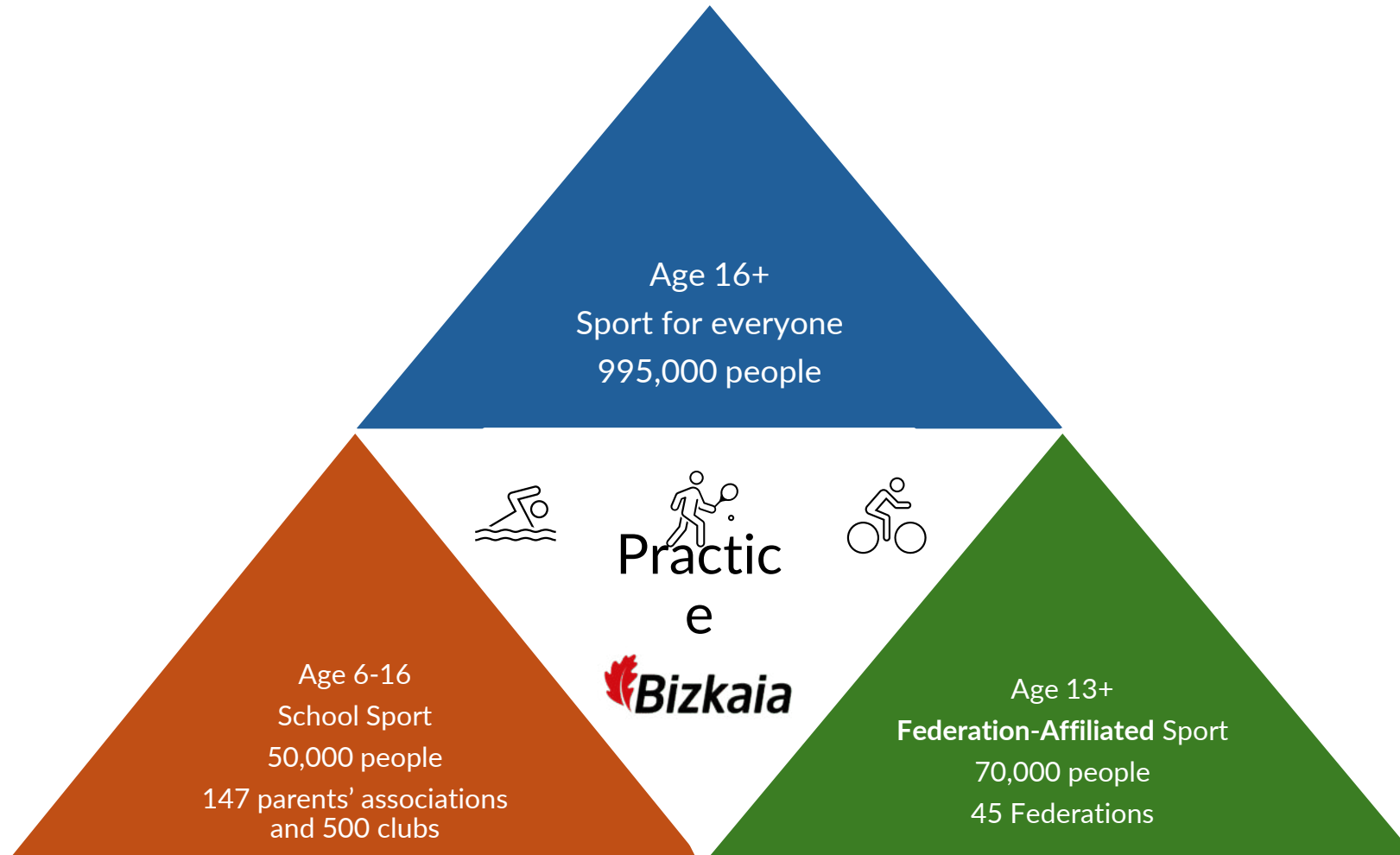
**School Sport:** Aimed at children and young people, it promotes healthy habits with inclusive activities for beginners, recreation and competition, also adapted for schoolchildren with functional diversity.

**Federation-Affiliated Sport:** After school sports, it offers a competitive pathway through 45 regional sports federations in collaboration with the Provincial Council.

**Sport for everyone:** Focused on leisure and physical well-being, it includes the municipalities and the private sector as key players, ensuring inclusive and extensive access to facilities and activities.

This structure enables people of all ages to find options tailored to their tastes or needs.

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## SCHOOL SPORT

School sport is a set of sporting activities aimed at and organised for schoolchildren. The Bizkaia Provincial Council annually develops **its school sports programme**: over 120 activities accessible to the entire population aged 6-16 in Bizkaia.

School sports activities are aimed at boys and girls aged between **six and 16**, from the “pre-benjamín” category (1st and 2nd year of primary school) to the “cadet” category (ages 15-16), and encompass a wide variety of disciplines and levels, adapting to different objectives from recreational participation (initiation and leisure) to competition at all levels, including competitive performance.

To implement the programme, the Bizkaia Provincial Council makes use of the Regional Sports Federations for each sport, with which it signs collaboration agreements each season. Based on these agreements, the federations organise the calendars, find venues, provide referees, publish results, etc.

The Bizkaia Provincial Council invests €2,500,000 a year in the school sports programme.

Link to the Eskola Kirola (School Sport) website:  
<https://www.bizkaia.eus/es/kirolak/deporteescolar>

Programme: 2.5 MILLION

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### SCHOOL SPORT

- **Participating Entities**

- Schools and Parents' Associations (PAs)
  - Clubs and Sports Groups
  - City Councils and Municipal Autonomous Bodies

- **Access**

- Registration through the aforementioned entities.
  - The registration includes the school sports licence which covers:
    - Healthcare
    - Civil liability
    - Compensation (anatomical or functional losses or death)

- **Grants and Financial Support**

- The Bizkaia Provincial Council offers grants to entities that participate in the School Sport programme.

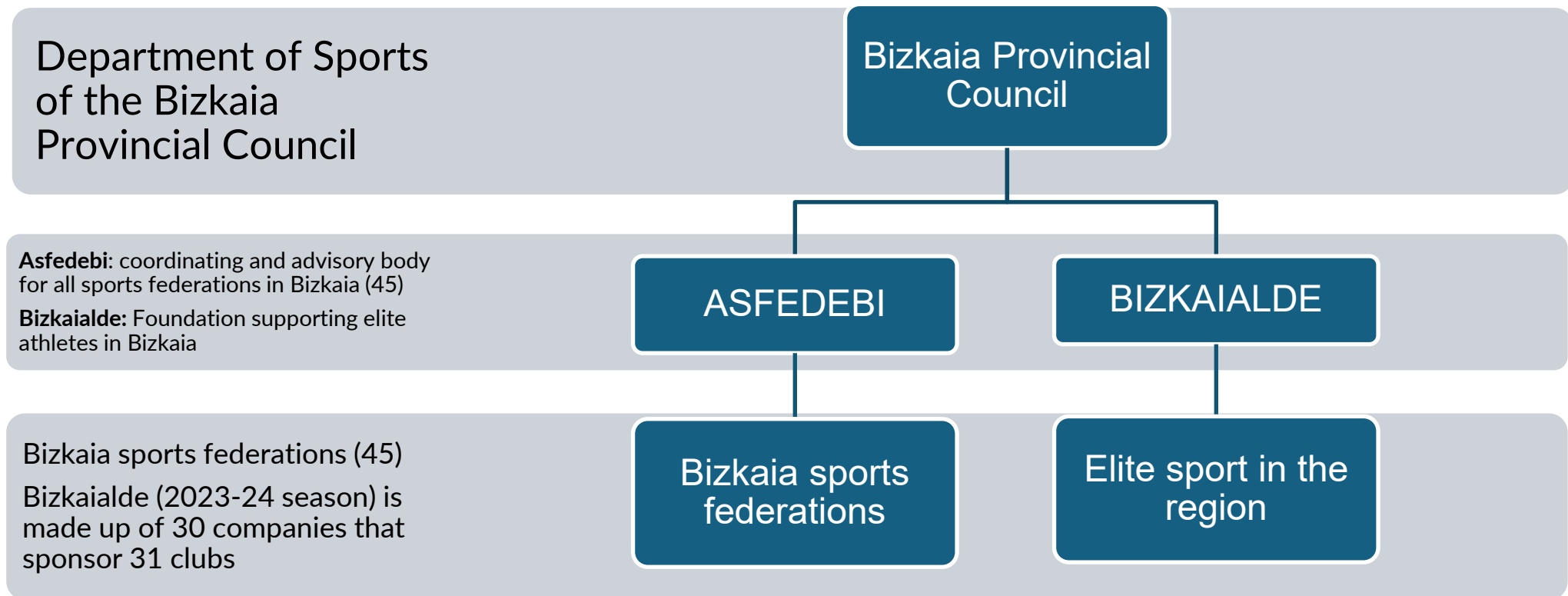
- For example, in the 2023-2024 season, a sum of €625,000 was allocated to support these activities.

**Grants for entities:  
€625,000**



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## FEDERATION-AFFILIATED SPORT



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### FEDERATION-AFFILIATED SPORT

- **Agreements with sports federations**

The Bizkaia Provincial Council has agreements with 45 sports federations in the region, delegating administrative public functions to them.

- **Members of sports clubs**

The federation licence entitles them to take part in competitions

- **Compulsory Insurance**

Each federation licence carries with it insurance that guarantees:

Civil liability

Compensation for anatomical or functional losses or death

Healthcare assistance in cases not covered by other systems

- **Participation in Competitions**

They can participate in official competitions organised by the corresponding federations

**Agreements with 45 sports federations**



- a. Explain how sports associations or clubs in Bizkaia work; agreements, subsidies/grants and possibilities of use by non-members

Access to facilities owned or managed by the Bizkaia Provincial Council through clubs, federations or commercial operators, ensuring the possibility of use by subscribers, members or occasional users:

Agreements and possibilities of use			
Installation	Governing Body	Equipment use	Access conditions
<b>San Mamés</b>	Athletic Club	High performance	Members of Athletic Club and the general public
<b>Meaztegi Golf Club</b>	Tenderer company	Mixed (fitness-training-leisure)	Members and non-members
<b>Bizkaia Pelota Court</b>	Tenderer company	High performance	General public
<b>Gernika Jai Alai</b>	Tenderer company	High performance training	General public and school students
<b>Shooting range</b>	Territorial Federation	Mixed (fitness-training-leisure)	Registered members and students.

**b. Detail the level of accessibility to the facilities for the general population: existence of agreements, membership card for reduced-rate entry, public transport to reach the sports facilities, etc.**

### SPORT FOR EVERYONE – 113 MUNICIPALITIES

**1. Independently and freely:** Kirolguneak: Free and accessible outdoor sports facilities for everyone.

#### 2. Municipal Sport:

The Bizkaia Provincial Council provides funding for local authorities to invest in municipal and regional sports facilities.

##### Access methods:

- *Members:* can access the facilities at a reduced rate and enjoy benefits such as being able to reserve spaces, guided activities and other services.
- *Non-members:* access the facilities by paying individual fees, with possible restrictions on opening hours or availability according to municipal regulations.
- *Joint Services:* some municipalities collaborate to jointly offer sports services.



**3. Private Offering:** There are over 85 private sports facilities and services available, including gyms, sports clubs and specialist centres.

b. Detail the level of accessibility to the facilities for the general population: existence of agreements, membership card for reduced-rate entry, public transport to reach the sports facilities, etc.

### The “Kirol Txartela”.

The most important innovation to have emerged in recent years in the municipal sports offering in the Basque Country is known as the *Kirol Txartela* or “Single Card”. *It was initially promoted by the BIZKAIA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL, with the Basque Government subsequently taking over to implement it throughout the entire Basque Autonomous Community.*

It is a “virtual card” used on mobile phones that allows individuals subscribed to a municipal sports service **to access sports facilities in other municipalities affiliated with the programme** at no additional cost and under the same conditions as if they were their own subscribers, subject to the availability and regulations of each municipality. It is an added incentive to encourage more people to stay active.

**It is a way of making better use of the municipal sports facilities already existing in the Basque Country and of promoting inter-municipal collaboration.** It is about making these material resources (sports facilities) accessible to people who, for various reasons, temporarily reside in other municipalities (study, work, holidays, etc.). Or have those sports facilities or services closer. Or because they simply prefer it that way.

Each municipality sets its own terms of use, including space availability and included services, adjusting them as needed to ensure that external users do not impact services for local subscribers.

**Origin: BIZKAIA**  
**1,100 facilities**  
**49 Municipalities in Bizkaia**  
**109 Municipalities in the Basque**  
**Country**  
**80,000 users**



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b. Detail the level of accessibility to the facilities for the general population: existence of agreements, membership card for reduced-rate entry, public transport to reach the sports facilities, etc.

The “Kirol Txartela” was initially promoted by the Bizkaia Provincial Council, and was later implemented throughout the Basque Autonomous Community by the Basque Government.

The initiative took the form of a pilot plan in Santurtzi and the neighbouring municipalities: Portugalete, Ortuella, Trapagaran, Zierbena and Abanto-Zierbena, in an initial phase lasting 12 months.

After achieving positive results, a second phase was designed to which other municipalities of Bizkaia were added: Sestao, Barakaldo and Muskiz, among others.

Currently, in Bizkaia, 49 municipalities participate in the programme, offering access to an extensive network of sports facilities.

Thanks to the expansion of this initiative to the rest of the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country, users can access 60 additional municipalities.

This allows sports facilities to be used in multiple municipalities, with over 1,100 activities available.



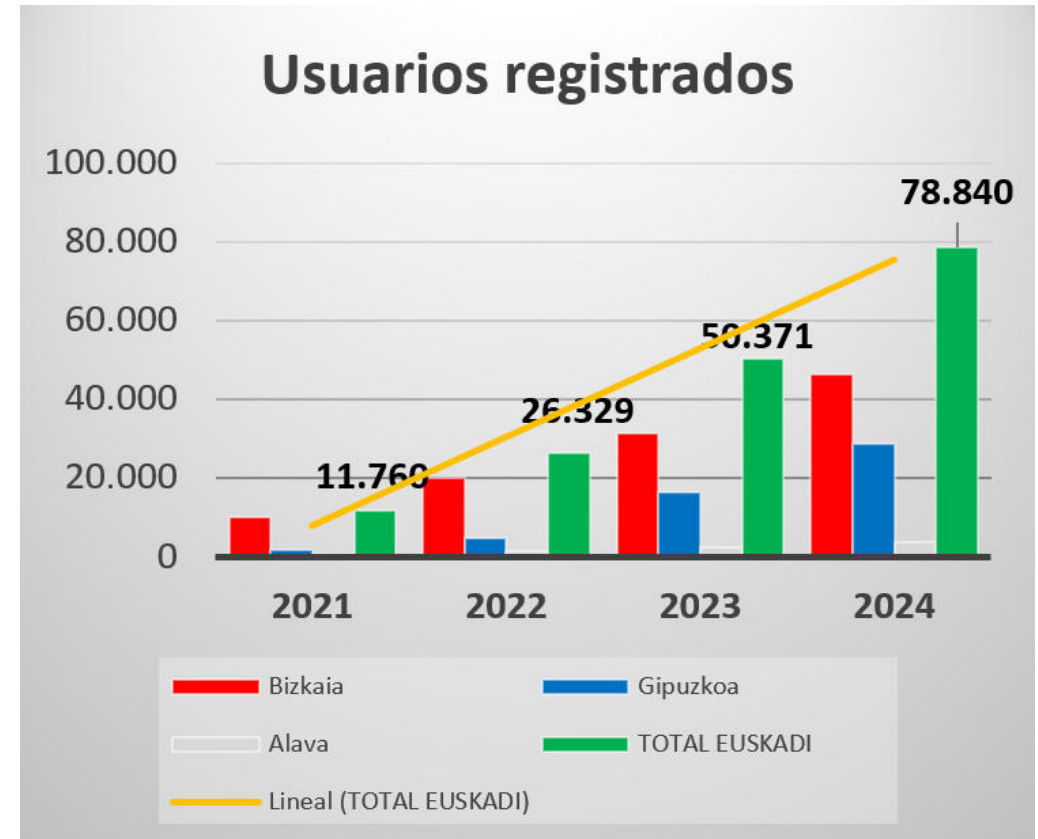
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There are approximately 80,000 registered members. In 2024, they were used over 140,000 times. The Gipuzkoa Provincial Council and that of Álava have joined forces in this endeavour.



The three key factors for success are:

- Strong institutional backing.
- Technological development.
- The professional IT specialist providing technical support for the processes.



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## CLUBS, ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTICIPATION OF LOCAL SPORTS CLUBS OR SPORTS ORGANISATIONS

- a. Detailed list of sports associations and clubs that compete in higher divisions, national, regional, provincial and local championships and tournaments.
- b. Detailed information about the people who participate in sports volunteering in the region: how they are organised, how they operate, how they look for new volunteers, the benefits of being a volunteer.

a. Detailed list of sports associations and clubs that compete in higher divisions, national, regional, provincial and local championships and tournaments.

### Asfedebi, the cornerstone of competitive sport in Bizkaia with 45 associated federations

In order to explain and help people understand how competitive sport in Bizkaia, it is definitely necessary to mention the Bizkaia Association of Sports Federations: Asfedebi



The **Bizkaia Association of Sports Federations (Asfedebi)** was founded in 1994 under the Associations Law of 1988. It was promoted by the Youth and Sports Directorate of the Bizkaia Provincial Council's Department of Culture to oversee the management of all sports federations in Bizkaia. It originally began with eight federations, with others joining later. At present there are **45 federations**.

Asfedebi offers three key services to Bizkaia's network of sports federations:

- Comprehensive advice
- Sports medicine centre
- Authorised sports training centre

- a. Detailed list of sports associations and clubs that compete in higher divisions, national, regional, provincial and local championships and tournaments.

### List of sports federations in Bizkaia that are members of ASFEDEBI

Actividades Subacuáticas

Baloncesto

Boxeo

Deportes Aéreos

Gimnasia

Hípica

Lucha y Sambo

Padel

Petanca

Surf

Tiro

Voleibol

Ajedrez

Balonmano

Caza

Deportes de Invierno

Golf

Hockey

Montaña

Patinaje

Piragüismo

Taekwondo

Tiro con Arco

Atletismo

Béisbol y Sofbol

Ciclismo

Esgrima

Halterofilia

Judo y DD.AA.

Motociclismo

Pelota Vasca

Remo

Tenis

Triatlón

Automovilismo

Bolos

Deporte Adaptado

Fútbol

Herri Kirolak

Karate

Natación

Pesca y Casting

Rugby

Tenis de mesa

Vela



**ASFEDEBI**

Kirol Etxea

a. Detailed list of sports associations and clubs that compete in higher divisions, national, regional, provincial and local championships and tournaments.

Federation	No. of Clubs	No. of licences	Masculine	Feminine
Underwater Activities	25	1103	949	154
Chess	27	610	579	31
Athletics	37	1,330	739	591
Motorsports	13	351	310	41
Basketball	71	4800	2518	2282
Handball	24	2283	1333	950
Baseball and Softball	2	184	165	19
Bowling	40	753	662	91
Boxing	30	369	325	44
Hunting	135	2221	2186	35
Cycling	112	2198	2056	142
Adapted Sports	24	614	435	179
Air Sports	12	206	190	16
Winter Sports	18	70	46	24
Fencing	3	59	46	13

**Bizkaia is a major sporting hub, home to over 1,500 clubs that promote physical activity and competition**



a. Detailed list of sports associations and clubs that compete in higher divisions, national, regional, provincial and local championships and tournaments.

Federation	No. of Clubs	No. of licences	Masculine	Feminine
Football	240	21862	19890	1972
Gymnastics	22	480	11	469
Golf	12	8953	6092	2861
Weightlifting	4	47	41	6
Basque rural sports	50	504	397	107
Equestrian	25	1098	231	867
Hockey	2	701	408	293
Judo and Martial Arts	26	609	499	110
Karate	41	1025	619	406
Wrestling and Sambo	10	452	357	95
Mountain sports	108	12680	8547	4133
Motorcycling	34	249	243	6
Swimming	30	1731	947	784
Paddle tennis	17	3389	2177	1212
Skating	27	746	475	271

**Adaptive sports are on the rise in Bizkaia, with 24 clubs and over 600 active licences**

**BIZKAIKO EUSKAL  
JOKO ETA KIROL  
FEDERAKUNDEA**

**FEDERACIÓN  
VIZCAINA DE JUEGOS  
Y DEPORTE VASCOS**



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Federation	No. of Clubs	No. of licences	Masculine	Feminine
Basque Pelota	66	1210	1019	191
Fishing and Casting	20	493	472	21
Petanque	8	101	78	23
Canoeing	7	284	145	139
Rowing	19	1452	1000	452
Rugby	8	1047	841	206
Surfing	28	1393	1327	266
Taekwondo	23	555	337	218
Tennis	23	1145	820	325
Table tennis	9	231	211	20
Olympic Shooting	24	2013	1957	56
Archery	14	530	415	115
Triathlon	36	739	600	139
Sailing	3	646	481	165
Volleyball	8	220	63	157

More than 100 mountaineering clubs in Bizkaia promote outdoor sports



**BIZKAIKO  
EUSKO PILOTA  
FEDERAKUNTZA**

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TOTAL			
No. of Clubs	No. of licences	Masculine	Feminine
1,517	83,736	63,240	20,496

The number of licences account for 7.3% of Bizkaia's population


















\* School sports are not included

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## Clubs in Bizkaia that compete at national level

Depending on the level of each club, they participate in local, regional Basque and national competitions.

	Alusigma Peñota Dental Triathlon Team		Beisbol San Inazio		Bermeo-Urdaibai Arraun Elkartea		C. Atletismo Bidezabal		C.D. B.S.R. Bilbao
	Club Ajedrez Sestao		Club Askartza Claret		Club Atletismo Adaptado Saiatu Javi Conde		Club Atletismo Portugalete		Club Atletismo Santutxu
	Club de Gimnasia Ritmica Sakoneta		Club Leioa Igeri Waterpolo		Durango Kirol Taldea		Gatikako Iusturi Patinaje Kluba		Gaztedi Club

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	Gernika KESB		Gernika Rugby		Getxo Rugby Taldea		Goiherri Kirol Elkarte		Isuntza Arraun Elkarte
	Kaiku Arraun Taldea		Lemoizko Armintza Pilota Elkarte		Metropolitano Club Patinaje		Ondarroa Arraun Elkarte		Raspas Arraun Elkarte
	Real Club Jolaseta		Real Club Marítimo del Abra-Real Sporting club		Universitario Bilbao Rugby		Uribealdea Rugby Kirol Elkarte		Zierbena Arraun Elkarte

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## Clubs in Bizkaia that compete in professional leagues

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Athletic Club



Bilbao Basket

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### Clubs in Bizkaia that compete at national level

Triathlon	1 (Mix)		Water Polo	3 (2M- 1W)
Football	6 (4M-1W)		Handball	1 (W)
Athletics	4 (Mix)		Rhythmic Gymnastics	1 (W)
Baseball	1 (M)		Rugby	4 (M)
Rowing	6 (M)		Roller hockey	2 (1 M-1 Mix)
Chess	1 (Mix)		Field hockey	1 (Mix)
Wheelchair basketball	1 (M)		Pelota	1 (M)
Traditional sport (sokatira)	2 (M)		Basketball	2 (1M-1W)
Sailing	1 (M)			

(M) Men's. (W) Women's, (Mix) Mixed



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## Sports Volunteering in Bizkaia



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### Law 2/2023, of 30 March, on physical activity and sport in the Basque Country

Title VIII research, innovation and training. Volunteers

Article 84 Sports Volunteering.

1. Sports volunteering is defined as: organised public participation in voluntary activities related to physical activity and sport in the Basque Country, through the establishment of voluntary action programmes in this field, carried out by non-profit organisations, all within the framework set out in the general provisions on volunteering.

2. The department of the General Administration of the Autonomous Community with competencies in sport will encourage and promote sports volunteering with other public administrations, particularly local entities, universities, sports entities and others that develop volunteering programmes in the area of physical activity and sport with the aim of collaborating, promoting and participating in sports volunteering in the Basque Country.

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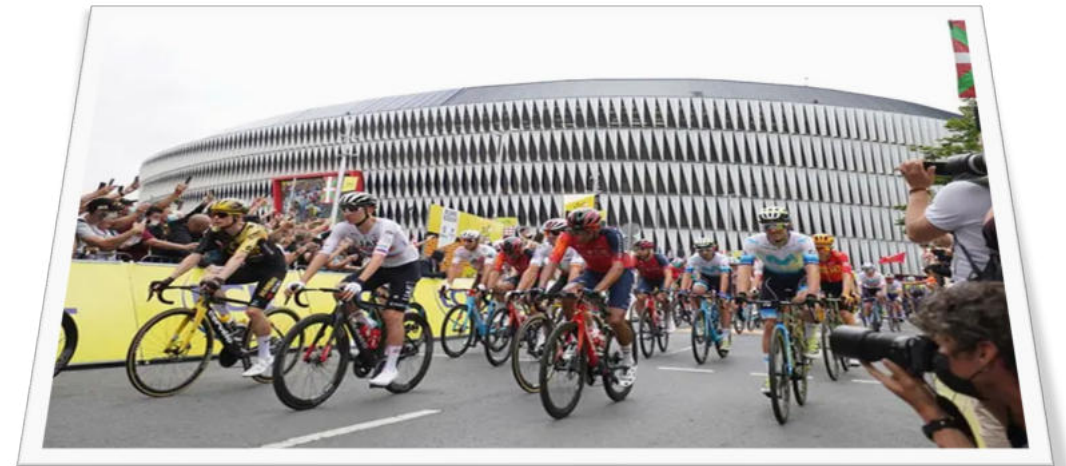
**Introduction:** The White Paper on Sport published by the European Commission in 2007, in its Article 2.4, specifically in sections 13 and 14 states verbatim:

(13) The Commission will further develop exchange of information and best practice on volunteering in sport involving Member States, sport organisations and local authorities.

(14) In order to understand better the specific demands and needs of the voluntary sport sector in national and European policy making, the Commission will launch a European study on volunteering in sport.

On the other hand, Law 2/2023, of 30 March, on physical activity and sport in the Basque Country, refers to sports volunteering in terms of “protection and support”, specifically in Title VIII, in Article 84, defines what the Basque law understands by sports volunteering, and then, in section 2, calls on the competent administrations to provide protection and support for volunteers:

2. - The department of the General Administration of the Autonomous Community with competencies in sport will encourage and promote sports volunteering with other public administrations, particularly local entities, universities, sports entities and others that develop volunteering programmes in the area of physical activity and sport with the aim of collaborating, spreading and participating in sports volunteering in the Basque Country.

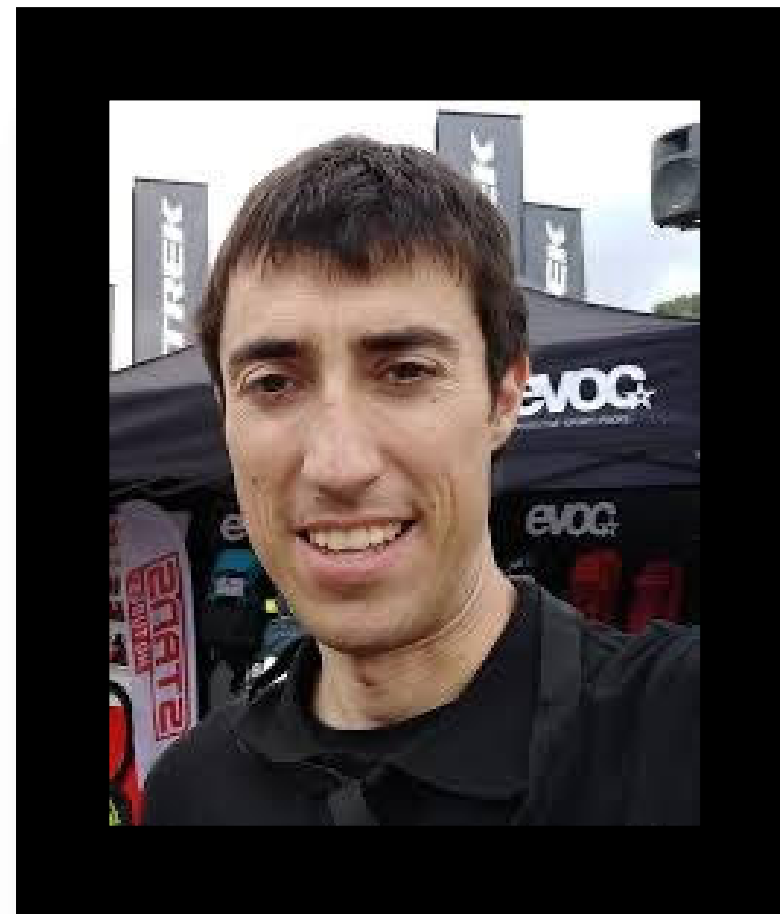


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Manu Gómez, president of the Bizkaia Cycling Federation

**Question.** The White Paper of the European Commission and Basque Law 2/23 place importance on sports volunteering. *Is this importance justified for the president of the Bizkaia Cycling Federation?*

**Answer.** – Yes. Without volunteers, school and federation-affiliated sport would hardly move forward. Even an event such as the arrival of the Tour de France in the Basque Country in 2023, despite a budget of €14 million, the event still relied on volunteers. In Bizkaia, you can count the number of cycling events organised entirely without volunteers on one hand—just two. The BILBAO-BILBAO and the BIBE Transbizkaia. The rest require people who help out selflessly. In most cases, moreover, the group is made up of very old people. There is no new generation stepping up, making this a pressing issue.



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**Manu Gómez, president of the Bizkaia Cycling Federation**

**Q.-** *The European Commission expresses some concern about the decline in sports volunteering. Are you noticing this decrease in volunteers in Bizkaia?*

**A.-** Yes, of course. In many races, payment is beginning to be made to “semi-volunteers”, individuals who do not receive a salary as such but do receive an amount of money considered a “per diem”. These are events that were previously organised with the assistance of volunteers. Clubs with many volunteers often adopt a strategic approach, sometimes incentivising participation through social membership schemes, point systems or perks such as free meals.

Some races have been discontinued due to a lack of volunteers, while others rely on just one or two people taking on extra work, leading to burnout.

**Q.-** *Volunteering in cycling has traditionally been essential. How has the availability of volunteers evolved in recent years?*

**A.-** As I was saying, it is decreasing, even for reasons that are not necessarily negative. Previously, many athletes who retired early would volunteer. Nowadays, sporting careers last much longer. Many veteran athletes now prioritise personal performance, focusing solely on improvement and seeking out competitions wherever possible. They rarely take a break from training on weekends to help out at a club.



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Manu Gómez, president of the Bizkaia Cycling Federation

Q.- In the races organised by the clubs, I suppose they provide their own volunteers. ***Who are the volunteers that cover the races organised by the Federation of Bizkaia?***

A.- In reality, very few events are organised by the Federation. It is the clubs that organise the events and use their own volunteers. On some occasions we organised events through the federation in a communal way, but the experience was not good. It is always the same clubs that collaborate and the rest take advantage of their work.

The number of available volunteers determines whether a race can take place. The federation could run many more events if we had people to cover crossings, help with course marking, assist with registration, etc.

Q.- ***Does the federation have a budget allocation or any form of compensation for volunteers who assist with the federation's events?***

A.- No, but yes... There isn't a specific allocation but since the new board took over we have indeed focused on helping the clubs as much as possible in other areas to try to leave them with a surplus they can invest in looking after their "people". In the past, the federation focused heavily on rewarding the participants. Now we focus on helping the clubs, relieving the workload and the search for resources.



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Manu Gómez, president of the Bizkaia Cycling Federation

Q.- *What does sport in Bizkaia owe to volunteering? And, specifically, what does the cycling federation owe them?*

A.- EVERYTHING, in fact. Except for the administrative staff and the president, who receive a salary, and some other people to whom certain tasks are outsourced, all other individuals working in competitive cycling and cycle tourism perform their duties without any form of remuneration. The federation owes EVERYTHING TO VOLUNTEERING. In reality, I believe that for the moment the federation only serves to make the work of the volunteers easier.

Q.- *Do you believe that the authorities responsible for sports should define policies concerning volunteers by creating a “special volunteer status”?*

A.- Yes, especially by assisting with insurance matters and ensuring that their liability and the risk of accidents are covered. Also, perhaps, assisting with better conditions in terms of

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public transport, parking, etc. Volunteers often receive parking fines on event days due to limited parking availability.

**Q.-** *In sport we have seen for years that, all activities that in one way or another are related to sport itself have been gradually professionalised. Does this professionalisation pose a threat to volunteering and to the sport itself?*

**A.-** Well, I don't believe it is a threat to the sport. Perhaps it's the best of a bad set of options. If there are no volunteers, then there are two options: either the activity disappears or those who organise it get paid. I'd prefer them to be paid. In reality, we pay for practically everything. Why not in sport?



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**Manu Gómez, president of the Bizkaia Cycling Federation**

**Q.- Professionalisation does pose a challenge to volunteering. When you start paying, the floodgates open. Why are some people paid and others not? Why is there a €10 registration fee for one event and €80 for similar ones?**

**A.-** An important threat to volunteering is the PROFESSIONALISATION OF REQUIREMENTS. When someone organises the administration, they raise the bar higher and higher: more permits, electronic signatures, more requirements, more bureaucracy, etc. It's understandable, as an event has to be organised with the proper safety conditions, but the authorities have to collaborate too. Previously, an email was enough... now a form must be completed and submitted with an electronic signature.

**Q.- Is there anything you would like to add about sports volunteering from the perspective of your federation?**

**A.-** I believe that volunteering still has a way to go, but people are increasingly SELFISH. Perhaps there should be a campaign and measures to extend its lifespan. An annual volunteering festival, a benefits card, ensuring that the matter of insurance and liability is well addressed.



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**Koldo Mendía, president of the Bizkaia Basketball Federation**



**Introduction:** The White Paper on Sport published by the European Commission in 2007 dedicates section 2.4 of its index to “Promoting volunteering and active citizenship through sport”. That same point (section 12) states that “the Commission will furthermore propose to encourage young people's volunteering in sport through the Youth in Action programme in fields such as youth exchanges and voluntary service for sporting events”.

**Question.-** *The European Commission's White Paper attaches decisive importance to volunteering in the development of sport, but it also hints at a possible decline in the number of volunteers (which needs to be addressed). From the perspective of your federation, how do you see the health of sports volunteering in Bizkaia?*

**Answer.-** The work of volunteers in the Bizkaia Basketball Federation is extremely important for carrying out the various activities organised by this Federation.

From volunteers in the Care for Your Body, Care for Your Mind Programme, conducted in collaboration with Cáritas with women at risk of social exclusion, to those who collaborate as coaches and referees in the Bizkaia League for Intellectual Disabilities.

Also, to everyone involved in organizing the 3x3 at the children's Christmas playground, as well as all the club officials who selflessly play a key role in their clubs.

I would also like to point out the willingness of the clubs to selflessly organise the final stages of Bizkaia's league competitions.

As well as to the members of the Board of Directors that I chair for their work and dedication in carrying out their tasks.

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**Koldo Mendía, president of the Bizkaia Basketball Federation**

*Q.- In Bizkaia we have 45 federations that bring together an endless number of clubs. Both clubs and federations operate smoothly thanks to the thousands of volunteers who serve on their boards of directors. Is this network of volunteer board members sustainable in the long term?*

*A.- I believe that here it is necessary to distinguish between school sports and federation-affiliated sports. School sports are usually organised by parents through parents' associations, who handle their children's sporting activities. Volunteers take on tasks such as finding coaches, scheduling training and match times, as well as liaising*

*with the Provincial Council and the Federation.*

*In other centres with a strong sporting tradition, such as basketball, the club is responsible for this task. Where the organisation takes care of everything and the parents are mere spectators.*

*I believe that volunteering is thriving at the school level. However, in recent years, companies have begun offering schools a full package of sports activities.*

*In federation-affiliated sport, things are different. The organisational model is clearer. There are Executive Boards that organise themselves to carry out the various tasks of the club as well as its relationship with the Federation.*



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**Koldo Mendía, president of the Bizkaia Basketball Federation**

**Q.- In sports such as yours, clubs are run by boards made up entirely (or almost entirely) of volunteers. Do these individuals volunteer out of passion for their sport, or simply to support their children's participation?**

**A.-** The majority of clubs in Bizkaia are made up of volunteers. Many come from School Sport, and when their son or daughter moves on to Federation-Affiliated Sport, they become involved in the club's structure, replacing outgoing board members.

I believe these volunteers step up out of necessity but also to ensure their children can take part in sport.

Unlike coaches, referees or players, board members receive no formal training on their roles or how to improve the club.



**b. Detailed information on sports volunteers in the region: how they are organised, how they operate, how they recruit new volunteers and the benefits of volunteering.**

**Koldo Mendía, president of the Bizkaia Basketball Federation**

*Q.- Beyond board-level volunteering, there is another kind of volunteer: those who, every Saturday, accompany thousands of children across the region to take part in their sport. Do sports federations recognise these volunteers in any way?*

The Federation acknowledges those who coach, referee, or accompany teams through the Eskola Laguntzaile (School Sports Assistant) programme, a joint initiative of the Bizkaia Federation and the Sports Directorate of the Bizkaia Provincial Council.

The Eskola Laguntzaile (School Sports Assistant) programme organises training sessions on refereeing regulations in various locations across Bizkaia.

At the same time, these volunteers must register at the start of the season on the Federation's website, as they receive a payment for every match they referee.

Also within the Eskola (School) Programme, each year they are given a printed set of rules with any updates, a whistle and a shirt that must be worn when officiating.

As for referees that belong to a federation, they have access to a court every week at a Bilbao Kirolak sports centre, where they practise refereeing with their colleagues.

School-level coaches are required to complete the MADE course, which is subsequently recognised as the theoretical training hours for a level 1 coaching qualification.



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**Koldo Mendía, president of the Bizkaia Basketball Federation**

*Q.- The Basque Law on Physical Activity and Sport (2/2023, of 30 March) includes, among its guiding principles, objectives and areas of action, the protection and support relating to sports volunteering. In your view, **how can this protection and support be effectively implemented?***

*A.- I believe the authorities and federations must commit to creating a volunteer database and implementing specialised training programmes tailored to each role.*

*Q.- In recent years, we have seen increasing professionalisation in every field and sector linked to sport, even where that connection is indirect or occasional. **Is sports volunteering gradually disappearing?***

*A.- I can't predict the future. In Bizkaia, particularly in basketball, many people over 60 still volunteer selflessly, setting an example for others.*

*Over time, these individuals may become increasingly rare, and sport may shift towards professionalised structures, reducing the role of volunteers in sports organisations.*



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**Koldo Mendía, president of the Bizkaia Basketball Federation**

**Q.- Should the law be expanded to include a volunteer charter offering social benefits or risk protection, for instance?**

**A.-** As I mentioned earlier, it is the responsibility of the authorities to take the lead and, where appropriate, propose a volunteer charter that provides coverage for volunteers in the course of their activities.

In terms of benefits, the public university EHU/UPV offers academic credits for certain sports-related activities.

**Q.- Focusing on the Historical Territory of Bizkaia. What does sport in Bizkaia owe to sports volunteering?**

**A.-** Sport in Bizkaia is deeply indebted to those who, altruistically and selflessly, have contributed and continue to contribute to the development of its athletes.

**Q.- Within the scope of your federal competence: have you implemented or do you plan to implement any initiatives in line with the European Commission's White Paper or Basque Law 2/23 to protect and promote volunteers?**

**A.-** We are in the early stages of developing volunteer action programmes in collaboration with non-profit organisations.



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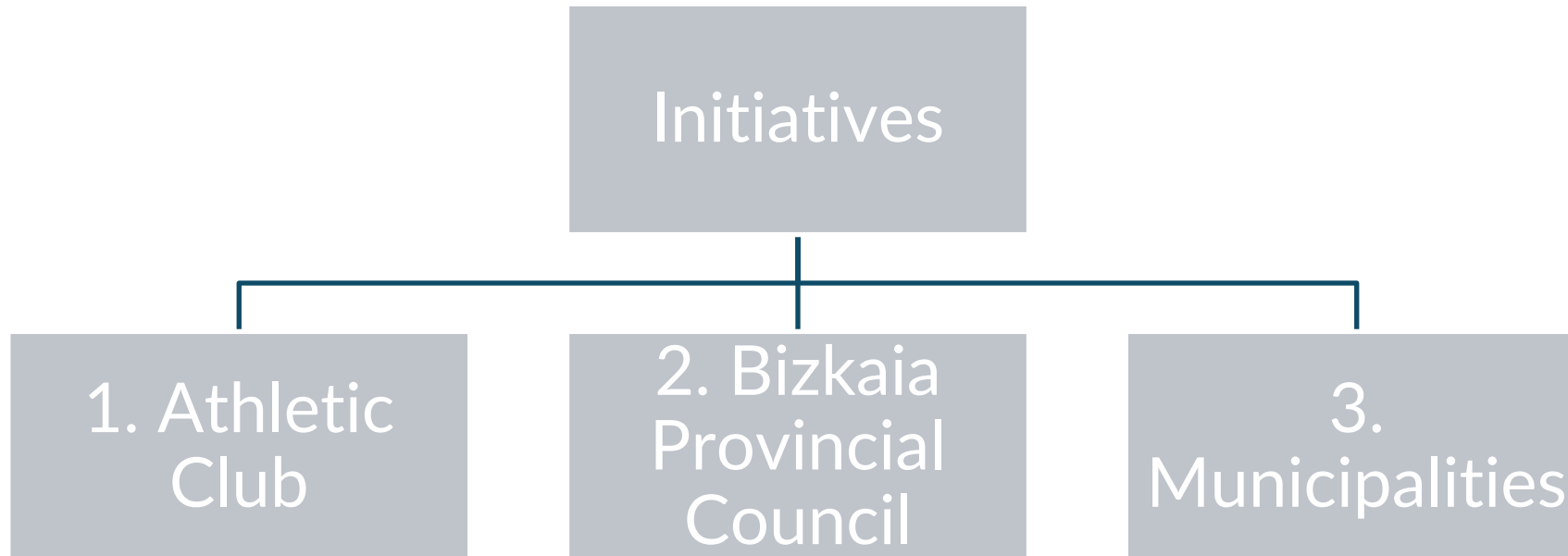
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## MEASURES TO PROMOTE HEALTH AND INTEGRATION THROUGH SPORT

- a. Are there any special healthcare programmes related to sport for everyone?
- b. Are there special opportunities for groups of different ages to participate in sports?
- c. Who offers these opportunities?
- d. Are there initiatives to promote integration through sport?
- e. Are there educational opportunities for the training of coaches and instructors?
- f. How does Bizkaia promote fair play?

a. Are there special sport-related healthcare programmes for everyone?

Bizkaia promotes various sports-related healthcare initiatives to benefit everyone:



a. Detailed list of sports infrastructures/facilities according to type, purpose and condition

# 1. Athletic Club

### a. Are there special sport-related healthcare programmes for everyone?

#### 1. The Athletic Club Foundation and the Mental Health Network of Bizkaia

Since 2016, the **Bizkaia Mental Health Network (RSMB-Osakidetza)** and the **Athletic Club Foundation** have worked together to improve the quality of life of people with mental health conditions.

They organise weekly futsal and multi-sport training sessions at various centres across Bizkaia, led by Foundation coaches.

These activities not only provide physical benefits but also foster social inclusion and help combat the stigma surrounding mental health.

Since the pandemic, the programme has expanded to include aerobic multi-sport sessions and cognitive exercises. These changes have led to greater participation, especially among women—one of RSMB's key objectives.

### The Athletic Club Foundation and Mental Health Bizkaia, sport for inclusion and well-being



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2. Athletic Club Genuine

Athletic Club Genuine is a football team for players with intellectual disabilities. It competes in LaLiga Genuine, a league initiative fostering inclusion and diversity in sport.

The team is part of the Athletic Club Foundation and is made up of players from various associations across Bizkaia.

Athletic Club Genuine has taken part in various stages of LaLiga Genuine, including the final phase in Getafe in June 2024.

It has also participated in international tournaments, including the Genuine World Cup in Houston, reaffirming its commitment to inclusion and diversity in sport.

Inclusive football bringing Athletic Club's passion to LaLiga Genuine and international tournaments

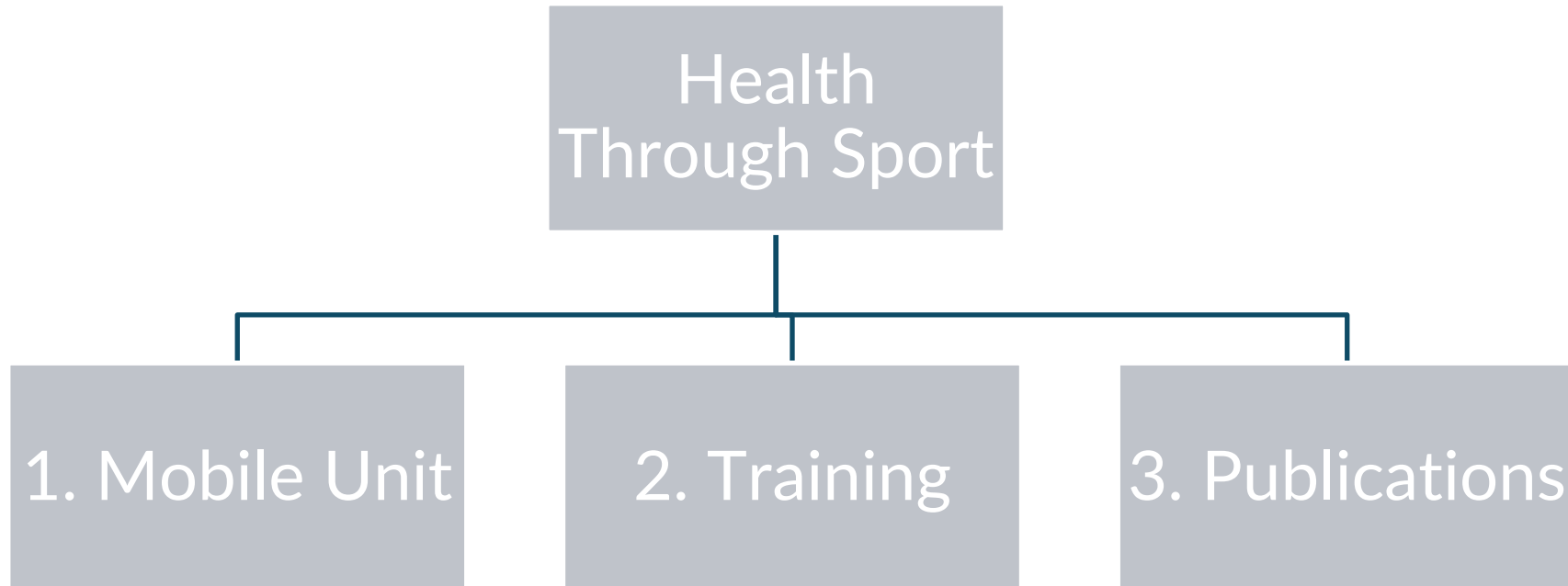


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## 2. Bizkaia Provincial Council

a. Are there special sport-related healthcare programmes for everyone?

For more than five years, the Bizkaia Provincial Council has run a “Health Through Sport” campaign.



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# 1. Mobile Unit

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The Bizkaia Provincial Council introduced a Mobile Sports Medicine Unit, bringing medical services to municipalities across Bizkaia. The initiative helped ensure safer and more effective physical activity for participants in municipal sports and recreation programmes.

This service provided dietary and physiological advice to help individuals achieve their fitness goals with greater safety and efficiency.

The team, made up of qualified medical professionals, conducted assessments of bone, joint and muscle health, body fat percentage, ideal weight, strength, flexibility, lung function, cardiorespiratory fitness and endurance.

Each participant received a personalised sports medical report with a detailed assessment of their physical health and fitness.

During the most recent cycle, 804 assessments were conducted across 38 municipalities, reinforcing the initiative's role as a key resource in promoting health and safety in physical activity.

**Bizkaia brought sports medicine to 38 municipalities with its Mobile Health and Sports Unit**



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## 2. Education & Training

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As part of its *“Health Through Sport”* campaign, the Bizkaia Provincial Council's Directorate-General of Sports provided awareness talks on healthy habits. These sessions, led by technical and medical experts, were offered to municipalities across the region.



a. Detailed list of sports infrastructures/facilities according to type, purpose and condition

## 3. Publications

### a. Are there special sport-related healthcare programmes for everyone?

#### Health Through Sport

The campaign, “**Health Through Sport**” promoted healthy habits through physical activity and balanced nutrition, distributing various educational materials to the people of Bizkaia.

It highlighted the importance of walking for at least 30 minutes a day and recommended wearing appropriate footwear, as well as engaging in activities such as cycling, swimming or gymnastics to maintain physical fitness.

In terms of nutrition, it advocated for a varied diet rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains and lean proteins while limiting saturated fats, sugars and ultra-processed foods.

The campaign featured a detailed exercise guide with illustrations and step-by-step instructions on strength training, general conditioning and stretching.

Designed with inclusivity in mind, the exercises allow older people and beginners to engage safely and comfortably in physical activity.

The goal was to encourage an active and healthy lifestyle as a key tool for both physical and mental well-being.



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#### Physical Exercise for Older People

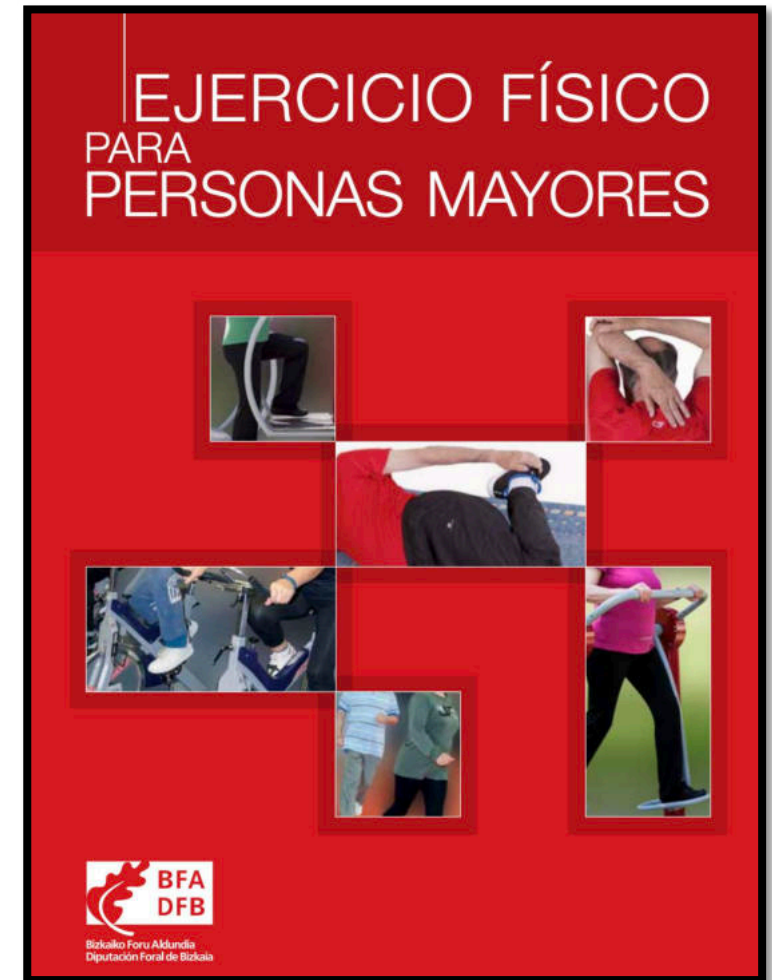
The campaign also produced a practical guide to promote physical activity among older people. Its main aim was to enhance quality of life and slow the effects of ageing through structured and adapted exercises.

The guide provided recommendations for cardiovascular, strength, flexibility and balance exercises, tailored to different ability levels among older people.

It emphasised the importance of consistency, proper technique and adjusting the intensity according to individual needs. It also encouraged personal autonomy and the prevention of sedentary lifestyle-related illnesses.

The guide stressed that ageing is not a disease and that staying active contributes to better physical, mental and social health.

Designed to be accessible, it enabled older people to incorporate physical activity into their lives, whether at home or in sports facilities, promoting active and healthy ageing.



### a. Are there special sport-related healthcare programmes for everyone?

#### Walking: Techniques, Benefits and Therapeutic Uses

The document “Walking”, produced by the Bizkaia Provincial Council, examines walking as a fundamental activity for both physical and mental health.

It highlights its accessibility and recreational, sporting and therapeutic benefits, making it a key tool in fostering healthy habits.

The document covers biomechanical and technical aspects of walking effectively, considering factors such as posture, footwear, terrain and individual physical conditions.

It examines how walking can help with obesity, metabolic disorders and ageing, offering practical guidance on minimising risks and maximising benefits.

This material is intended for health professionals and sports technicians, with the aim of promoting their practice in a safe and beneficial manner.



## a. Are there special sport-related healthcare programmes for everyone?

### Nutrition in Sport

“**Nutrition in Sport**”, a practical guide from the Bizkaia Provincial Council, highlights the vital role of diet in athletic performance and overall health.

It is aimed at athletes, coaches and professionals seeking to optimise dietary habits to maximise physical benefits and prevent risks associated with poor nutrition.

This includes:

- Food classification by function and key nutrients.
- Guidelines for a personalised, balanced and healthy diet.
- Advice on food preparation and storage to preserve nutritional value.
- Tips on minimising nutrient loss during cooking and promoting sustainable eating habits.
- Detailed information on the benefits and consumption of fish, meat, cereals, fruit and vegetables.

The guide examines factors influencing dietary habits and highlights nutrition education as a key tool for enhancing health and sports performance.



a. Detailed list of sports infrastructures/facilities according to type, purpose and condition

## 3. Municipalities

**a. Are there special sport-related healthcare programmes for everyone?**

Municipal best practices regarding the “Sports Prescription” initiative. The pioneering example of Getxo Kirolak.

Getxo Kirolak has evolved from the “Sports Prescription” project (2014–2016) into the “Sports Guidance Service”, implemented in Getxo in 2024.

The original project aimed to improve public health through personalised physical activity prescriptions, developed in collaboration between Osakidetza (Basque Health Service) and Getxo Kirolak. Designed for individuals with health conditions, it integrates medical and sports criteria to encourage physical activity.

Between 2014 and 2016, 197 people participated in the programme, with positive results, including improved quality of life and a scientific publication validating the impact of exercise among older people.

In 2024, Getxo Kirolak launched a free, universally accessible sports guidance service, offering personalised recommendations on activities and courses. This service includes 487 courses and 88 local sports associations, supported by technology developed by Kimet Sport to facilitate guidance.

The goal remains to combat sedentary lifestyles and promote physical activity as a tool for health and well-being across the community.

**Getxo Kirolak evolves from the “Sports Prescription” to a comprehensive sports guidance service**



a. Are there special sport-related healthcare programmes for everyone?

Bilbao Physical Activity Guidance Service

**BILBAO EXPANDS ITS SPORTS GUIDANCE SERVICE WITH MORE SPORTS CENTRES AND HEALTH SUPPORT**

Bilbao's Physical Activity Guidance Service (PAGS) was established in 2017 and has since expanded under the direction of Bilbao Kirolak across various sports centres in the city. Currently, the PAGS operates in the Abusu-La Peña, Zorroza, San Ignacio and Recalde sports centres.

Referrals are made from primary healthcare centres within the OSI Bilbao-Basurto network. Referred users receive an in-person consultation to assess their needs, limitations, health conditions and prior experience with physical activity. Based on this assessment, they are provided with a tailored activity plan.

The City Council's Health Department offers two programmes, walking groups and senior gymnastics, with service users also being referred to these activities.

The project is expanding, and there are plans to increase the number of sports centres offering sports guidance services.

**Bilbao**Kirolak



**KIROL ERREZETA  
RECETA DEPORTIVA**

### a. Are there special sport-related healthcare programmes for everyone?

From autumn 2024, the municipalities of Igorre, Leioa and Sestao in Bizkaia will establish three new Physical Activity Guidance Services (PAGS) to encourage physical activity among residents.

Leioa's PAGS operates both in the town centre and across various neighbourhoods to motivate people to increase their physical activity.

In Sestao, the service is available for 25 hours per week and is available at two local health centres and a municipal building, catering to the entire population.

Igorre's PAGS is open for eight hours per week, offering morning and afternoon sessions.

While open to all residents, it primarily focuses on 12-18-year-olds and 40-60-year-olds, as these groups have been identified as needing the most support.

### Expansion of sports guidance services in Leioa, Sestao and Igorre to promote sport

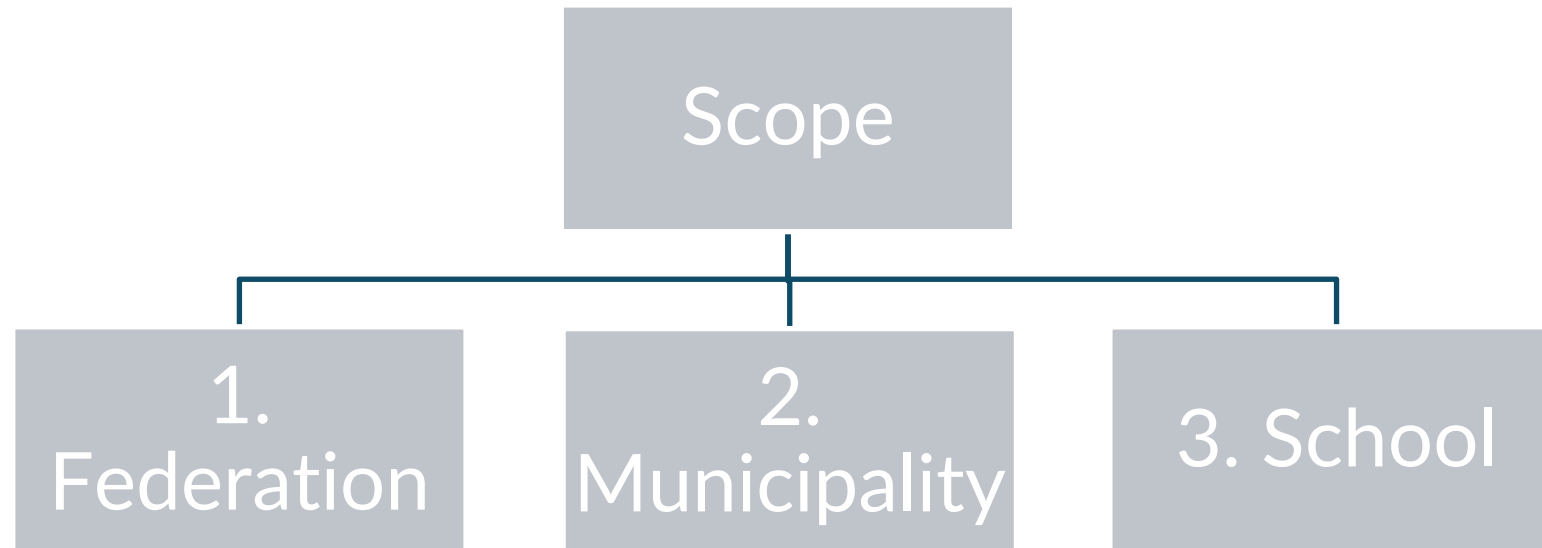


a. Are there special sport-related healthcare programmes for everyone?

Healthcare programmes and “sports prescriptions” in Bizkaia, in collaboration with municipalities and the Basque Health Service, are implemented practically through various specialist sports service companies:



b. Are there special opportunities for groups of different ages to participate in sports?



## b. Are there special opportunities for groups of different ages to participate in sports?

### FUNCTIONAL DIVERSITY

#### 1. FEDERATIONS

##### Federation of Adapted Sport of Bizkaia (FDAB)

Their aim is to promote sport among people with disabilities by supporting the creation of spaces for different adapted sports, raising awareness in educational centres and training specialised personnel. It is made up of six sports clubs and groups. The FDAB collaborates with the Bizkaia Provincial Council through agreements that support different programmes: federation-affiliated, school and promotion of physical activity.

Adapted sport grant:

- HIGH-LEVEL TEAMS

Within the Bizkaia Bizkaialde Foundation, there are clubs dedicated to adapted sports, such as the Saiatu Javi Conde Adapted Athletics Club in Basauri, which enables people with disabilities to participate in athletics while also integrating athletes without disabilities, and Bidaideak Bilbao BSR, a wheelchair basketball team that competes in Spain's Super League and has achieved significant success in recent years.

Supporting adapted sport through federations, clubs and high-level athletes



b. Are there special opportunities for groups of different ages to participate in sports?

## FUNCTIONAL DIVERSITY

### 2. MUNICIPALITIES

**Over 20 municipalities with a diagnosis and action plan**

Technical Assistance to Municipalities 2023-2026 – Haszten

Between 2023 and 2026, the Bizkaia Provincial Council has established an agreement to support Bizkaia's municipalities.

Currently, over 20 municipalities have developed a diagnosis and action plan for sports activities for people with functional diversity. The contract consists of:

1. The design and preparation of a diagnosis of the sporting and social structures of the reality of the municipality in relation to people with functional diversity and their involvement in sport.
2. Creating a database of municipal and other organisations dedicated to supporting people with functional diversity in both social and sporting contexts.
3. Producing a report for each municipality assessed, detailing findings and outlining the structure of the report.
4. Design of a programme of specific actions based on the previous report, detailing the measures to be implemented.

b. Are there special opportunities for groups of different ages to participate in sports?

### FUNCTIONAL DIVERSITY

#### 3. SCHOOL SCOPE

Adapted sports federation– 2024 agreement with the adapted sports federation

AGREEMENT	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025	TOTAL
€ ALLOCATED	€90,215	€105,615	€110,000	€305,830

2024/2025:

(Recreational Activities):

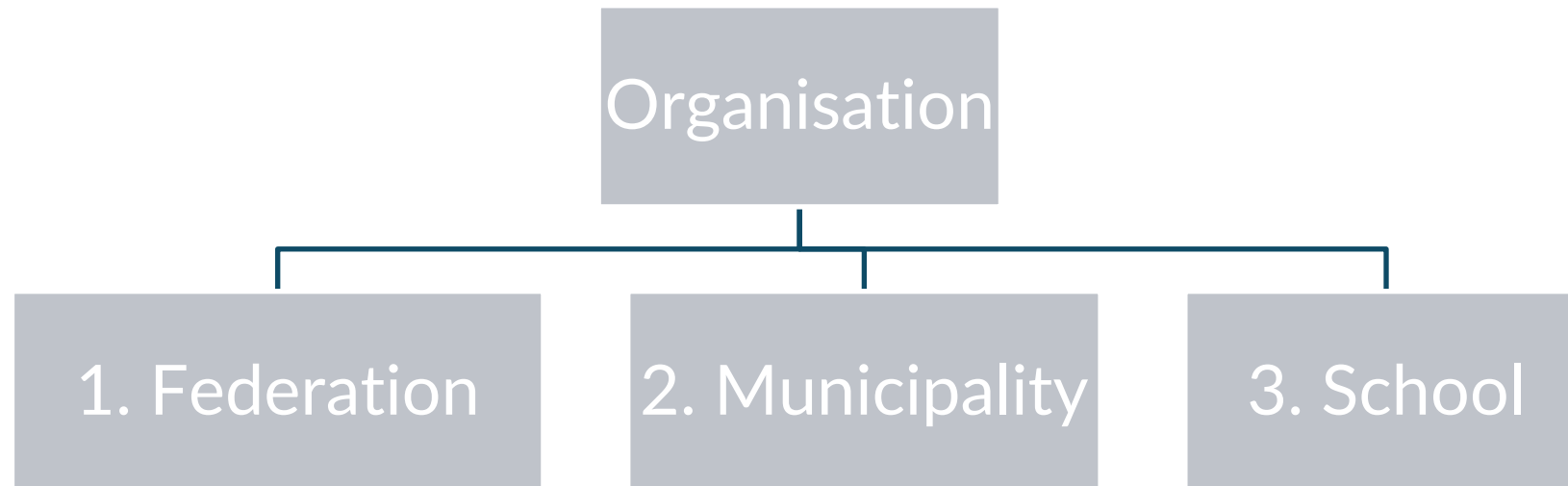
- 18 schools throughout Bizkaia.
- Four inclusive support services for individuals enrolled in other school sports programmes for short-term activities (one to three days).
- Four inclusive support services for individuals enrolled in other school sports programmes for full-season activities.
- Five participatory events for school programme participants.
- 11 open days in collaboration with other sports federations in Bizkaia to promote various sports disciplines.

Bizkaiko Federazioa



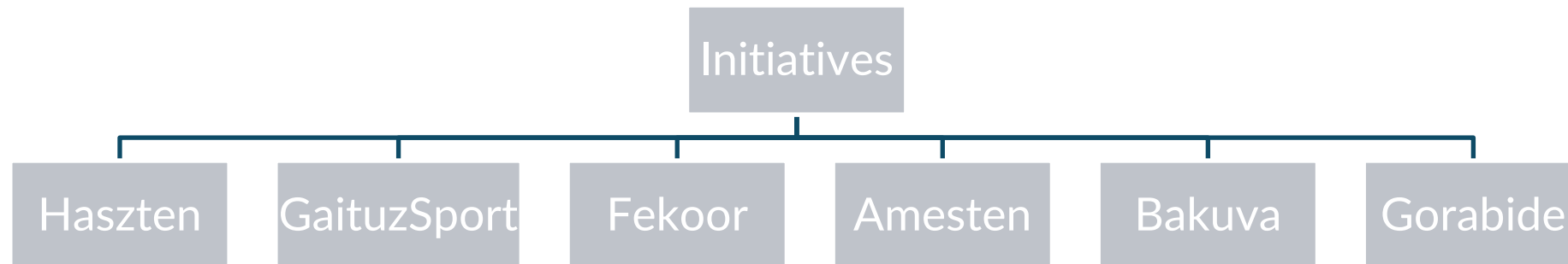
**€305,000**

c. Who offers these opportunities?



#### d. Are there initiatives to promote integration through sport?

Beyond initiatives led by the Bizkaia Provincial Council, a range of companies and associations provide activities for people with functional diversity.



#### d. Are there initiatives to promote integration through sport?

##### HASZTEN

HASZTEN is a non-profit association founded in November 2014 in Bizkaia to improve the quality of life of people with functional diversity through adapted and inclusive sports. Its main mission is to promote universal accessibility through a holistic approach that encompasses associations, sports federations, municipalities, education and therapy.

HASZTEN currently supports over 720 individuals with functional diversity.

The organisation prepares and accompanies athletes in provincial, regional, national and international leagues and championships. In 2023, HASZTEN managed 84 federation licences in disciplines such as boccia, swimming, athletics, basketball and futsal.

It collaborates with over 20 municipalities and three inter-municipal organisations in Bizkaia, providing professional training, accessibility assessments for municipal sports facilities and organising inclusive events.

Through the “Ikaszten” programme, the association complements physical education in special education and life skills classrooms, working with over 140 students across 27 schools in Bizkaia.

#### Supporting over 720 people with functional diversity



#### d. Are there initiatives to promote integration through sport?

##### GAITUZSPORT

This initiative fosters social inclusion and well-being through physical activity and sport, offering programmes for people with disabilities in different areas.



##### FEKOOR

The Bizkaia Federation for People with Physical and/or Organic Disabilities works to defend the rights and inclusion of these individuals, offering services and programmes to improve their quality of life.



##### AMESTEN

An association in Bizkaia supports the inclusion of people with functional diversity by providing the necessary assistance and creating opportunities for community participation and inclusive leisure.



**d. Are there initiatives to promote integration through sport?**

**BAKUVA**

A foundation dedicated to integrating vulnerable children and young people through sport, particularly basketball, by promoting values and equal opportunities.



**GORABIDE**

An association that works for the inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities in Bizkaia, encouraging community participation and providing support to improve quality of life.



**FOUNDATION FOR DOWN SYNDROME AND OTHER INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES IN THE BASQUE COUNTRY**

A non-profit organisation that, since 1990, has improved the quality of life of people with intellectual disabilities and their families in Bizkaia. It provides personalised support throughout the life cycle, promoting full inclusion and social participation.



#### d. Are there initiatives to promote integration through sport?

##### GAUDE ASSOCIATION

Non-profit association supporting individuals with intellectual disabilities and their families in Bizkaia. It offers services such as day care, occupational therapy, housing, family support, leisure and social participation, among others, promoting their inclusion and quality of life.



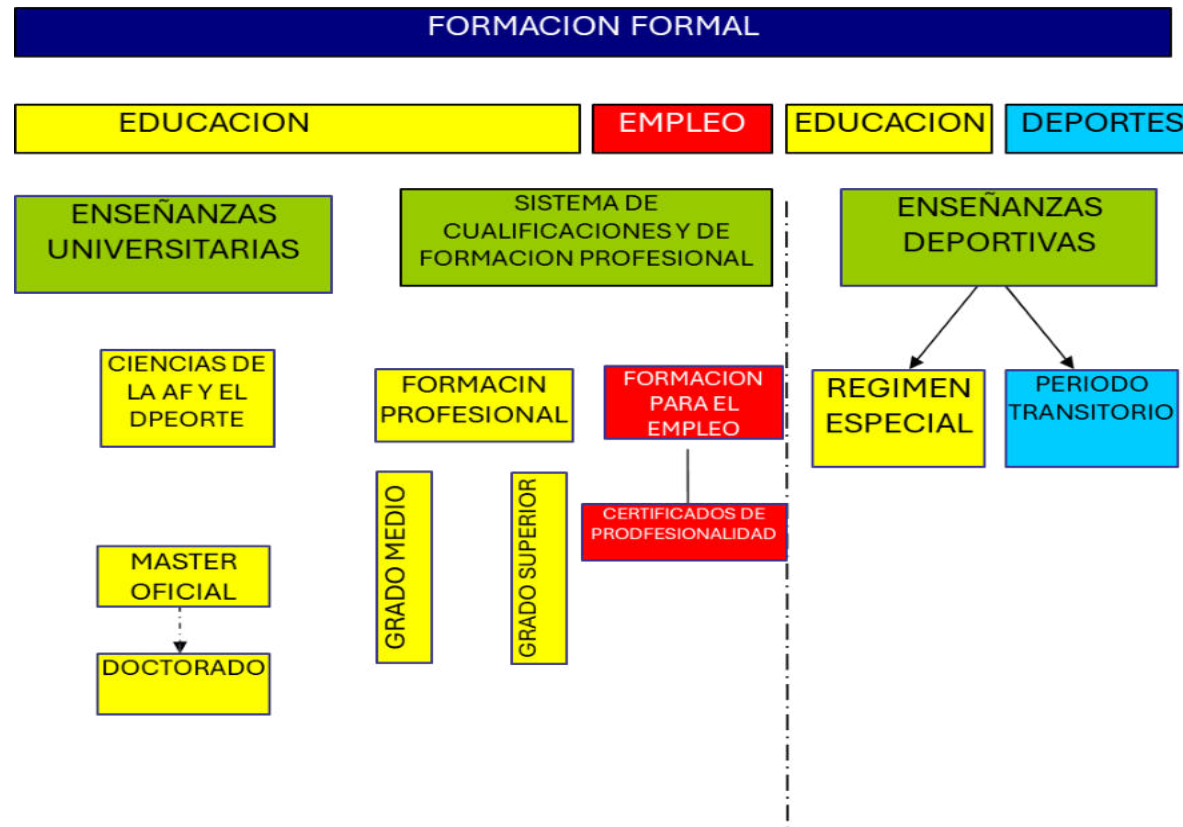
##### SAIATU FOUNDATION

A non-profit entity working in rehabilitation and sport for people with disabilities in Bizkaia. It is a founding member of the Federation of Associations for People with Disabilities of Bizkaia (HELDU) and collaborates with various organisations to promote social inclusion and improve the quality of life of people with functional diversity.

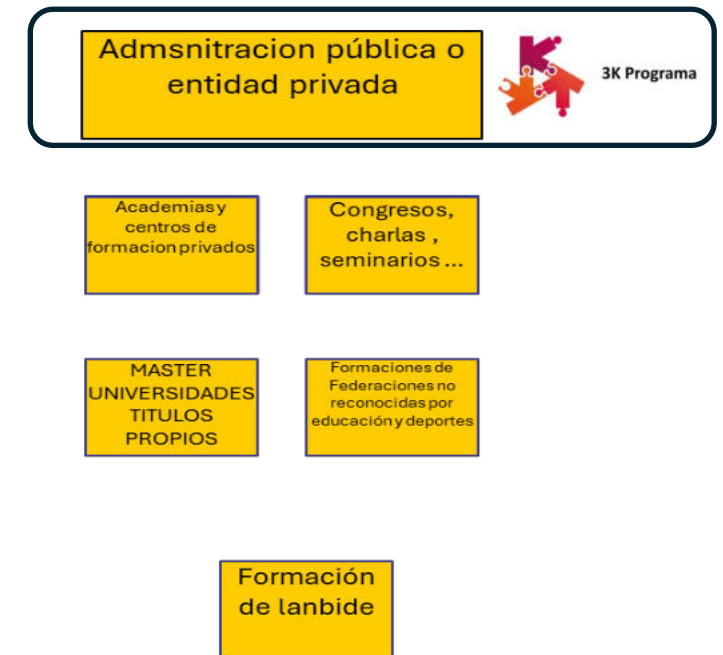


e. Are there educational opportunities for the training of coaches and instructors?

## FORMACION DEPORTIVA



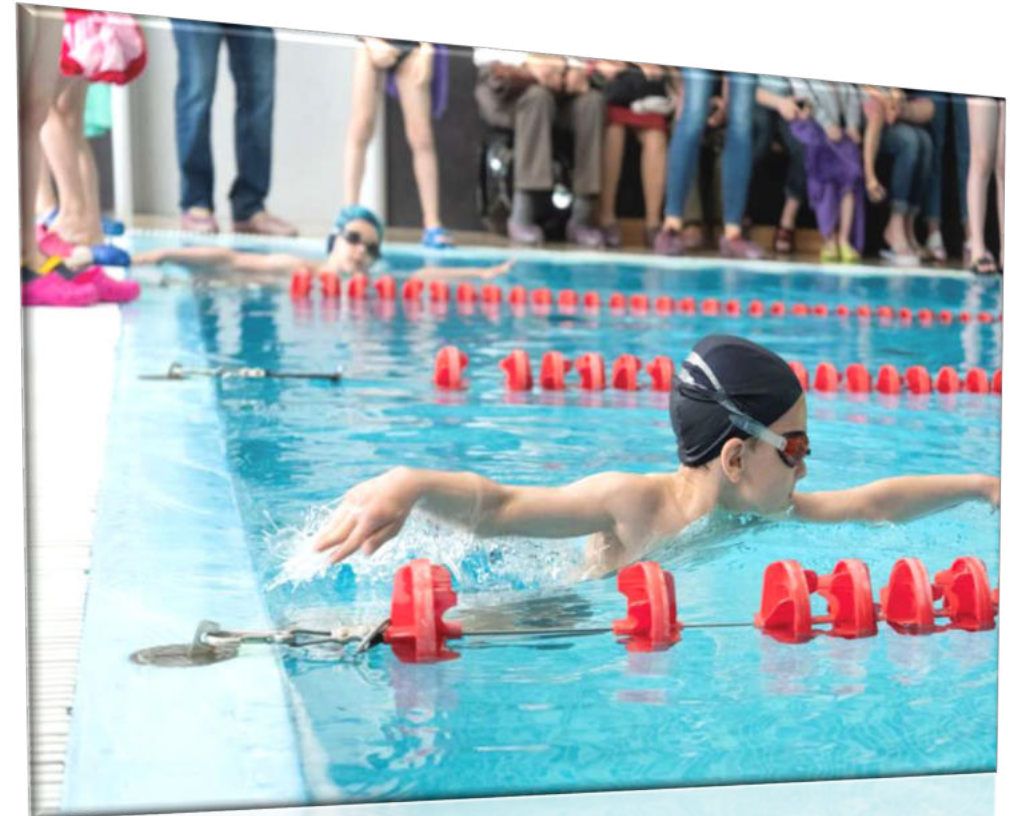
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e. Are there educational opportunities for the training of coaches and instructors?

The training of coaches and educators falls under the remit of the Department of Education, along with sports services and federations at national and regional level, as well as the territorial level in Bizkaia.

In addition, the Provincial Councils and the Basque Government have recently introduced an **Auxiliary School Sports Instructor** course, equivalent to the common core of level 1 sports training for coaches.



e. Are there educational opportunities for the training of coaches and instructors?

### ONLINE INSTRUCTOR COURSE

The Bizkaia Provincial Council, in collaboration with the Bizkaia Association of Sports Federations (ASFEDEBI) through the KITEB sports education centre, offers official online Auxiliary School Sports Instructor courses.

These courses are designed to train individuals interested in working as instructors in school sports.

The course lasts between 60 and 66 hours and is delivered entirely online.

It is subsidised by the Bizkaia Provincial Council, covering at least 60% of the cost for those who complete and pass the course, with an additional 15% subsidy if taken in Basque.

Last three years: €47,909 per course  
for auxiliary school sports instructors



e. Are there educational opportunities for the training of coaches and instructors?

### TRAINING FOR SPORTS ENTITIES: 3K Programme

The 3K Programme is an initiative designed to enhance the management of sports organisations in the Basque Country through the Advanced Management Model. It is organised over three years and is aimed at clubs, federations, associations, educational institutions and public administrations related to sport.

Programme structure:

1. First Year: Initial assessment, development of a strategic plan and annual management.
2. Second year: Tracking strategy implementation, client management and offering personalised workshops.
3. Third year: Systematisation of processes and external evaluation to obtain the Advanced Management Diploma.

Methodology:

- Training through in-person and online workshops.
- Progressive evaluation and certification.
- Option to participate in specific activities or complete the programme flexibly.



**It has helped improve the management of over 450 sports organisations in Bizkaia, Gipuzkoa and Araba**



## e. Are there educational opportunities for the training of coaches and instructors?

**Nine vocational training centres****VOCATIONAL TRAINING DEGREES**

Vocational training in the sports sector in Bizkaia offers various opportunities for those interested in pursuing a career in this field.

Training programmes range from basic vocational education to intermediate and advanced level training cycles, as well as specialised sports education.

These options provide skills in areas such as nature guiding, social/sports fitness and physical conditioning, preparing students for various roles in the sports sector.

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Bizkaia	Elexalde	Authorised Sports Training Centre	BY SPORT SPORTS TRAINING	48019341	Private centre
Bizkaia	Mendiondo	Authorised Sports Training Centre	SCHOOL FOR EQUESTRIAN INSTRUCTORS	48018968	Private centre
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e. Are there educational opportunities for the training of coaches and instructors?

## UNIVERSITY DEGREES

The **University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU)** offers a Degree in Physical Activity and Sports Sciences.

The Bizkaia Campus of UPV/EHU is the largest and most active, with its main headquarters in **Leioa, 11 km from central Bilbao**, on the former site of the University of Bilbao. However, there are also additional faculties and centres within Bilbao, Barakaldo and Portugalete. As a result, the Bizkaia Campus is spread across four areas: Leioa-Erandio, Bilbao, Barakaldo and Portugalete.

Since 2011, it has had a representative centre, Bizkaia Aretoa, in Abandoibarra, which serves as both a university facility and a venue for conferences, exhibitions and other events.

This degree is also available in Vitoria-Gasteiz at the Faculty of Education and Sport.

It also offers a Master's in Sports Management.

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e. Are there educational opportunities for the training of coaches and instructors?

### UNIVERSITY DEGREES

The University of Deusto offers a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Activity and Sports Sciences (CAFyD), designed to train professionals in various fields related to physical activity and sport.



e. Are there educational opportunities for the training of coaches and instructors?

### UNIVERSITY DEGREES

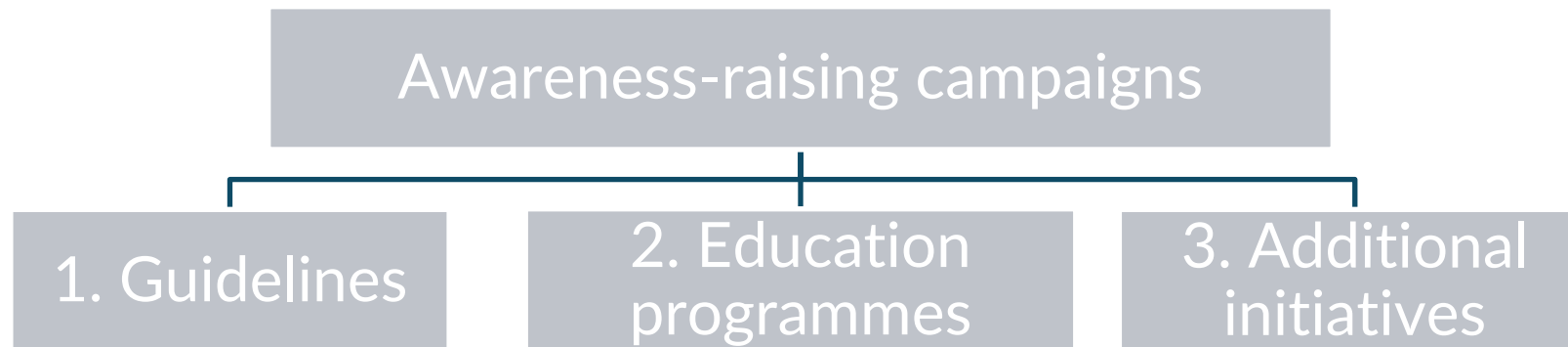
The Begoñako Andra Mari BAM University School of Teaching in Bizkaia offers the specialisation in Physical Education within the Primary Education Degree.

Bachelor's Degree in Primary Education with a specialisation in Physical Education



f. How does Bizkaia promote fair play?

The Bizkaia Provincial Council promotes fair play in sport through various awareness campaigns and education programmes aimed at athletes, coaches, families and the general public.



f. How does Bizkaia promote fair play?

# 1. Guidelines

## f. How does Bizkaia promote fair play?

## DECÁLOGO DEL JUEGO LIMPIO

**1.** Anima a todos y todas las deportistas cuando las cosas no les salgan bien, y aplaude el buen juego independientemente de quien lo haya realizado.

**2.** Aprende y respeta las reglas del juego y a las personas que se encargan de hacerlas cumplir, son imprescindibles en el Deporte.

**3.** Respeta las decisiones de tu entrenador o entrenadora aunque no sean de tu agrado, ya que ésta es una de sus funciones. En otro momento te podrá explicar las razones de sus decisiones.

**4.** Al fingir o exagerar lesiones, así como el solicitar sanciones, son prácticas innobles para intentar ganar un partido.

**5.** Tampoco necesitamos buscar ventaja de situaciones desgraciadas (lesiones), utilizar artimañas antideportivas (pérdidas de tiempo), ni provocar mediante insultos.

**6.** Desaprueba las acciones antideportivas realizadas por participantes, entrenadores y entrenadoras o incluso por el público.

**7.** No desprecies a tu rival si su nivel es inferior al tuyo, ni celebres exageradamente la victoria en su presencia, ya habrá tiempo para ello. ¡Animale en la derrota!

**8.** Si realizas alguna acción que haya podido ocasionar daño a tu oponente, inténtalo inmediatamente por su estado y pide disculpas, igualmente en caso de observar una lesión, paraliza el juego y avisa al árbitro o árbitra del encuentro.

**9.** En caso de producirse discusiones en el terreno de juego, intenta conciliar a ambas partes o al menos no intervengas para agudizarlas.

**10.** Trata a las y los participantes como quisieras que te trataran a ti.

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**BIZKAIA BIZIA**

## f. How does Bizkaia promote fair play?

## DECÁLOGO DE LAS Y LOS BUENOS ESPECTADORES DE DEPORTE ESCOLAR

**Aplauda los esfuerzos y las buenas actuaciones de todos y todas las participantes. El resultado no es lo más importante.**

**Muestra respeto por quienes participan en la actividad (escolares, entrenadores y entrenadoras, árbitros, árbitras y público) ¡Son imprescindibles!**

**No les regañes por cometer errores. ¡Están aprendiendo! Puedes hacer comentarios positivos, éstos sí que son motivadores.**

**Aunque tengas conocimientos, no les "teledirijas" diciendo lo que tienen que hacer ¡Dales libertad para que disfruten de la actividad y tomen sus propias decisiones!**

**Fomenta en todo momento el uso de estas normas entre el resto del público espectador, con ello conseguirás que la actividad sea más beneficiosa para todos y todas.**

**Los niños y las niñas no juegan para el entretenimiento del público, ni para quedar en primer lugar, sino para divertirse y para formarse como personas a través del Deporte. ¡Tenlo siempre en cuenta!**

**Respeta las decisiones arbitrales y anima a los y las escolares a que lo hagan, así como a jugar de acuerdo al reglamento establecido.**

**Ten en cuenta que tus acciones son un modelo a imitar por tus hijos e hijas, sobre todo, que el verdadero protagonismo es suyo.**

**Rechaza el uso de cualquier forma de violencia o de comportamientos incorrectos, ya sean éstos generados por el público, o por cualquiera de los y las participantes.**

**Al terminar la actividad valora lo realmente importante, es decir, la mejora personal y colectiva, y no el resultado obtenido.**

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f. How does Bizkaia promote fair play?

## 2. Education programmes

f. How does Bizkaia promote fair play?

Training for parents in school sports

The Bizkaia Provincial Council offers an online training programme for parents involved in school sports.

This course, called “Key aspects of school sports for parents”, consists of seven videos that explain the fundamental aspects of school sports in a simple and engaging way.

After having viewed all the videos, an assessment is carried out to reinforce the knowledge acquired.

Training for parents to encourage values in school sports



Claves del deporte escolar  
para padres y madres

f. How does Bizkaia promote fair play?

## 3. Additional initiatives

## f. How does Bizkaia promote fair play?

### KIROLA ON

In 2024, the Bizkaia Provincial Council launched **KIROLA ON**, an innovative tool designed to detect and address potential cases of violence against children in sport across the region.

This confidential channel is mainly aimed at underage athletes, as well as coaches, families and others involved in sport in Bizkaia.

Through a form on the website [www.kirolaon.eus](http://www.kirolaon.eus), users can raise concerns, ask questions or report cases of violence.

A team of expert professionals responds quickly, explaining the steps to follow and the potential implications.

The goal of KIROLA ON is to provide an accessible and confidential communication channel to prevent and address cases of violence in school sports, offering support and educational solutions to those affected.

**Bizkaia launches a confidential channel to protect minors from violence in sport.**



f. How does Bizkaia promote fair play?

## BLACK CARD

This initiative aims to prevent inappropriate behaviour in school sports competitions, both on and off the field.

It specifically addresses cases of verbal or physical violence or any other clearly unsportsmanlike conduct.

If the referee or sports monitor (begirale) observes inappropriate behaviour, they will visibly display the black card as a first warning.

This signals to all present that the behaviour is inappropriate.

If the behaviour continues, the black card will be shown a second time, at which point the match will be stopped.

The incident will be recorded in the official match report and reviewed by the competition committee, which may impose sanctions on both teams for poor conduct.

**Black Card: an initiative to combat violence and unsportsmanlike conduct in school sports.**



f. How does Bizkaia promote fair play?

### KIROLALDE: BASQUE COMMITTEE FOR THE PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE IN SPORT

The Basque Committee for the Prevention of Violence in Sport consists of representatives from Basque sporting institutions, including the Basque Government, provincial councils, federations, sports clubs, referees, universities, athletes and the Ertzaintza (Basque police). Its main objectives are to provide information on the state of violence in Basque sport, promote good sporting practices, prevent violent conduct and behaviours and support value-based education in sport.

**Kirolalde: bringing Basque sport together against violence and for fair play**



f. How does Bizkaia promote fair play?

## ATERPE PROGRAMME

### Child Protection Area:

ATERPE (“refuge” in Basque) is a policy that brings together all actions carried out by the club in this area, which are known and respected by all its employees.

Furthermore, the creation of the role of **Child Protection Officer** within the club establishes the foundation for a systematic approach that will culminate in a **comprehensive child protection policy, incorporating prevention measures, training and protocols to safeguard the well-being of all children within the organisation.**

This figure represents an innovation in Spanish football and sport. **Very few clubs worldwide, and none in LaLiga, have one.** It represents a clear institutional commitment to the children involved in all of the club’s projects, not just those in grassroots football (Foundation, External Project and affiliated clubs). **This pioneering initiative could pave the way for comprehensive child protection in the world of sport.**

Aterpe Programme – first professional club

**PROGRAMA ATERPE**

Área de Protección a la Infancia



f. How does Bizkaia promote fair play?

### ACTION PROTOCOL OF THE BIZKAIA BASKETBALL FEDERATION.

The *Action Protocol for the Prevention of Violence Against Children and Adolescents in Sport*, developed by the Bizkaia Basketball Federation, sets out measures to ensure safe, inclusive and protective environments for young players.

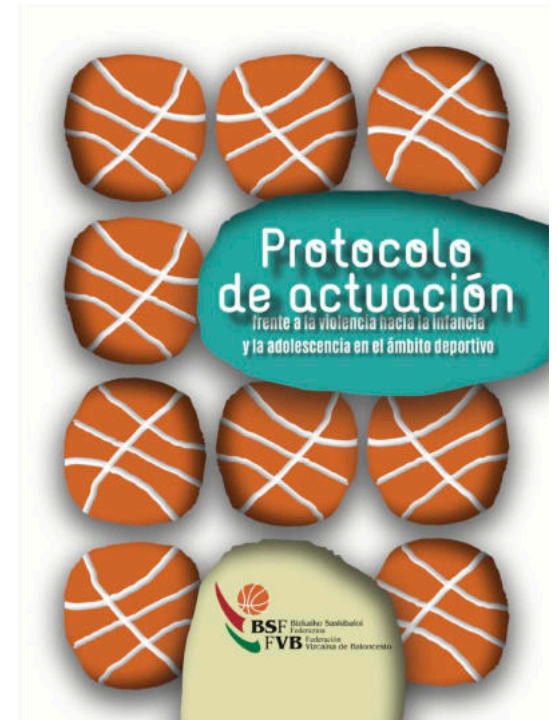
Based on Organic Law 8/2021 (LOPVI), the protocol includes prevention, early detection and response measures for cases of violence.

It is divided into three sections: a reference framework highlighting the need for protection, an action model with detailed procedures and annexes for planning responses to incidents of violence.

It includes the appointment of a Protection Officer, awareness campaigns and mandatory training for professionals, as well as communication channels for reporting risk situations.

The protocol demonstrates the federation's ethical and legal commitment to preventing all forms of violence in sport and protecting the well-being of minors in all its activities.

**New protocol to protect minors from violence in sport**



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## 6

**SPORTS PARTICIPATION RATE AMONG THE POPULATION**

- a. Total number of registered members of associations and clubs that belong to federations, if possible, classified by age groups: young people aged four to 16 years old, adults aged 17 to 34 years old, older adults (35+)
- b. How many people in Bizkaia participate in sport? Explain the methodology used to obtain the data provided.
- c. Explain the additional measures proposed by the region to increase the number of people participating in sports across all population segments. Describe the political measures adopted by the region that encourage and facilitate the use of public and sustainable transport.
- d. How does Bizkaia support recreational sport?

a. Total number of registered members of associations and clubs that belong to federations, if possible, classified by age group: young people aged four to 16 years old, adults aged 17 to 34 years old, older adults (35+)



## SCHOOLCHILDREN participating in sport

**6-16 years old**



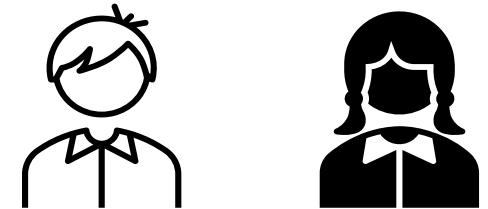
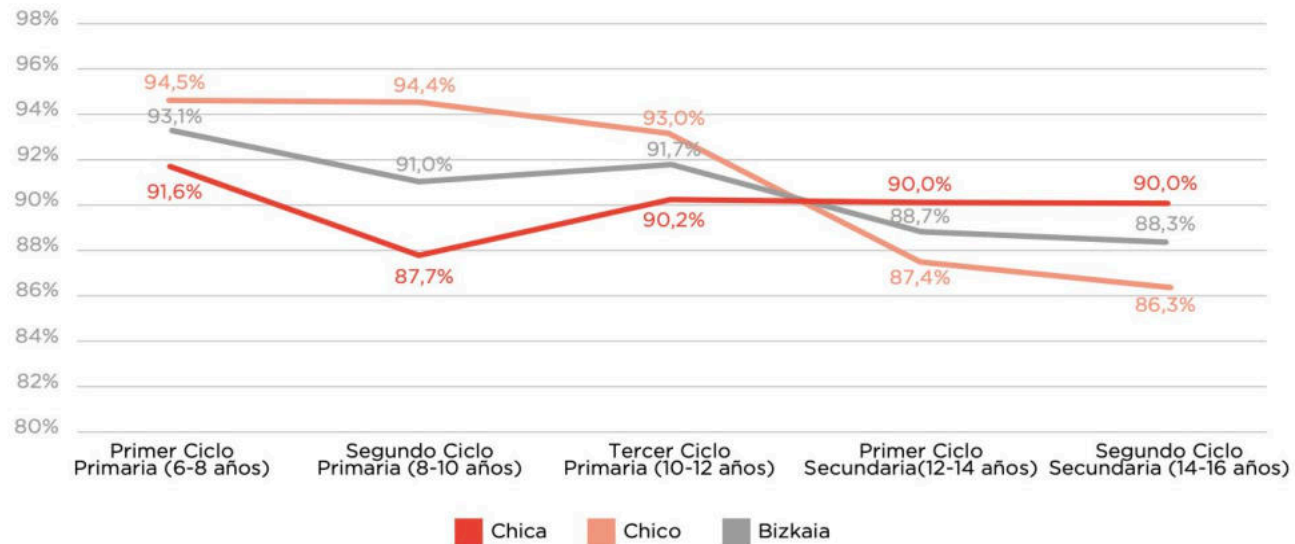
**92.3%**



**88.6%**

a. Total number of registered members of associations and clubs that belong to federations, if possible, classified by age group: young people aged four to 16 years old, adults aged 17 to 34 years old, older adults (35+)

Schoolchildren PARTICIPATING IN SPORT, by gender and educational level.

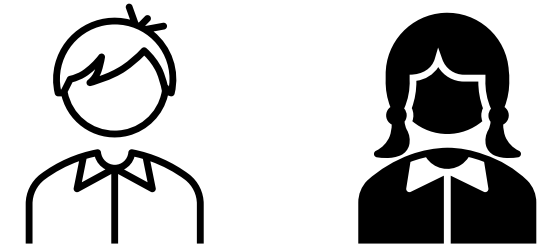
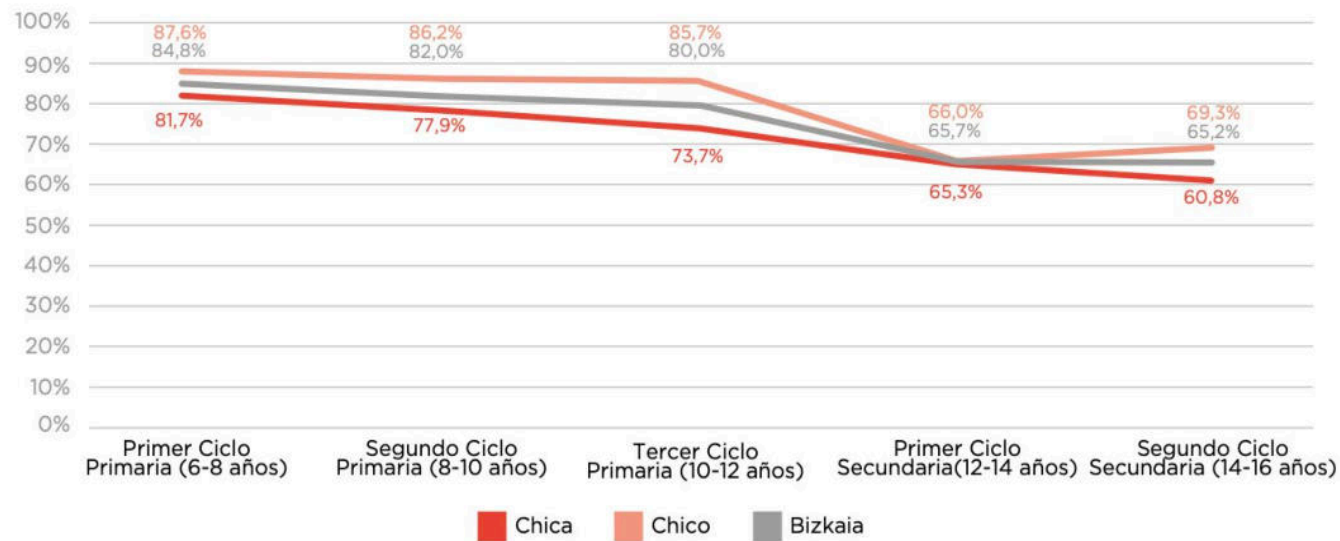


*Slight decline in participation as age progresses*

<b>CHICA</b>	91,6%	87,7%	90,2%	90%	90%
<b>CHICO</b>	94,5%	94,4%	93%	87,4%	86,3%
<b>BIZKAIA</b>	93,1%	91%	91,7%	88,7%	88,3%

a. Total number of registered members of associations and clubs that belong to federations, if possible, classified by age group: young people aged four to 16 years old, adults aged 17 to 34 years old, older adults (35+)

Schoolchildren PARTICIPATING IN ORGANISED SPORT, by gender and educational level.

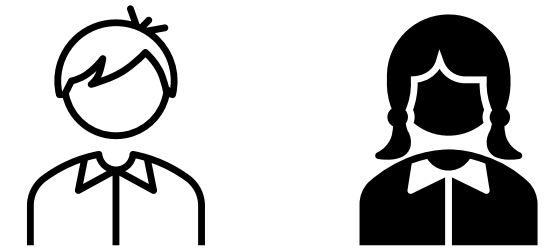
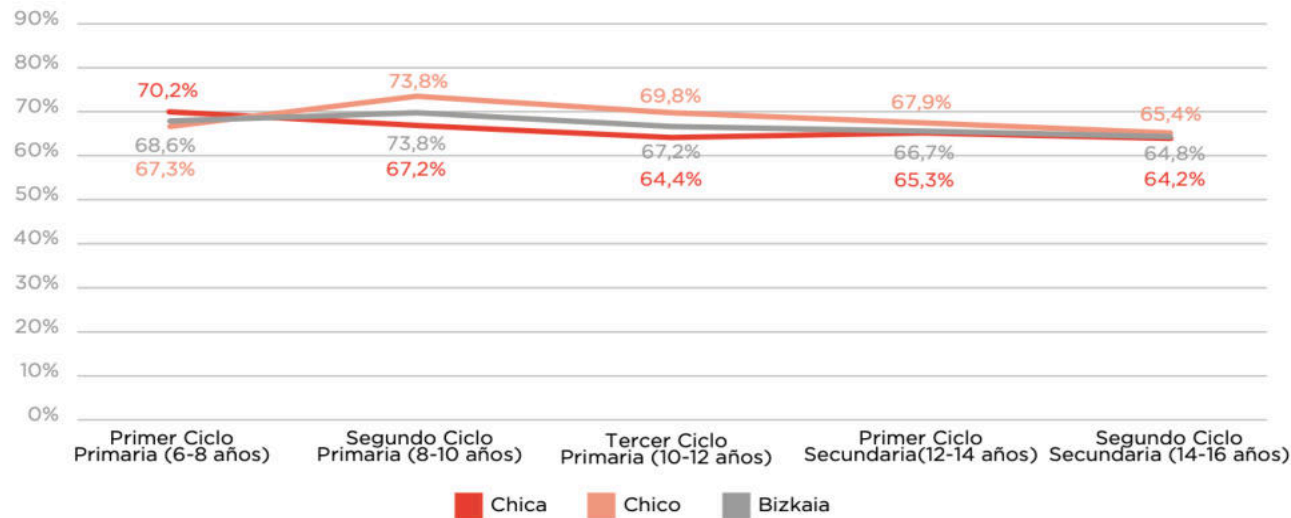


**Decrease in  
ORGANISED  
participation as  
age progresses**

<b>CHICA</b>	81,7%	77,9%	73,7%	65,3%	60,8%
<b>CHICO</b>	87,6%	86,2%	85,6%	66,0%	69,3%
<b>BIZKAIA</b>	84,8%	82,0%	80,0%	65,7%	65,2%

a. Total number of registered members of associations and clubs that belong to federations, if possible, classified by age group: young people aged four to 16 years old, adults aged 17 to 34 years old, older adults (35+)

Schoolchildren PARTICIPATING IN UNORGANISED SPORT, by gender and educational level.

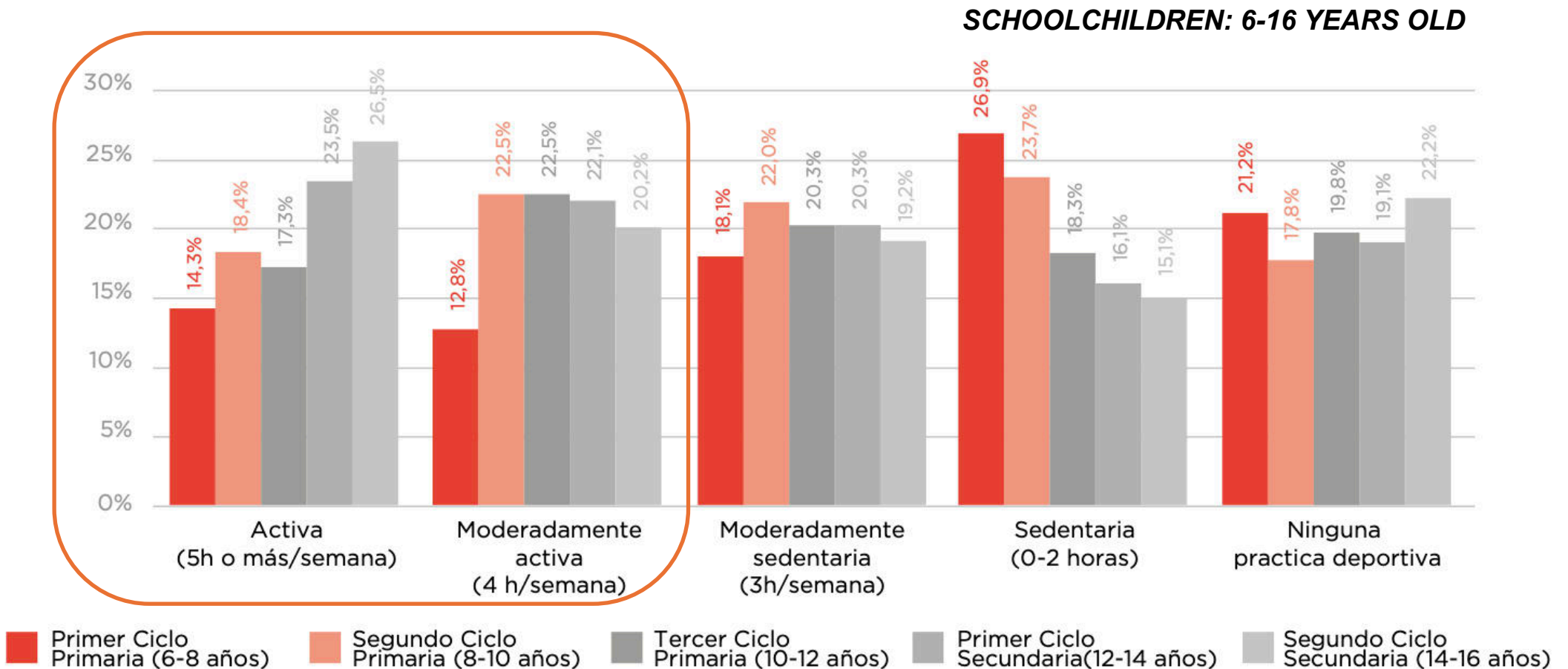


*Slight decrease in  
UNORGANISED  
participation as age  
progresses*

<b>CHICA</b>	70,2%	67,2%	64,4%	65,3%	64,2%
<b>CHICO</b>	67,3%	73,8%	69,8%	67,9%	65,4%
<b>BIZKAIA</b>	68,6%	70,4%	67,2%	66,7%	64,8%

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Index of sport participation by educational level



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### PARTICIPATION AMONG THE **ADULT POPULATION > 16 YEARS OLD**

There is no significant demand for new facilities from these individuals.

They take part in activities such as gymnastics, swimming or cycling.

Their main motivation is health and staying fit.

They prefer to do this near where they live.



They mainly use outdoor spaces and public sports facilities.

The minimum duration of each session is 30 minutes.

They carry out this activity on average on two days per week.

The majority of sportspeople are young people with jobs.

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### SPORTS ACTIVITIES AND GENDER

Actividad	Hombres			Mujeres		
	N	% de los que hacen ejercicio físico o deporte	% del total de hombres	N	% de las que hacen ejercicio físico o deporte	% del total de mujeres
Andar, caminar	225	59,2	50,90	322	82,0	65,58
Nadar	43	11,4	9,73	51	12,9	10,39
Gimnasia suave	35	9,3	7,92	66	16,7	13,44
Andar en bici	56	15,0	12,67	24	6,0	4,89
Gimnasia intensa	36	9,6	8,14	38	9,6	7,74
Carrera a pie	44	11,7	9,95	17	4,3	3,46
Senderismo, Montañismo	36	9,6	8,14	18	4,7	3,67
Fútbol 11 y 7	32	8,4	7,24	1	0,4	0,20
Musculación, culturismo	15	4,1	3,39	8	1,2	1,63
Otra actividad física con música	3	0,8	0,68	9	2,4	1,83
Pádel	7	1,9	1,58	2	0,6	0,41
Otros			0			65,58
Total	442			491		

#### ADULT POPULATION

*Walking leads as the favourite physical activity, especially among women, with a preference rate of 82%.*



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### SPORTS ACTIVITIES AND AGE

	16-24		25-34		35-49		50-64		65 y más	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Andar, caminar	38	35,19	47	37,01	108	48,00	164	70,69	190	79,17
Nadar	14	12,96	16	12,60	27	12,00	20	8,62	16	6,67
Gimnasia suave	14	12,96	15	11,81	18	8,00	18	7,76	36	15,00
Andar en bici	10	9,26	19	14,96	26	11,56	18	7,76	7	2,92
Gimnasia intensa	20	18,52	20	15,75	19	8,44	8	3,45	7	2,92
Carrera a pie	13	12,04	18	14,17	21	9,33	7	3,02	2	0,83
Senderismo, montañismo	5	4,63	9	7,09	16	7,11	16	6,90	7	2,92
Fútbol 11 y 7	17	15,74	10	7,87	6	2,67	0	0,00	0	0,00
Musculación, culturismo	5	4,63	6	4,72	8	3,56	4	1,72	1	0,42
Otra actividad física con música	4	3,70	4	3,15	4	1,78	0	0,00	0	0,00
Pádel	1	0,93	1	0,79	1	0,44	6	2,59	0	0,00
OTROS	0	0,00		0,00	0	0,00	0	0,00	0	0,00
Total	108	100	127	100	225	100	232	100	240	100

### ADULT POPULATION

***Walking has increasingly become the most popular physical activity with age, reaching 79% among those over 65.***

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### SPORTS ACTIVITIES AND ORGANISER

	Por mi cuenta		Entr. Equip fed.		Centro escolar		Club deportivo		Polideport.		Gimnasio privado		Otros	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Andar	544	99,6	1	0,2	0	0,0	0	0,0	0	0,0	1	0,2	0	0,0
Nadar	70	75,3	1	1,1	0	0,0	1	1,1	21	22,6	0	0,0	0	0,0
Andar bici	78	96,3	2	2,4	0	0,0	0	0,0	1	1,2	0	0,0	0	0,0
Gimnasia suave	50	51,5	1	1,0	0	0,0	4	4,1	21	21,6	15	15,5	6	6,2
Gimnasia intensa	36	49,3	0	0,0	1	1,4	3	4,1	8	10,9	24	32,8	1	1,4
Actividad física con música	3	27,3	0	0,0	0	0,0	1	9,1	0	0,0	6	54,5	1	9,1
Musculación	11	64,7	0	0,0	0	0,0	0	0,0	4	23,5	2	11,7	0	0,0
Carrera a pie	58	98,3	1	1,7	0	0,0	0	0,0	0	0,0	0	0,0	0	0,0
Fútbol 11/7	9	28,1	11	34,4	3	9,4	7	21,9	1	3,1	0	0,0	1	3,1
Senderismo	50	96,1	1	1,9	0	0,0	1	1,9	0	0,0	0	0,0	0	0,0
Pádel	6	66,7	0	0,0	0	0,0	1	11,1	1	11,1	1	11,1	0	0,0

### ADULT POPULATION

*Most people exercise on their own.*

*Structured sport mainly takes place in private gyms.*

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### SPORTS ACTIVITIES AND PLACE OF PRACTICE

	Polideportivo municipal		Centro escolar		Club privado		Gimn. Priv.		Espacio urbano/calle		Espac. natural		Casa		Otro	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Andar	3	0,5	1	0,9	0	0,0	3	0,5	353	64,6	184	33,7	1	0,2	1	0,2
Nadar	80	86,0	0	0,0	2	2,1	1	1,1	1	1,1	6	6,4	1	1,1	2	2,1
Andar bici	8	9,5	0	0,0	1	1,2	2	2,4	35	41,6	24	28,5	11	13,1	3	3,5
Gimnasia suave	50	50,5	0	0,0	4	4,0	25	25,2	1	1,0	0	0,0	9	9,1	10	10,1
Gimnasia intensa	19	25,7	1	1,3	9	12,2	40	54,0	0	0,0	0	0,0	3	4,0	2	2,7
Actividad física con música	1	9,1	0	0,0	1	9,1	7	63,6	0	0,0	0	0,0	1	9,1	1	9,1
Musculación	9	37,5	0	0,0	0	0,0	10	41,6	1	4,2	0	0,0	2	8,3	2	8,3
Carrera a pie	4	6,5	0	0,0	1	1,6	2	3,3	37	60,6	15	24,6	1	1,6	1	1,6
Fútbol 11/7	14	42,4	2	6,1	10	30,3	0	0,0	2	6,1	3	9,1	1	3,0	1	3,0
Senderismo	1	1,9	0	0,0	0	0,0	0	0,0	1	1,9	48	90,5	1	1,9	2	3,7
Pádel	8	66,6	0	0,0	2	16,6	1	8,3	0	0,0	0	0,0	0	0	0	0

### ADULT POPULATION

*Urban and natural spaces lead as settings for walking and running, while private gyms stand out in relation to structured activities.*

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### SPORTS ACTIVITIES AND RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FEDERATION

	Ficha y compito regularmente		Ficha y compito ocasional		Ficha y no compito		No tengo ficha	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Andar	0	0,0	1	0,2	10	1,8	528	97,9
Nadar	1	1,1	0	0,0		0,0	91	98,9
Andar bici	1	1,2	0	0,0	1	1,2	79	97,5
Gimnasia suave	0	0,0	1	1,0	2	2,0	95	96,9
Gimnasia intensa	0	0,0	0	0,0	1	1,4	72	98,6
Actividad física con música	0	0,0	0	0,0	0	0,0	13	100,0
Musculación		0,0	0	0,0	0	0,0	23	100,0
Carrera a pie	1	1,6	2	3,3	1	1,6	57	93,4
Fútbol 11/7	17	53,1	2	6,2		0,0	13	40,6
Senderismo	0	0,0	0	0,0	8	15,4	44	84,6
Pádel	2	20,00	1	10,00	0	0,00	7	70,0

**ADULT POPULATION**  
*The majority of people participate in sport outside of official federations, except in football and paddle tennis where more than half compete regularly.*

b. How many people in Bizkaia participate in sport? Explain the methodology used to obtain the data provided.

## ADULT POPULATION (> 16 YEARS OLD) that participates in sport

### Number of people in Bizkaia who participate in sport

In general terms, **82.3%** of the population considers themselves physically active, either practising sports or engaging in activities such as walking, while 17.7% identify as sedentary.

43.3% of Bizkaia's population consider themselves athletes, encompassing both individual and team activities as well as regulated or guided sports.

30% of people regularly participate in individual or group sports activities.

15% participate in regulated or guided sports activities.

8% hold a federation licence.



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## **METHODOLOGY**

### **PURPOSE OF THE STUDY**

To analyse the sports and physical activity practices of the population of Bizkaia over the age of 16, classifying them into sedentary, active and athletic groups.

### **SURVEY DESIGN:**

A specific (ad hoc) survey was conducted in October 2019.

The sample included 933 people, representative of the population of Bizkaia, with a confidence level of 95% and a margin of error of  $\pm 3.2\%$ .

### **SEGMENTATION**

The sample was stratified by size of municipality, gender and age.

The municipalities were divided into five strata according to their population, ranging from fewer than 3,000 inhabitants to over 100,000.

### **CATEGORIES ANALYSED**

The population was divided into three groups:

Sedentary individuals (people who do not participate in physical activity or sport).

Active individuals (people who walk as their sole physical activity).

Athletes (individuals who participate in sports either individually or in groups, both regulated and guided).

### **ANALYSIS METHODOLOGY**

The data were analysed by gender, age, educational level, occupation and municipality size.

Weighting factors were applied to adjust the samples according to the total population.

c. Explain the additional measures proposed by the region to increase the number of people participating in sports across all population segments. Describe the political measures adopted by the region that encourage and facilitate the use of public and sustainable transport.

### **PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

Bizkaia's public transport network is extensive and diverse, managed by different entities that provide bus, metro, train, tram and other transport services.

#### **1. BUSES**

##### **1.1- BIZKAIBUS**

Public transport service connecting various municipalities in Bizkaia. Bizkaibus operates in all 113 municipalities in Bizkaia and is the sole public transport provider in 64 of them.

A 2023 Perception Study shows that users gave an overall score of **7.9 out of 10** to the Bizkaibus service.

Lines, fares, routes and timetables can be found on its website, <https://www.bizkaia.eus/es/web/bizkaibus>. It also has a mobile application to facilitate access to information.

**30 MILLION USERS (2023)**  
**BIZKAIA: 1,150,000 INHABITANTS**



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### 1.2.- BILBOBUS

Bilbao's urban bus service, which provides efficient connections between the city's various districts.

It operates 45 routes, including 37 daytime and 8 night services (known as "Gautxori"). The service has 517 stops distributed throughout the city, ensuring extensive coverage in the different neighbourhoods. More information at:

<https://www.bilbao.eus/cs/Satellite/bilbobus/es/inicio>

### 1.3.- OTHERS

Some municipalities have their own bus services, such as Etxebarri Bus, Erandio Busa, Kbus (Barakaldo), Lejoan Busa (Leioa) and Sopelbus (Sopela), among others

24 million users (2023)



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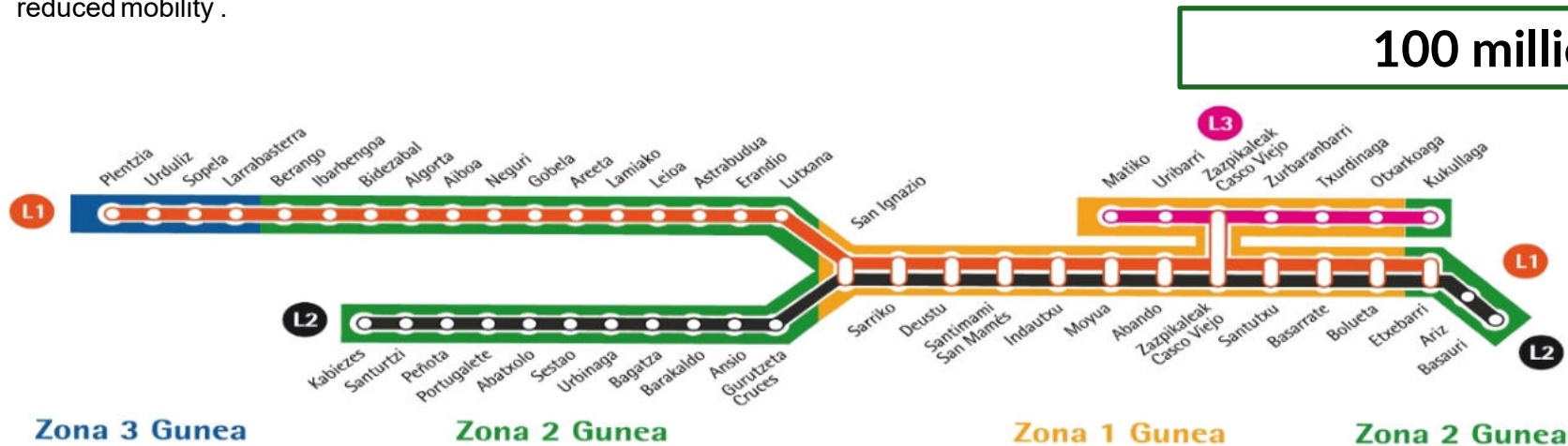
## 2. METRO

The Bilbao Metro is the metro system that connects Bilbao with nearby municipalities, offering a swift and efficient alternative for getting around the metropolitan area.

Metro Bilbao operates lines 1 and 2 of the Bilbao Metro, with an annual volume of more than 100 million journeys.

The network has 42 stations and spans 45.10 kilometres, covering a significant portion of the Bizkaia region with a total of 46 trains. Similarly, two depots in Ariz and Sopela and three customer service offices in Ansio, Areeta and Zazpikaleak/Casco Viejo, make up the total number of facilities with which the metro operates to provide service 365 days a year, acting as the backbone of the region.

The stations, designed by the architect Norman Foster, stand out for their modern and functional architecture, with spacious areas and access adapted for people with reduced mobility.



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### 3. TRAINS

#### 3.1.- EUSKOTREN

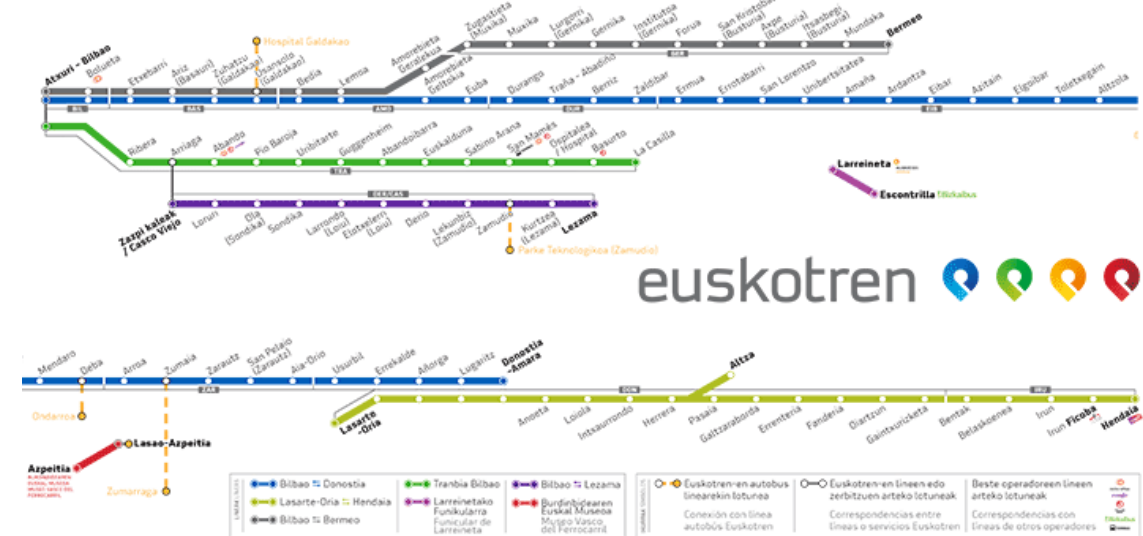
Rail operator providing suburban and regional train services connecting Bilbao with other towns in Bizkaia and the Basque Country.

The lines and stations in Bizkaia offer key connections in the region, such as:

- the E1 line which links Bilbao with Donostia/San Sebastián via 22 stations,
- the E3 line which connects Kukullaga-Etxebarri with Lezama serving the Txorierri valley and featuring 14 stations, and
- the E4 line which connects Bilbao with Bermeo passing through Gernika-Lumo and other towns in Busturialdea, with a total of 21 stations.

More information is available at <https://www.euskotren.eus>

19.5 million passengers/users (2023)



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### 3. TRAINS

#### 3.2.- RENFE SUBURBAN TRAINS

Suburban train service linking Bilbao with surrounding municipalities, facilitating access to the city from suburban areas.

Bilbao's suburban rail network consists of four main lines. These lines have a total of 108 stations.

The C1 (Bilbao-Santurtzi), C2 (Bilbao-Muskiz) and C3 (Bilbao-Orduña) lines.

You can find details of lines and timetables at <https://www.renfe.com/es/es/cercanias/cercanias-bilbao/horarios>.

15 million users (2023)



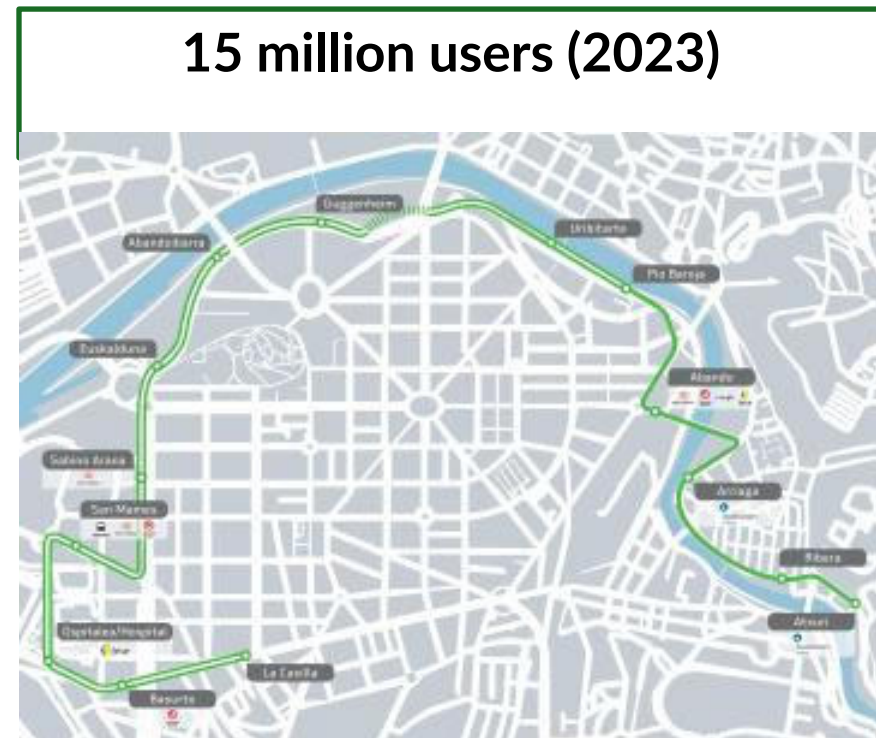
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#### 4. TRAM

Operated by Euskotren, it covers strategic points in the capital, making it a convenient option for urban travel.

The Bilbao tram has a single line that connects Bolueta with La Casilla, crossing the city centre and passing iconic points such as the Guggenheim Museum and the Euskalduna Palace.

The route includes 16 stops.



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## 5. FUNICULARS AND LIFTS

The Artxanda Funicular and Ereaga Lift are two iconic transport systems in Bizkaia that facilitate access to areas of tourist and recreational interest.

Artxanda Funicular: Connects the centre of Bilbao with Mount Artxanda.

The route spans 770 metres and covers a difference in altitude of 226 metres in approximately three minutes.

By the end of 2024, the funicular had been used by 1.2 million people.

Lifts:

Ereaga: It provides access between Getxo Marina and Ereaga Beach, enhancing mobility in the coastal area as well as in the municipality of Bilbao and other municipalities in Bizkaia.

1.2 million users (2024)



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6 million users (2024)



## 6. SUSPENSION BRIDGE

Vizcaya Bridge: Also known as the Suspension Bridge, it links the towns of Portugaete and Getxo, thereby connecting both banks of the Nervión and allowing both vehicles and pedestrians to cross.

Inauguration: On 28th July 1893, it became the world's first metal transporter bridge. With a length of 160 metres and a height of 61 metres, it allows boats to pass through the Nervión estuary while transporting people and vehicles in a suspended gondola.

In 2006 it was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.

Every year, this transporter bridge is used by approximately six million people, operating continuously 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

You can find more details at <https://puente-colgante.com>.

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## 7. BIZKAIBIZI

BizkaiBizi is Bizkaia's public e-bike rental service, run by the Bizkaia Provincial Council, operating in nine municipalities and set to reach the municipalities of Amorebieta-Etxano, Durango, Iurreta and the towns of Ezkerraldea and Meatzaldea in the next two years. This expansion will serve an additional 800,000 people, covering 70% of Bizkaia's population.

The system features 650 electric bicycles and 78 parking and charging stations, distributed across the municipalities of Barakaldo, Berango, Bilbao, Erandio, Getxo, Leioa, Portugalete, Santurtzi and Sestao.

The bicycles have a range of up to 85 km.

The service averages around 3,000 daily rentals, with peak usage reaching 5,236 rentals on days with high demand.



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#### PUBLIC TRANSPORT PROMOTION MEASURES:

- **BARIK CARD**

The Barik Card is a unified payment system for using multiple public transport services in Bizkaia.

It can be purchased at metro stations, tobacco shops, customer service offices and other authorised points.

You can find more information about how to use and top up the card at <https://www.ctb.eus/en/how-barik-works>

- **ROUTE PLANNING**

Bizkaitik Mugitu: A travel app that helps users plan the best public transport route between two locations using public transport in Bizkaia and see the stops near their location.

Available at <https://www.bizkaitikmugitu.eus/#/>

Moovit: Public transport journey planner, calculating routes and travel times.

It provides detailed instructions for reaching a given destination using various means of transport.

Accessible at <https://moovitapp.com>



d. How does Bizkaia support recreational sport?

1.- **KIROLGUNEAK**

€150,000 annual investment in *Kirolguneak*



Recognising the growing popularity of independent outdoor sports, the Bizkaia Provincial Council has created the **KIROLGUNEAK**, which are defined as spaces that facilitate sports participation in outdoor environments, away from conventional sports facilities, designed for independent use by athletes.

#### d. How does Bizkaia support recreational sport?

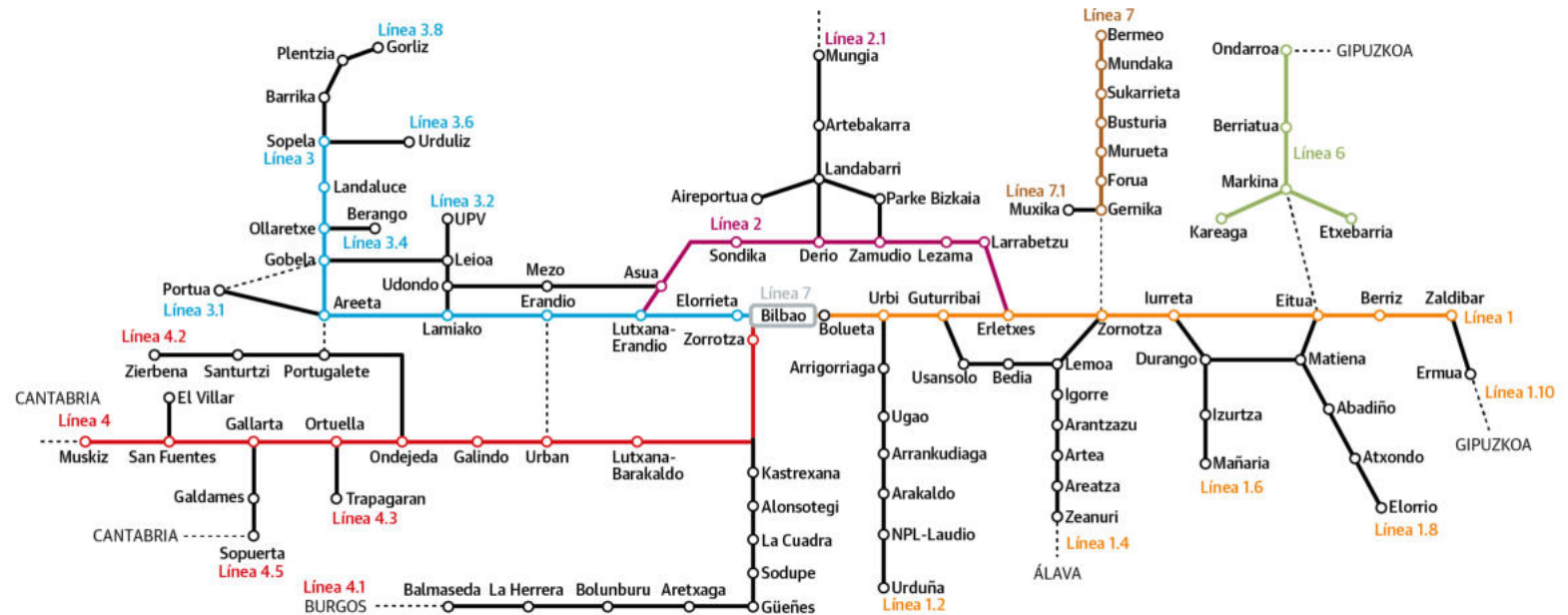
### 2.- TERRITORIAL SECTORAL PLAN FOR CYCLING ROUTES IN BIZKAIA (PTSCB).

Approved in March 2023, this is an initiative that seeks to develop a network of 365.5 kilometres of cycle lanes in the region by 2035.

The Provincial Council and the City Councils will invest 236 million to build a cycling network connecting the entire region.

The plan is structured around seven main routes that will connect various regions of Bizkaia, enhancing cycling accessibility between rural areas and urban centres.

365.5 km and 236 million in investment



#### d. How does Bizkaia support recreational sport?

### 3.- TRAILS

Over 1,300 km of trails



The 41 approved Short Distance (PR®) Trails, covering a total of 376.35 km, and the seven Long Distance (GR®) Routes, with a total of 843.9 km, offer hikers an excellent opportunity to explore the region's natural and cultural diversity.

The Way of St James as it passes through Bizkaia is part of the Northern Way, also known as the Coastal Way.

This route, recognised as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, is categorised as easy to moderate in difficulty, with well-signposted trails that pass through natural and urban landscapes. It stretches over approximately 110 km.

d. How does Bizkaia support recreational sport?

#### 4.- GR123: BIZKAIKO BIRA



The route of the GR® 123 trail, promoted by the Sports Service of the Bizkaia Provincial Council and currently undergoing regularisation (**seven stages re-approved**) in collaboration with the Bizkaia Mountaineering Federation, runs through the outskirts of the **Historical Territory of Bizkaia in 19 stages**.

The section that covers the coastline of Bizkaia, from Ondarroatto Muskiz, will in turn continue the **European Coastal Path E9** in Bizkaia. Coming from France, the E9 traverses Gipuzkoa and continues through Cantabria, Asturias and Galicia, before finally entering Portugal.

d. How does Bizkaia support recreational sport?

### 5.- BUDGET ALLOCATED IN 2025 FOR RECREATIONAL SPORTS

**2025**

Support for recreational sports	
Sports infrastructure	€1,400,000
Hiking	€100,000
Kirolguneak (outdoor spaces)	€150,000
Department of Natural Environment and Agriculture	€2,653,230
Recreational areas (2024)	€573,376
Mobility	€2,165,000
Cycling plan	€40,779,617
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€47,821,223</b>

**€48,000,000 for recreational sports**



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## PROMOTION OF HEALTHY MOBILITY

- a. What measures is Bizkaia taking to reduce the presence of private vehicles in urban areas and promote alternative forms of transport?
- b. Describe the political measures adopted by the region that encourage and facilitate the use of public and sustainable transport.
- c. What information and promotional activities are available to citizens on sustainable mobility issues?

## a. What measures is Bizkaia taking to reduce the presence of private vehicles in urban areas and promote alternative forms of transport?

The Bizkaia Provincial Council is implementing various measures to reduce the presence of private vehicles in urban areas and promote alternative means of transport.

### 1- ENCOURAGING CYCLING

#### BIZKAIBIZI

This bicycle sharing service aims to encourage the use of bicycles as a regular mode of transport. In its initial phase, it has been deployed in municipalities such as Barakaldo, Berango, Bilbao, Erandio, Getxo, Leioa, Portugalete, Santurtzi and Sestao.

#### CYCLE LANE NETWORK

Bizkaia has a dedicated network of cycle lanes known as “bidegorris”. This infrastructure facilitates cycling, offering safe and connected routes throughout the region. This network covers over 160 km

### 2-PROMOTING PUBLIC TRANSPORT

#### BIZKAIBUS

The Provincial Council manages this interurban transport service, which is essential for improving connections within Bizkaia and offering an efficient alternative to the use of private vehicles. Service frequency and routes are being adjusted to better meet public demand.

**COVERS OVER 160 KM**



a. What measures is Bizkaia taking to reduce the presence of private vehicles in urban areas and promote alternative forms of transport?

### 3- STRATEGIC PLANS AND REGULATIONS

#### *Territorial Sectoral Road Plan*

The Provincial Council is developing a new plan to improve mobility and infrastructure, with the aim of reducing motorised mobility in Bizkaia and promoting more sustainable modes of transport.

#### *2024-2027 Road Infrastructure Innovation and Sustainability Plan*

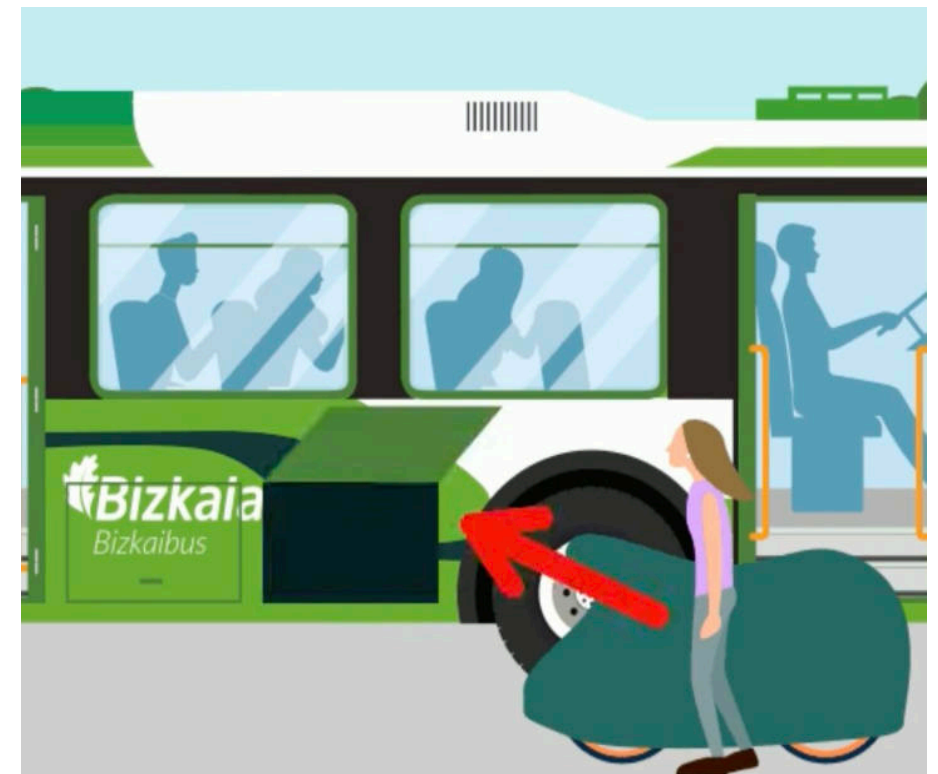
This plan seeks to position Bizkaia as a leader in sustainable, connected and automated mobility, promoting projects that encourage the use of alternative modes of transport and the reduction of polluting emissions.

### 4- INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS:

#### *Innovation projects*

The aim is to promote 300 projects related to sustainable mobility and technological innovation for the regional road network, with an investment of 55 million euros up until 2027.

## Investment of 55 million euros



**b. Describe the political measures adopted by the region that encourage and facilitate the use of public and sustainable transport.**

The Bizkaia Provincial Council has implemented various measures to promote and facilitate the use of public and sustainable transport in the region.

**1- INCENTIVE PLAN FOR THE USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT (2023-2027):**

This plan, presented in November 2023, includes six priority actions to be developed between 2023 and 2027, structured around three lines of action:

**1.1.- FARE INTEGRATION**

The incorporation of Bizkaibus into the temporary tickets of the Bizkaia Transport Consortium allows users to access tickets such as Bidai 50, Bidai 70 and Bidai Oro, which are already used on the metro, offering discounts to regular users.

**1.2.- NEW ZONE SYSTEM**

Reduction of the current five fare zones to three, simplifying the system and making it easier for the public to understand and use.

**1.3.- ELIMINATION OF TRANSFER COSTS AND FARE UNIFICATION**

Work is underway to make transfers between different public transport modes free of charge, promoting intermodality and making it easier to get around.

**Simpler fares, free transfers and more discounts**



b. describe the political measures adopted by the region that encourage and facilitate the use of public and sustainable transport.

## Bicycle sharing, secure parking and free transfers

### 2- ENCOURAGING ACTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT

#### 2.1.- BIZKAIBIZI

This bicycle sharing service aims to encourage the use of bicycles as a regular mode of transport.

#### 2.2.- BIZIPARK

Network of secure parking facilities for private bicycles, located in the vicinity of public transport stations, facilitating intermodality and the combined use of bicycles and public transport.



b. describe the political measures adopted by the region that encourage and facilitate the use of public and sustainable transport.

### 3- IMPROVEMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES

#### 3.1.- RENOVATION OF BILBAO METRO

With an investment of nearly 736 million euros, a strategic renewal process has been launched that will significantly transform the service.

This project includes the replacement of 37 train units, each featuring five carriages, which will enable a 12% increase in transport capacity, offering greater comfort and efficiency to users.

The signalling system will be modernised through the implementation of the CBTC system.

This technological advancement will optimise security, process automation and service responsiveness, consolidating it as a modern and reliable transport infrastructure.

**736 million investment: METRO unit renovation and increased security**



b. describe the political measures adopted by the region that encourage and facilitate the use of public and sustainable transport.

### 3.2.- EXPANSION OF THE CYCLE LANE NETWORK

The Provincial Council has developed the Territorial Sectoral Plan for Cycling Routes in Bizkaia (PTSVCB) 2023-2035, a strategic plan for the region that sets out Bizkaia's cycling network and defines key mobility objectives

Through this plan to double the length of the cycle lane network, from 160 km as of March 2023 to a projected 365 km by 2035.

This initiative seeks to address the needs for more efficient and environmentally friendly mobility.

**Bizkaia will double its  
CYCLE LANE NETWORK:  
365 km of cycling routes by 2035**



### c. What information and promotional activities are available to citizens on sustainable mobility issues?

The Bizkaia Provincial Council has carried out various **ADVERTISING CAMPAIGNS** to inform and promote sustainable mobility among the public

#### 1.- “BIKE OR SCOOT, WATCH YOUR ROUTE!”

The Bizkaia Provincial Council has launched the campaign “Bike or scoot, watch your route!” to raise awareness about the correct use of bicycles and scooters on public roads.

Led by former cyclist Joane Somarriba, the initiative consists of a main three-minute video and six shorter clips that humorously address examples of incorrect behaviour when using these means of transport.

The campaign stresses the importance of following traffic laws and promotes key safety practices such as wearing a helmet, avoiding mobile phone use while riding, obeying traffic signals, staying alert on the road, using tools such as BiziPuntos correctly and avoiding pavements and pedestrian zones.

**Helmet, traffic lights and zero distractions: Bizkaia enhances safety for cyclists and e-scooter users**

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### c. What information and promotional activities are available to citizens on sustainable mobility issues?

#### 2.- “CYCLE THE RED PATH - JOIN THE BIKE LANE!”

The Bizkaia Provincial Council launched the campaign “Cycle The Red Path - Join The Bike Lane!” in June 2021 with the aim of promoting the use of bicycles in the daily commutes of the citizens of Bizkaia.

This initiative emphasises the use of the network of bidegorris (cycle lanes) for commuting to work, studying or other daily activities, promoting the combination of cycling with other means of public transport when necessary.

The campaign highlights the benefits of bicycles as a sustainable and environmentally friendly modes of transport, especially important in the context of the pandemic, as it allows individuals to travel while maintaining a safe distance.

The free “Mugi On” app, available on Android and iOS, provides safety tips and practical advice for cyclists and e-scooter users

The campaign lasted 15 days and included advertising in the press, on the radio, at Bizkaibus bus shelters and on digital platforms.

**Bizkaia encourages cycling with dedicated lanes and a cyclist-friendly app**



### c. What information and promotional activities are available to citizens on sustainable mobility issues?

#### 3.- INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEOS FOR BIZKAIBIZI

The Bizkaia Provincial Council has released five instructional videos to improve the user experience of the BizkaiBizi bike-sharing scheme.

These videos provide detailed instructions on key aspects of the service, such as registration, bike reservation, proper use of stations and safety tips for users.

The initiative seeks to encourage a more efficient and safe use of BizkaiBizi, promoting sustainable mobility in the region.

More information and videos are available on the Provincial Council's official YouTube channel.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dNUOIIJbhbY>

#### Use of BizkaiBizi: new explanatory videos for safer and more efficient mobility



### c. What information and promotional activities are available to citizens on sustainable mobility issues?

#### 4.- PARTICIPATION IN EUROPEAN MOBILITY WEEK

The Bizkaia Provincial Council actively participates in European Mobility Week.

This campaign, promoted by the European Commission, aims to raise public awareness of the benefits of more sustainable alternatives to the use of private vehicles, such as walking, cycling and public transport.

In Bizkaia, the Provincial Council collaborates with city councils in the region to organise a range of activities that promote sustainable transport and raise awareness about the negative consequences of excessive car use.

The Provincial Council has created educational materials to highlight the environmental and social benefits of sustainable transport.

#### European Mobility Week with activities and campaigns for more sustainable transport



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## PROMOTION OF SPORTS TOURISM

- a. What actions has the Provincial Council taken to promote the region and promote the knowledge, image and practice of sports tourism?
- b. Activities to bring together sports associations and economic operators from both the tourism and sports sectors.
- c. What policies support the development of sports tourism projects and events in the region?

a. What actions has the Provincial Council taken to promote the region and promote the knowledge, image and practice of sports tourism?

Tourism promotion is one of the Directorate General of Tourism's fundamental objectives, with its initiatives being aimed at promoting the region in general, specifically in relation to sport.

## Sports tourism as a key pillar of regional promotion

Productos complementarios, para intereses especiales



**SURFING**



**PLAYAS**



**ACTIVA Y DE  
AVENTURA**



**MUSEOS Y  
COLECCIONES**



**GOLF**



**TORRES, CASTILLOS,  
PALACIOS Y FORTALEZAS**



**ARQUEOLOGÍA Y  
PATRIMONIO INDUSTRIAL**



**SALUD Y  
BIENESTAR**



**FESTIVA**



**CRUCEROS**



**COMPRAS  
CREATIVAS\***



**EVENTOS**



**PATRIMONIO  
RELIGIOSO**



**OBSERVACIÓN DE  
LA NATURALEZA**



**PAISAJES  
DE CINE**



**ESCENA  
MUSICAL**



**CITAS  
DEPORTIVAS**



**ATHLETIC  
EXPERIENCE**

a. What actions has the Provincial Council taken to promote the region and promote the knowledge, image and practice of sports tourism?

**Athletic Experience: Promotion of sports tourism with an exclusive guide**

Among Bilbao Bizkaia's sports tourism offerings, the **ATHLETIC EXPERIENCE** stands out, a product developed with its own tourist brochure.

This material, available for download on the official tourism website, is actively distributed at fairs and tourism offices in Bizkaia, promoting the wealth of sports offerings in the region. <https://www.visitbiscay.eus>



a. What actions has the Provincial Council taken to promote the region and promote the knowledge, image and practice of sports tourism?

Each year, the Bizkaia Provincial Council publishes a brochure highlighting the region's top events, including sporting ones, which can be found on the website and is also distributed at fairs and tourist offices.

The slogan "The Place to BE" showcases the region's diversity and invites both residents and visitors to explore its many attractions.

This slogan is used in various tourism initiatives and resources that highlight the attractions of Bizkaia.

These guides are available for download on the official Bizkaia tourism website: <https://www.visitbiscay.eus>

**The Place to BE: annual guide with the best events and tourist experiences**



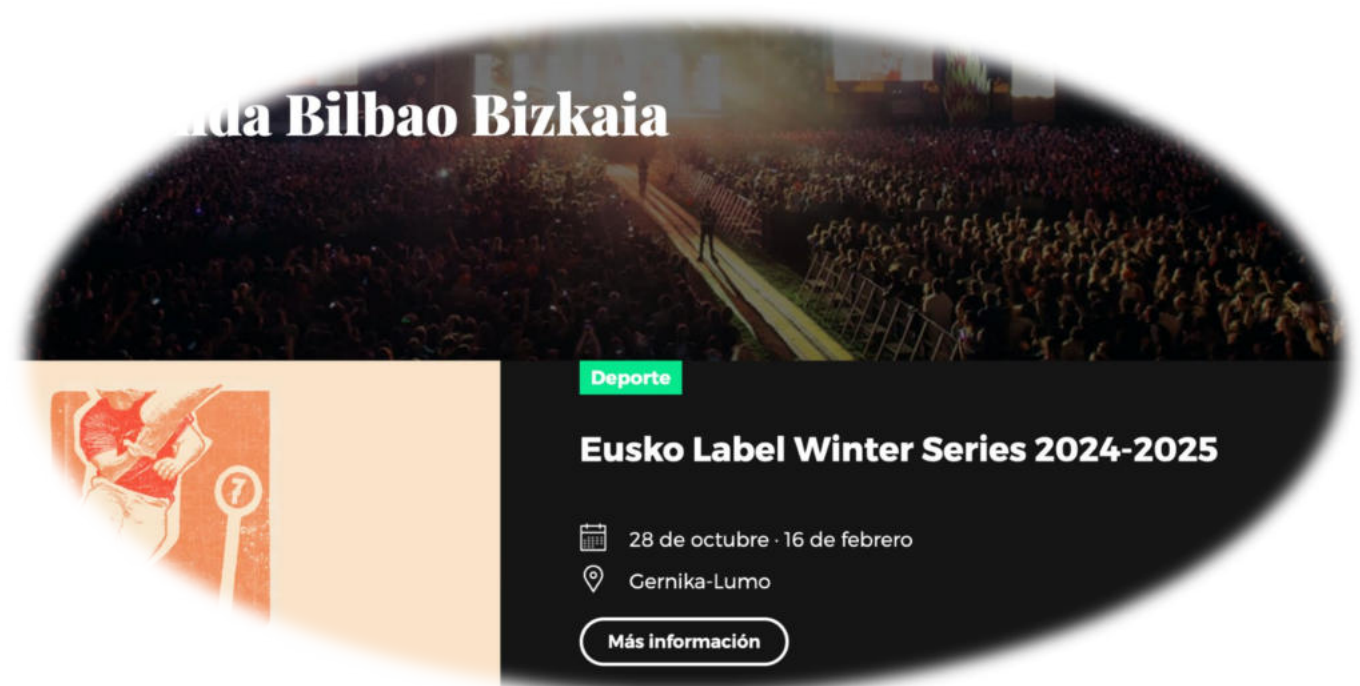
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## Online tourism agenda with the best sporting and cultural events

The Directorate of Tourism offers an online calendar of events on the website where, in addition to a monthly PDF, the most significant events in the region can be found through a search engine.

The calendar features key sporting events, including football, basketball, Basque pelota, as well as national and international competitions taking place in the region and other important events from the sporting calendar held in Bizkaia, such as rural sports, competitions and matches, etc.

Agenda website: <https://www.visitbiscay.eus>



a. What actions has the Provincial Council taken to promote the region and promote the knowledge, image and practice of sports tourism?

The website also has a section dedicated to activities and experiences, many of them sports-related:

<https://www.visitbiscay.eus/es/web/actividades>



a. What actions has the Provincial Council taken to promote the region and promote the knowledge, image and practice of sports tourism?

### THE LEFT WAVE OF MUNDAKA

Mundaka, a town located in the Urdaibai Biosphere Reserve, proudly boasts its left-hand wave, considered the best wave in Europe in this category, attracting many surfers and visitors from all over the world each year.

This wave, which begins at the Mundaka sandbar and ends at Laida Beach, forms with south-southwest winds and can reach up to four metres in height and 400 metres in length. Its tubular shape, which allows surfers to see the entire coast from its interior, gives it added value.

This left-hand wave has made Mundaka a prime venue for international competitions, and has hosted the World Surfing Circuit nine times. Visitors, both surfers and non-surfers alike, enjoy Mundaka's rich gastronomy, stunning landscapes and lively coastal atmosphere\*\*\*



\*\*\* <https://www.bilbaoturismo.net/BilbaoTurismo/en/la-ola-izquierda-de-mundaka>

a. What actions has the Provincial Council taken to promote the region and promote the knowledge, image and practice of sports tourism?

### PUNTA GALEA CHALLENGE (GETXO), THE OLDEST INTERNATIONAL BIG WAVE SURFING CHAMPIONSHIP IN EUROPE.

In Getxo, a modest but powerful wave emerges when the wind, swell and tide align, forming a long right-hand break reaching up to **seven metres high**. It is a wave so admired and respected that the **Punta Galea Challenge, the oldest international big wave surf championship in Europe**, was founded around it. (1)



(1) [www.deia.eus](http://www.deia.eus)

a. What actions has the Provincial Council taken to promote the region and promote the knowledge, image and practice of sports tourism?

#### NOTABLE SPORTING EVENTS hosted in Bizkaia:

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| BASKETBALL | • FIBA Basketball World Cup 2014   |
| RUGBY      | • European Rugby Finals 2018   |
| SOKATIRA   | • 2021 Tug of War World Championship   |
| CYCLING    | • Grand Départ of the 2023 Tour de France<br>• Long Distance Transbizkaia BIBE |
| TRIATHLON  | • 2022 Bilbao Bizkaia Multisport Triathlon European Championship               |
| FOOTBALL   | • 2025 UEFA Europa League Final<br>• 2024 UEFA Women's Champions League Final  |
| ATHLETICS  | • Zornotza International Cross Country<br>• Bilbao Night Marathon              |
| SAILING:   | • Regata del Gallo   |



a. What actions has the Provincial Council taken to promote the region and promote the knowledge, image and practice of sports tourism?

### ANNUAL EVENTS IN BIZKAIA:

TRAIL RUNNING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trail running events: Gorbea Suzien. <b>World series</b></li> <li>WOP CHALLENGE – Trail – Bizkaiko tour</li> <li>HIRU HANDIAK - <b>International event</b></li> </ul>
GOLF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meaztegi Golf Tournament (<b>European circuit</b>)</li> </ul>
TENNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kiroleta <b>WTA</b> Tournament</li> <li>Jolaseta <b>WTA</b> Tournament</li> <li>Laukariz <b>WTA</b> tennis tournament</li> </ul>
GYMNASTICS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Euskal Gym – <b>International Tournament</b></li> </ul>
ROWING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ACT League (Trainera Club Association - <b>Top-tier competition</b>)</li> </ul>



a. What actions has the Provincial Council taken to promote the region and promote the knowledge, image and practice of sports tourism?

## SPORTS EVENTS ACROSS BIZKAIA IN 2024

NUMBER OF SPORTING EVENTS	> 750 EVENTS
SPORTING ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN	> 80
MUNICIPALITIES WHERE THE ACTIVITY HAS TAKEN PLACE	> 80 MUNICIPALITIES INVOLVED



2024 Campeonato de Bizkaia de Rápidas	CHESS	<a href="#">Abadiño</a>
2024 Bizkaikoloreak	CYCLING	<a href="#">Abadiño and Iurreta</a>
2024 Triano Cross Country	ATHLETICS	<a href="#">Abanto-Zierbena</a>
2024 Villamonteko Krosa	ATHLETICS	<a href="#">Getxo</a>
2024 Herri Krosa de Alonsotegi	ATHLETICS	<a href="#">Alonsotegi</a>
2024 Zornotza International Cross Country	ATHLETICS	<a href="#">Amorebieta-Etxano</a>
2024 Anboto Kilometro Bertikala	TRAIL RUNNING	<a href="#">Anboto</a>
2024 Arantzazu Sansilbestrail	TRAIL RUNNING	<a href="#">Arantzazu</a>
2024 San Silvestre de Areatza	ATHLETICS	<a href="#">Areatza</a>
2024 Arrankudiaga-Zollo Trail	OTHER - TRAIL RUNNING	<a href="#">Arrankudiaga</a>
2024 Arratiko Maratoi Txikia	ATHLETICS	<a href="#">Arratia</a>
2024 Bizkaia Men's Stone Lifting Championship: Final	BASQUE RURAL SPORTS	<a href="#">Arratzu</a>



b. Activities to bring together sports associations and economic operators from both the tourism and sports sectors.

### SPONSORS OF THE BIZKAIA BIZKAIALDE FOUNDATION

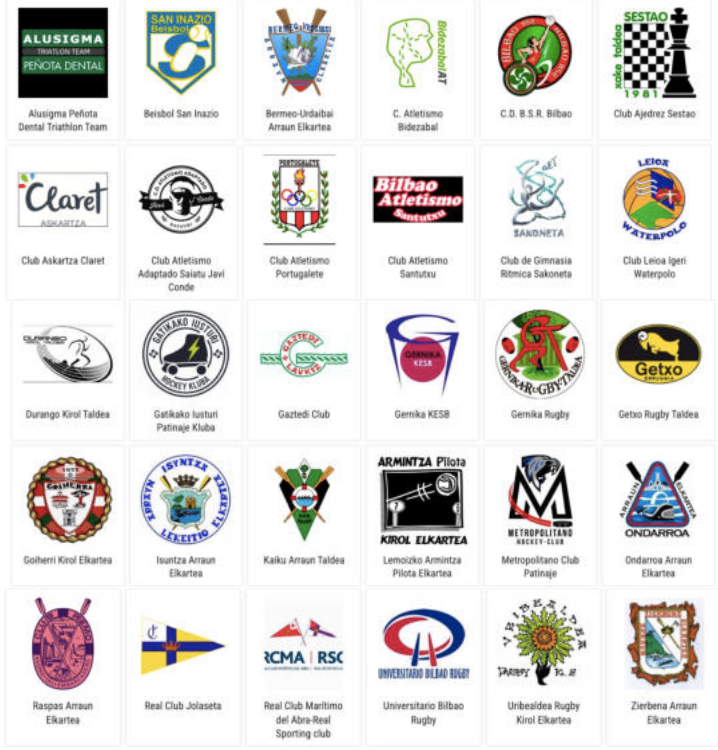


b. Activities to bring together sports associations and economic operators from both the tourism and sports sectors.

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SPONSORS



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b. Activities to bring together sports associations and economic operators from both the tourism and sports sectors.

Annual meeting between sponsors and those sponsored by the Bizkaia Bizkaialde Foundation



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**c. What policies support the development of sports tourism projects and events in the region?**

Until now, grant schemes have been available to support **private organisations in hosting sports tourism events**, and through Regional Decree 67/2024 (BOB 17/06/2024) several sports-related projects have received funding due to their impact on tourism.

In 2024, the following events benefited from this:

- 7TH LONG DISTANCE TRANSBIZKAIA BIBE
- 2024 BASQUE CROSSFIT TXAPELKETA and
- 2024 ZESTA PUNTA WINTER SERIES.



c. What policies support the development of sports tourism projects and events in the region?

2024 BASQUE  
CROSSFIT  
TXAPELKETA



c. What policies support the development of sports tourism projects and events in the region?

## 2024 ZESTA PUNTA WINTER SERIES



### c. What policies support the development of sports tourism projects and events in the region?

Direct funding is also provided for sports-related initiatives:

- Sail + Inn Pro Project in 2023 to promote the nautical sports sector
- 2022 European Multisport Triathlon Championship

On the other hand, the Directorate General of Tourism has been co-financing various events in the sports sector, such as Kolutza Record in 2024 or the Woman Winter Series or the Regata del Gallo in 2023.



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## COMMUNICATION PROJECT TO PROMOTE THE APPLICATION

- a. Outline the communication strategy for Bizkaia's bid to become a European Region of Sport.
- b. Explain the promotional strategy for the bid and the ACES award (online presence, social media manager, logo, video, etc.)

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- Creation of the European Region of Sport logo
- Creation of a European Region of Sport video
- Development of a campaign slogan
- Design and distribution of promotional materials
- Featuring the logo at Bizkaia's premier sports event:

**The gala for the presentation of the Bizkaia Kirolak Awards**

- Presentation of the bid to the sporting agents of Bizkaia: municipalities, federations, clubs, companies
- Establishment of actions with the communications office of the Bizkaia Provincial Council.



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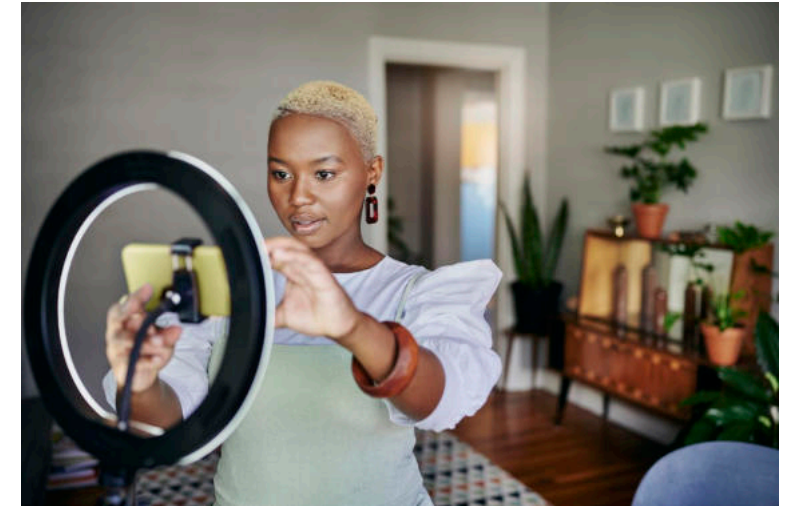
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**KIROLUR DENONTZAT**

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a. Outline the communication strategy for Bizkaia's bid to become a European Region of Sport.

- Creation of Bizkaia Kirolak social media profiles
- Display of permanent banner on [www.bizkaia.eus/kirolak](http://www.bizkaia.eus/kirolak)
- Display of permanent banner on the KIROLBIDE PRO website
- Inclusion of news about the European Region of Sport on the Kirolbide PRO website
- Generate communication elements for social media and the website to provide for Bizkaia's sports system: municipalities, clubs and federations



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b. Explain the promotional strategy for the bid and the ACES award (online presence, social media manager, logo, video, etc.)



**2025 BKS**  
BIZKAIA KIROLAK SARIAK

**KATEGORIAK**

**KIROL MEREZIMENDUA**  
aitortzeko sariak:

- Ipar Gaztea saria
- Argizagi saria
- Iparizar saria
- Ostadarra saria

(Kategoria horietan, KIROL FEDERAZIOER bakanrik aurkeztu behar izango dituzte hautagaitzak).

**KIROL IBILBIDEA**  
aitortzeko sariak:

- Leialtasun saria
- Zuzentzasun saria
- Lidergotasun saria
- Kideotasun saria

(IDUZIZEN PERTSONAK EDO ENKARGURUEN aurkeztu behar izango ditza hautagaitzak kategoria horietan).

**HAUTAGAITZAK AURKEZTEKO EPEA:**

2025ko otsailaren 14ra, barne.

Egontza elektronikokoaren bidez eta honetarako prestatutako formularioan aurkezten diren hautagaitzak baino ez dira onartuko:

[www.ebizkaia.eus/eu/hasiera](http://www.ebizkaia.eus/eu/hasiera)

**CATEGORIAS**

Premios destinados a reconocer el MÉRITO DEPORTIVO:

- Ipar Gaztea saria
- Argizagi saria
- Iparizar saria
- Ostadarra saria

(En estas categorías, únicamente podrán presentar candidaturas las FEDERACIONES DEPORTIVAS).

Premios destinados a reconocer la TRAYECTORIA DEPORTIVA:

- Leialtasun saria
- Zuzentzasun saria
- Lidergotasun saria
- Kideotasun saria

(CUALQUIER PERSONA O ENTIDAD podrá presentar candidaturas en estas categorías).

**PLAZO DE PRESENTACIÓN DE CANDIDATURAS:**

Hasta el 14 de febrero de 2025, inclusivo.

Únicamente serán aceptadas las candidaturas que se presenten a través de sede electrónica y en el formulario habilitado al efecto:

[www.ebizkaia.eus/es/inicio](http://www.ebizkaia.eus/es/inicio)

**Bizkaia**  
EUSKAL ERREGIKO  
DIPUTAZIOERAK

[www.bizkaia.eus/kirolak](http://www.bizkaia.eus/kirolak)

1. The Bizkaia Kirolak Awards will mark the launch of Bizkaia's bid for the 2026 European Region of Sport title
2. Promotion of the video created for the region; online presence and the eskola kirola (school sport) app
3. Coverage of the award ceremony across the Provincial Council's website and social media
4. Use of the logo in service documentation, presentations and events organised by the sports service.
5. Online presence:
  - Featured banner on [www.bizkaia.eus/kirolak](http://www.bizkaia.eus/kirolak) and on [www.bizkaia.eus](http://www.bizkaia.eus)
  - Presence on kirolak's social media profiles
  - Active and multichannel presence through the Kirolbide Pro portal

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## RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL AND SPORTS AND/OR POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS AT THE LOCAL, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL LEVEL.

- a. Overview of agreements and collaborations between the Provincial Council and sports organisations at the local, regional, and national level.
- b. Explain how the bid fosters agreements with territorial, regional and national sports federations and other entities to promote sport.
- c. Provide a breakdown of investments in the local sports economy. List events and activities organised in partnership with national and European sports organisations and institutions at national and European level.
- d. Outline potential agreements with key institutions if the bid is successful.

## a. Overview of agreements and collaborations between the Provincial Council and sports organisations at the local, regional, and national level.

### THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK:

In Spain, the Ministry of Education, Vocational Training and Sport oversees national sports policy, to which the Higher Sports Council (CSD) is attached, the body responsible for promoting and developing sports activities in the country.

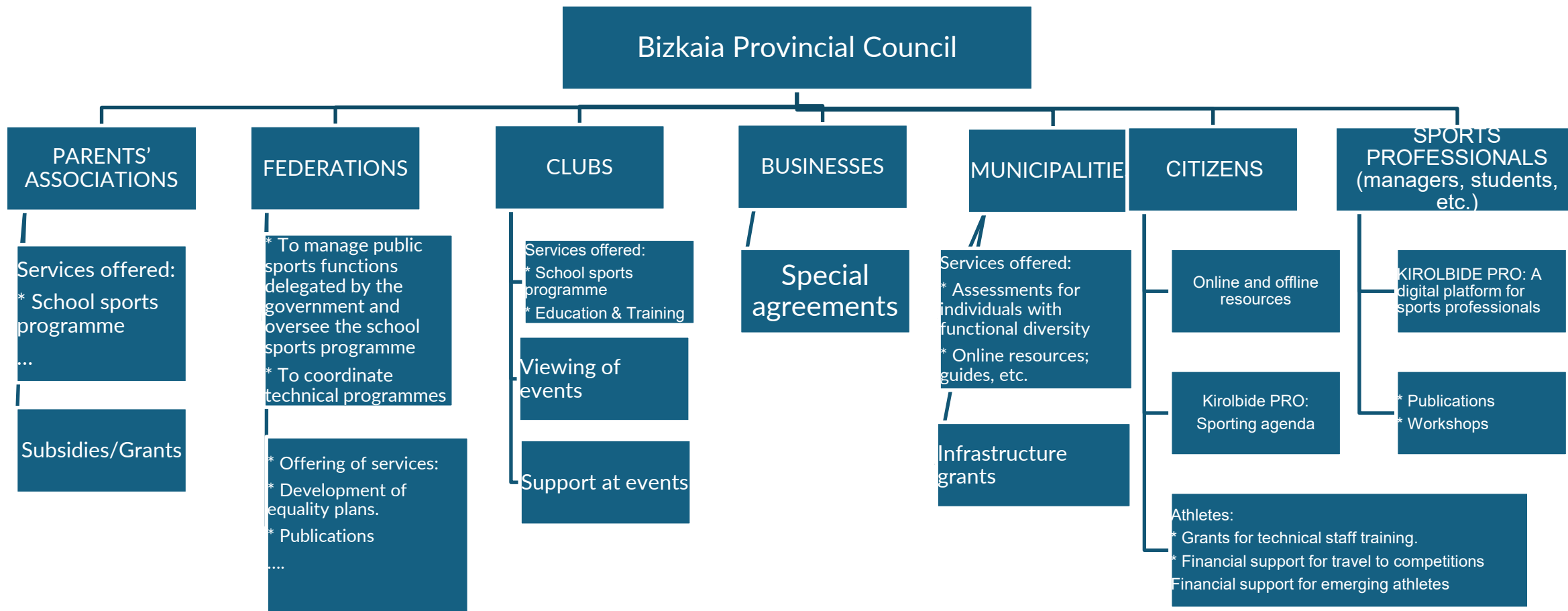
In the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country, the 1979 Statute of Autonomy grants exclusive powers in the field of sport. The Basque Country's Law 2/2023 on Physical Activity and Sport regulates the promotion of physical activity and sport, defining the responsibilities of the regional authorities of the Historical Territories, such as managing facilities and supporting athletes and clubs.

In Bizkaia, the Sports Service of the Provincial Council, part of the Department of Basque Language, Culture and Sport, is responsible for promoting participation in sports and managing the region's sports facilities, as established in Provincial Decree 131/2020.

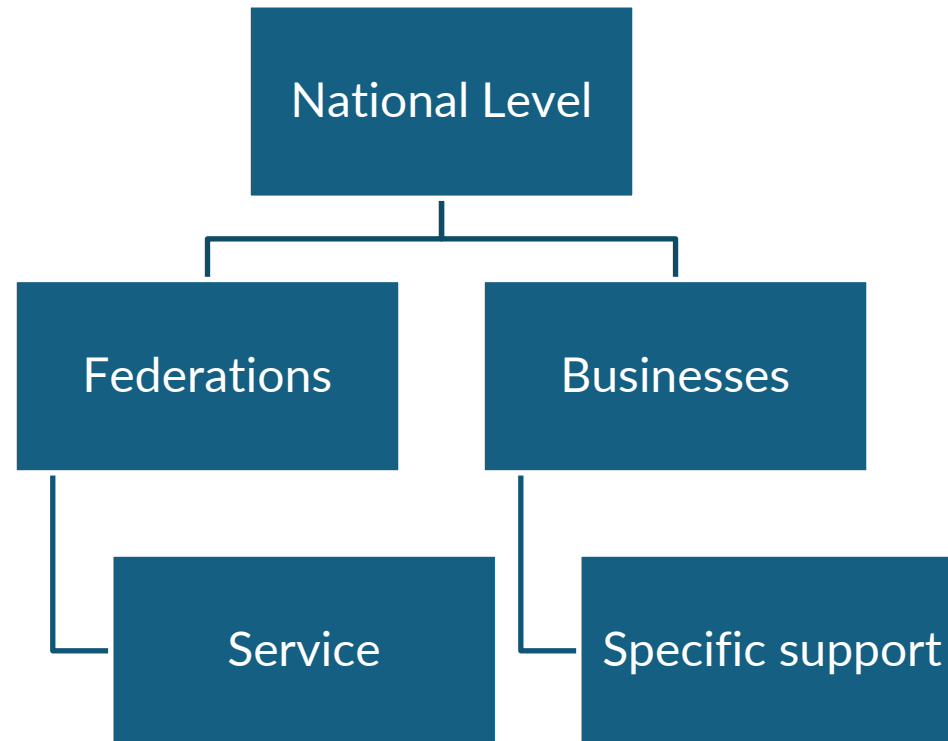
Sports federations, despite being private non-profit entities, are entrusted with administrative public functions by the government. Responsibilities include organising official national competitions and representing Spain in international events. In performing these functions, they act as collaborative agents of the Public Administration.



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#### PARENTS' ASSOCIATIONS

- They participate in the school sports programme free of charge or at minimal cost.
- They are eligible for grants based on programme participation

#### BUSINESSES

- Special agreements supporting sports promotion or causes of particular interest to the Bizkaia Provincial Council (gender equality, inclusive sports and traditional sports initiatives, etc.)

#### MUNICIPALITIES:

- Financial support is available for the construction, renovation and expansion of sports infrastructure
- They offer services, studies, advice and support to municipalities with fewer than 10,000 inhabitants, and assessments for municipalities with people with functional diversity.



**b. Explain how the bid fosters agreements with territorial, regional and national sports federations and other entities to promote sport.**

### **FEDERATIONS**

1. The Bizkaia Provincial Council reaches agreements with the federations to carry out:

- Delegated public functions
- Eskola Kirola (School Sport) Programme

2. Agreements and financial support in special situations or events

3. Strategic support for promoting sports opportunities for the people of Bizkaia.

### **CLUBS**

1. The Bizkaia Provincial Council supports events:

- On a regular basis
- On a special basis

2. Highlighting sporting achievements



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## INTRODUCTION

The Bizkaia Provincial Council has full capacity to **manage, inspect and collect taxes in its historical territory**. It does so respecting the coordination, harmonisation and the rest of the shared rules in the tax sphere.

This means that all taxes, except those managed by the City Councils, are collected by the Provincial Councils.

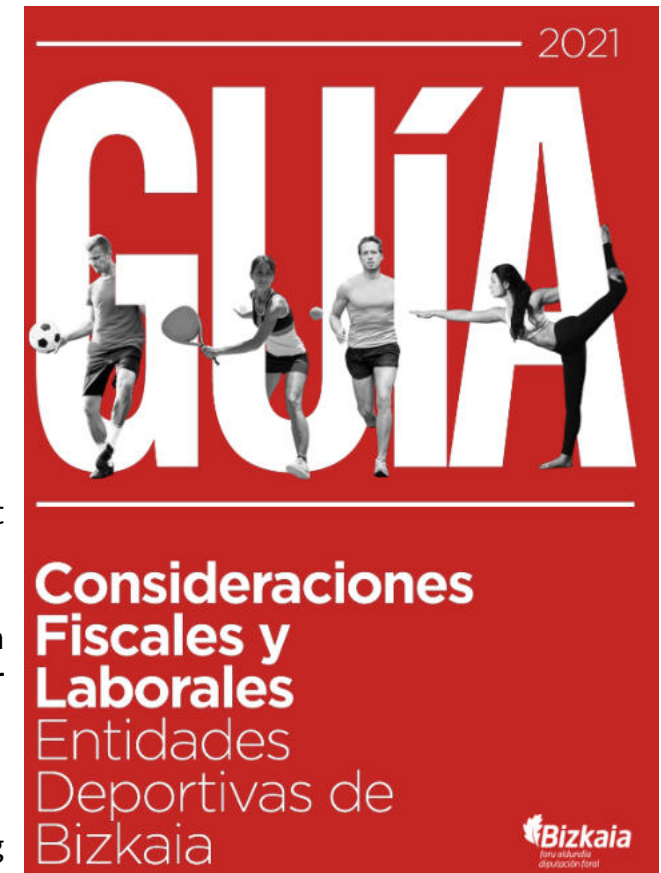
### Regulatory framework:

PROVINCIAL REGULATION 4/2019, of 20 March, on the Tax Regime for Non-Profit Organisations and Tax Incentives for Patronage (BOB 4 April)

Provincial Decree 55/2019, of 21 May, of the Bizkaia Provincial Council, by which the regulation for the application of the tax regime for non-profit organisations and the tax incentives for patronage is approved (BOB 24 May)

## GUIDE

To this end, a guide was published in 2021 to clarify the tax and labour considerations affecting sports entities in Bizkaia. It is available on our website: [www.bizkai.eus/kirolak](http://www.bizkai.eus/kirolak)



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### ACTIVITIES ELIGIBLE FOR PRIORITY STATUS

- Activities organised or sponsored by the public authorities of the Historical Territory of Bizkaia in the area of **School Sports**
- Sporting activities that **promote the Historical Territory of Bizkaia and its municipalities**, provided they meet certain criteria
- The creation of new **sports facilities and works for the conservation, refurbishment or adaptation of municipal or regional facilities.**

**AIM: Encouraging private sector participation in activities of public interest that complement the public sector**



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## INTRODUCTION

### ACTIVITIES ELIGIBLE FOR PRIORITY STATUS

- The activities of **associations or unions of sports clubs** that involve the dissolution of the associated clubs.
- The activities of sports entities that promote and encourage **women's participation in sport**.
- The activities of sports entities that promote and encourage participation in sport by **people with disabilities**.
- The activities of sports entities that promote and encourage participation in traditional sports (**fixed seat rowing, Basque pelota and Basque rural sports**)



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### PEOPLE



...the right to deduct 45% of the amounts allocated from the net tax liability

### TAX INCENTIVES FOR SPONSORSHIP IN PRIORITY ACTIVITIES

### COMPANIES OR NON-RESIDENTS:



...right to a deduction of 45% of the amounts allocated to activities declared as priorities in the net tax liability, even under advertising sponsorship contracts or collaboration agreements.

### FREE SERVICES RELATED TO ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONAL EXPENSES:

... the basis for the deduction shall be the total amount of the expenditure of the investment made when the content of the advertising medium essentially relates to the dissemination of said priority activities. If not, the basis for the deduction will be 25% of the expenditure incurred or the investment made



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## PEOPLE

“Updated as of: 01/01/2022” PROVINCIAL REGULATION 13/2013, of 5 December, on Personal Income Tax (BOB 13 December

### Article 9. Exempt income (point 31)

What are the key aspects of implementing the School Sports Programme? **Monitors, referees, judges, delegates, sports officials, federation technical directors and coaches** involved in the School Sports Programme **enjoy an exemption regarding the income they receive** for activities for school-age athletes authorised by the Bizkaia Provincial Council or in the implementation of the activities of the sports federations of the Basque Country regulated in Decree 16/2006 of the Sports Federations of the Basque Country, with **the limit of the minimum interprofessional wage**. Any earnings exceeding this limit will be subject to personal income tax and taxed at the general withholding rates, with no exemption.



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Budget allocation for federations to carry out delegated public functions and school sports in 2024-25

Federation	Amount (€)
Underwater Activities	29,000
Chess	52,250
Athletics	110,250
Motorsports	11,000
Basketball	278,641
Handball	89,225
Baseball and Softball	14,840
Bowling	11,000
Boxing	19,485
Hunting	51,000
Cycling	117,440
Adapted Sports	157,900
Air Sports	8,000
Winter Sports	93,930
Fencing	25,690

Federation	Amount (€)
Football	366,365
Gymnastics	75,465
Golf	41,818
Weightlifting	11,000
Basque rural sports	203,575
Equestrian	52,900
Hockey	41,175
Judo and Martial Arts	38,416
Karate	52,070
Wrestling and Sambo	11,360
Mountain sports	123,950
Motorcycling	17,000
Swimming	117,890
Paddle tennis	55,055
Skating	51,590

Federation	Amount (€)
Basque Pelota	256,844
Fishing and Casting	37,225
Petanque	11,000
Canoeing	26,770
Rowing	140,152
Rugby	42,880
Surfing	56,750
Taekwondo	38,400
Tennis	56,410
Table tennis	22,500
Shooting	6,000
Archery	21,300
Triathlon	25,104
Sailing	33,066
Volleyball	50,890

Total funding allocated to federations in their organised sport and school sport

€3,154,571

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Funding allocated to clubs under the Bizkaia Bizkaialde Foundation for the *2024/2025 season*

Club	Amount (€)	Club	Amount (€)	Club	Amount (€)
CLUB AJEDREZ SESTAO	11,925.88	CLUB DE REMO ZIERBENA	58,837.35	SAKONETA CLUB DE GIMNASIA RÍTMICA	18,760.06
C.D. SILLA DE RUEDAS BILBAO	58,837.35	ISUNTZA ARRAUN ELKARTEA	57,026.97	REAL CLUB MARÍTIMO DEL ABRA-REAL SPORTING CLUB	4,978.55
SOCIEDAD DEPORTIVA SAN IGNACIO BEISBOL	33,537.59	CLUB DEPORTIVO DE REMO KAIKU	58,837.35	CLUB ATLETISMO SANTUTXU DE BILBAO	27,189.64
REAL CLUB JOLASETA	58,837.35	GETXO RUGBY TALDEA	53,146.78	CLUB ATLETISMO ADAPTADO JAVI CONDE BASAURI	23,163.81
C. D. NATACIÓN LEIOA IGERI TALDEA	46,164.69	GERNIKA RUGBY TALDEA DE GERNIKA	58,837.35	GAZTEDI CLUB	13,577.85
CLUB ASKARTZA CLARET TALDEA	34,084.02	UNIVERSITARIO BILBAO RUGBY	51,233.75	GOIHERRIKO HERRI KIROL TALDEA DE ERANDIO	10,047.61
METROPOLITANO CLUB DE PATINAJE	29,949.21	LEMOIZKO URIBEALDEA RUGBY ELKARTEA	29,175.11	RASPAS ARRAUN ELKARTEA-CLUB DE REMO RASPAS DEL EMBARCADERO	40,733.55
GATIKAKO IUSTURI PATINAJE K.	8,472.58	CLUB ATLETISMO BIDEZABAL DE DURANGO	33,944.63	C.ALUSIGMA PEÑOTA DENTAL TRIATLON TEAM	30,550.16
LEMOIZKO ARMINTZA PILOTA ELKARTEA	5,757.01	DURANGOKO MASTERS KIROL KLUBA	36,660.2		
ONDARROA ARRAUN TALDEA	52,727.32	CLUB ATLETISMO PORTUGALETE	9,504.50		
BERMEOKO ARRAUN ELKARTEA	43,195.67				

Total funding provided by the Bizkaia Bizkaialde Foundation

€999,993.90

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Dedicated funding to promote women's sport

Type	Club/Action	Quantity
Handball	Zuazo	€125,000
Basketball	Lointek Gernika	€125,000
Rugby	Getxo Rugby	€50,000
Cycling	Euskadi Foundation	€150,000
Cycling	Itzulia Femenina	€50,000
Handball	Plazandreak	€10,000
Gymnastics	Euskalgym	€15,000
Cesta Punta	Eraman	€50,000

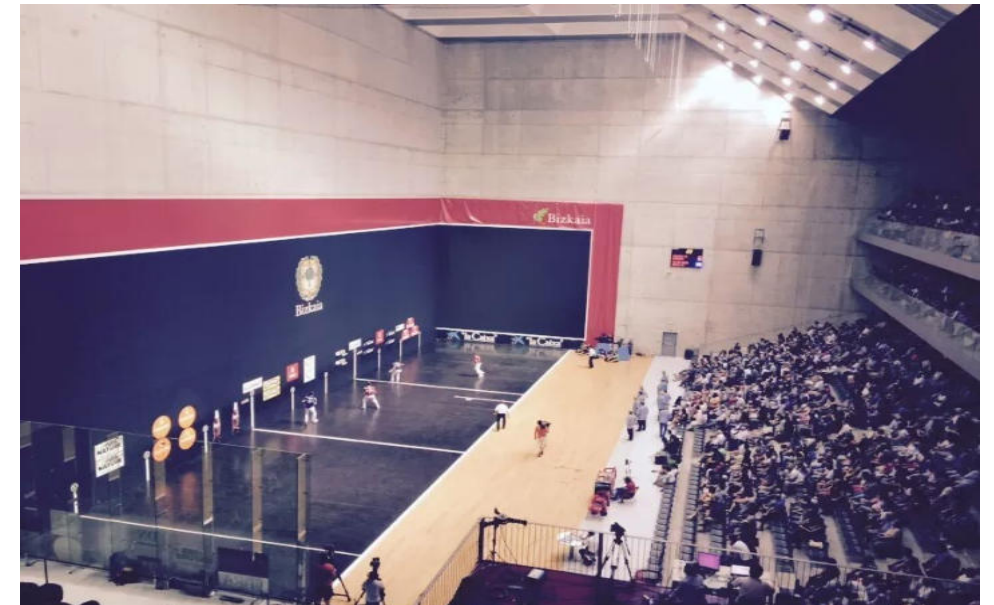


Total funding allocated to promote women's sport

€575,000

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Sports infrastructure funding for 2025	
Bizkaia and Kirol Etxea Pelota Court	€2,200,000
Municipal sports infrastructures	€1,400,000
Hiking	€100,000
Department of Natural Environment and Agriculture	€2,653,230
Department of Transport, Mobility and Tourism	€42,944,617
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€49,207,847</b>



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### INTERNATIONAL SCOPE

### DECREE ON SUBSIDIES/GRANTS FOR FEDERATION-AFFILIATED EVENTS 2024

ZORNOTZA SPORTS CLUB	70TH INTERNATIONAL CROSS-COUNTRY RACE ZORNOTZA	€15,000.00
BASIGO DE BAKIO TENNIS CLUB	39TH OPEN KIROLETA 2024 BAKIO UDALA SARIA	€25,000.00
REAL CLUB JOLASETA	32ND INTERNATIONAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT	€30,000.00
DURANGO CYCLING CLUB	DURANGO DURANGO EMAKUMEEN SARIA 2024	€10,000.00
CLUB ATLETISMO SANTUTXU DE BILBAO	19TH "VILLA DE BILBAO" INTERNATIONAL ATHLETICS MEETING	€30,000.00
KAIALDE DE SANTURTZI TENNIS SPORTS CLUB	10TH KAIALDE SANTURTZI INTERNATIONAL TROPHY 2024	€9,397.00
LAUKARIZ COUNTRY CLUB	3RD LAUKARIZ ITF OPEN \$25,000	€15,000.00
BERANGO ATLETISMO TALDEA	36th BERANGO INTERNATIONAL MILE 2024	€11,500.00
IURRETAKO GALLANDA TXIRRINDULARITZA KLUBA	BIZKAIKOLOREAK 5. EDIT	€12,050.00
CARRANZA CYCLING CLUB	31ST KARRANTZAKO NAZIOARTEKO ZIKLOKROSSA	€7,000.00
CLUB ATLETISMO SANTUTXU DE BILBAO	18TH BILBAO INTERNATIONAL MILE	€12,000.00
ARRATIKO ZIKLISTA ELKARTEA	46TH NAZIOARTEKO ZIKLOKROSA	€9,806.00
S.C. PUNTA GALEA-PUNTA GALEA TXIRRINDULARI ELKARTEA	79TH GETXO CIRCUIT - OTXOA BROTHERS MEMORIAL	€30,000.00
BASAURIKO MERKATARI, OSTALARITZA ETA ZERBITZU ENPR	26TH PARALYMPIC MEETING - BASAURIKO PROBAK 2024	€9,092.00

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GALDAKAO ATLETISMO TALDEA	54TH NEW YEAR'S EVE CIRCUIT RAMON GIL MEMORIAL	€5,704.00
EREÑOZAR SPORTS CLUB ENDURANCE	16th EREÑOKO RAID INTERNAZIONALE, LADIES CUP	€3,032.00
SESTAO CHESS CLUB	38TH INTERNATIONAL CHESS TOURNAMENT 2024	€4,902.00
BARAKALDO CHESS CLUB	37TH BARAKALDO CITY COUNCIL TROPHY	€713.00
SANTURTZI ATHLETICS CLUB	36TH INTERNATIONAL ROAD RACE FROM SANTURCE TO BILBAO	€6,000.00
PORTUGALETE NAUTICAL SPORTS CLUB	32ND EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL WATER POLO TOURNAMENT	€9,653.00
GETXO HERRI KIROLAK TALDEA	CFHK 2024	€13,299.00
	16TH BARAKALDO CITY COUNCIL TOURNAMENT AND 5TH MAIDER	
C.P MUNOA WRESTLING CLUB	UNDA CUP	€2,601.00
REAL CLUB JOLASETA	10TH TOMAS MARTIN-MUÑOIO MEMORIAL INTERNATIONAL ROLLER HOCKEY TOURNAMENT	€1,867.00
FADURA TENNIS CLUB	"CHAMPION BOWL AYTO DE GETXO" INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT	€2,688.00
VALENTÍN URIONA CYCLING CLUB OF MUNGIA	12TH SAGASTI MEMORIAL MUNGIA GRAND PRIX	€3,914.00

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### NATIONAL LEVEL

FEKOOR	8TH NATIONAL WHEELCHAIR PADEL TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP	€2,160
REAL CLUB MARITIMO DEL ABRA Y REAL SPORTING CLUB	4TH JUAN MANUEL ALONSO-ALLENDE TROPHY SNIPE CLASS	€12,600
	5TH EKP INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CUP FINAL - SPANISH SAILING	
REAL CLUB MARITIMO DEL ABRA Y REAL SPORTING CLUB	CHAMPIONSHIP	€15,000
REAL CLUB MARITIMO DEL ABRA Y REAL SPORTING CLUB	22ND JOSÉ LUIS AZQUETA TROPHY	€8,700
CLUB ATLETISMO ADAPTADO JAVI CONDE BASAURI	SPANISH CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP FOR DEAF ATHLETES	€4,200
REAL CLUB JOLASETA	2ND EDITION OF THE HOCKEY CAMP + INCLUSIVE CATEGORY	€14,544
CLUB ATLETISMO ADAPTADO JAVI CONDE BASAURI	SPANISH CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP FEDDI	€3,600
CLUB DEPORTIVO INNEVENTO SPORTS	BICC BILBAO INTERNATIONAL CLIMBING CHAMPIONSHIP	€15,000
ELANTXOBE ARRAUN ELKARTEA	36TH ELANTXOBEKO TRAINERU ESTROPADA	€3,212
CLUB DE REMO ZIERBENA	41ST PETRONOR-ZIERBENA REGATTA AND 4TH EDINOR-ZIERBENA	€6,148
LUTXANA ARRAUN ELKARTEA	37TH ERANDIO REGATTA	€2,955

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### NATIONAL LEVEL

BERMEOKO ARRAUN ELKARTEA	BERMEO HIRIKO REGATTA	€5,654
SAN NICOLÁS ROWING CLUB	42ND NOBLE VILLA DE PORTUGALETE REGATTA	€3,000
ISUNTZA ARRAUN ELKARTEA	39TH EL CORREO-KUTXABANK LEKEITIOKO UDALA IKURRIÑA	€5,204
ONDARROA ARRAUN ELKARTEA	40TH ONDARROAKO NAGUSIA REGATTA	€6,425
CLUB DEPORTIVO INNEVENTO SPORTS	BILBAO TRIATHLON HALF	€8,506
CLUB DEPORTIVO INNEVENTO SPORTS	BILBAO OLYMPIC TRIATHLON	€7,298
C. D. AMPUTADOS EUSKADI ONE FOOTBALL	COPA BIZKAIA AMPUTEE FOOTBALL	€1,220
CLUB DEPORTIVO DE REMO KAIKU	23RD SESTAO CITY COUNCIL REGATTA	€4,264

## d. Outline potential agreements with key institutions if the bid is successful.

Municipalities	Organisation of the <i>Kirol jaia</i> (an event co-created with municipalities) to encourage sports participation.
	Incorporation of corporate elements relating to the European Regions of Sport on social media and websites
	Installation of physical elements, such as flags, in municipal facilities by the Bizkaia Provincial Council
Federations and clubs	Hosting of an event with all sports federations at an iconic location in Bizkaia
	Incorporation of corporate elements relating to the European Regions of Sport on social media and websites

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## PROFILE AND POTENTIAL ACTIVITIES AS A EUROPEAN REGION OF SPORT

- a. Describe how sport in Bizkaia contributes to achieving the five main objectives of the ACES Europe Manifesto:
  - Enjoyment in exercise,
  - Willingness to achieve,
  - Sense of community,
  - Learning fair play,
  - Improvement of health
- b. How does Bizkaia perceive its social benefits as a European Region of Sport?
- c. What initiatives and activities does Bizkaia wish to propose to contribute to the work of ACES Europe? Provide a list of the Provincial Council's campaigns in relation to the bid.

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### ENJOYMENT IN EXERCISE

In Bizkaia, physical and sporting activities are accessible to everyone. The region boasts a wide variety of sports facilities that encourage participation in various disciplines.

Sporting events such as the Bilbao Triathlon or the Night Marathon, held annually in the city centre, not only promote physical activity but are also designed for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy sports in an inclusive and fun atmosphere.

This reflects the commitment of Bizkaia to offering opportunities for taking part in sport, promoting a healthy lifestyle that is accessible to all citizens.

Sporting region: events and spaces to enjoy exercise at any age



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### WILLINGNESS TO ACHIEVE

The Bizkaia Provincial Council promotes the achievement of personal and collective goals through physical and sporting activities, motivating citizens to surpass their own limits.

Through the School Sports Programme, competitive, introductory and recreational activities are offered, providing a supportive framework for young athletes and enthusiasts who want to improve and achieve their goals.

The organisation of competitive sports competitions under federations, supported by grants aimed at federations, clubs and sports entities, fosters a culture of perseverance and commitment at all levels, inspiring participants to set and achieve their goals in physical sports activities.

These initiatives demonstrate the dedication of the Bizkaia Provincial Council in promoting participation in sport and the personal development of its citizens.

### Sport as a driving force for overcoming challenges and achieving goals



#### UN RETO COLECTIVO CON FIN SOCIAL

GENERAR MINUTOS DE LUCHA CONTRA LAS ENFERMEDADES NEURODEGENERATIVAS

Para recibir los dorsales y participar en la carrera, además de haber realizado vuestra inscripción, los equipos deberéis cubrir la **Etapa 0**. Esta consiste en generar minutos de lucha contra enfermedades neurodegenerativas a través de la venta de tickets de la **Estropatada** o bien con una aportación dineraria.



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## A SENSE OF COMMUNITY

The Bizkaia Provincial Council promotes a sense of community and social cohesion through various sporting initiatives.

The “Bizkaian Kirola Ere Euskaraz” (BIKEE) programme strengthens the presence of the Basque language in sports, fostering cultural identity and a sense of belonging among participants. This programme benefits from the collaboration of leading sports entities such as Athletic Club and Bilbao Basket, which serve as examples in the promotion of the Basque language.

The Provincial Council has implemented programmes for callisthenics, parkour and outdoor fitness parks, promoting physical activity in public spaces and facilitating interaction among citizens.

These initiatives not only promote healthy habits but also strengthen the social fabric by creating accessible meeting points for people of all ages.

The Bizkaia Provincial Council uses sport as a tool to strengthen social bonds and build a more united and supportive community.

Promoting sport to strengthen community, identity and social cohesion



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### LEARNING FAIR PLAY

The Bizkaia Provincial Council has actively promoted the value of fair play in school sports for over 20 years, highlighting the importance of respect, honesty and cooperation from the earliest stages of development.

Through various awareness-raising campaigns, the aim is to instil these fundamental principles in young athletes.

Through workshops, training sessions and supervised competitions, participants, especially the youngest ones, gain awareness of the importance of practising and competing with integrity.

This approach not only reinforces ethics in sport but also emphasises the value of respect towards others as an essential principle in everyday life.

Likewise, the publication School Sport and Fair Play delves into the need to adopt an ethical attitude in the field of sport.

Promoting fair play to instil values of respect and integrity

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## IMPROVEMENT OF HEALTH

The Bizkaia Provincial Council incorporates physical and sporting activity as a fundamental part of its health policies, developing programmes that promote the physical and mental well-being of citizens. Through various initiatives, it encourages people of all ages to participate in an active and healthy lifestyle.

Initiatives such as “Health Through Sport” promote adapted physical exercise for older people, featuring guidelines of simple routines to be carried out at home or in sports facilities.

Educational resources like the Physical Activity Pyramid and the Ten Rules for a Healthy Life encourage good habits and combat sedentary behaviour from a young age.

Different applications facilitate autonomous exercise in outdoor fitness parks and local routes, providing digital tools for an active life, as well as tools available on the Kirolak website that provide routes in municipalities of Bizkaia for the use of so-called “cholesterol routes”: <https://www.bizkaia.eus/es/web/rutas-del-colesterol>

Bizkaia is committed to sport as a way of improving health and promoting an active lifestyle



## b. How does Bizkaia perceive its social benefits as a European Region of Sport?

The Bizkaia Provincial Council has a strategic mission to ensure that participating in sports becomes a habit for individuals, guaranteeing the quality of life for all residents of Bizkaia throughout the different stages of their lives: infancy, childhood, adolescence, youth, adulthood, maturity and old age.

To this end, we lead the promotion and development of all kinds of sports activities—organised or recreational, traditional or alternative—whether in sports facilities, natural settings or urban spaces. Our goal is to provide each individual with the most suitable opportunities that align with their interests, motivations and needs.

This immense task would be impossible to accomplish without the invaluable collaboration of all the institutions and entities that make up the public-private sports system of our region: city councils, clubs, federations, businesses, schools, universities and the healthcare system.



**b. How does Bizkaia perceive its social benefits as a European Region of Sport?**

A sports system whose main asset is the people who form part of it. A high level of technical competence, significant personal involvement and the promotion of the values that are the pillars of the society of Bizkaia: cohesion, equality, inclusion, interculturality, solidarity and sustainability.

It is because of all these anonymous people, the vast majority of them volunteers, that the Bizkaia Provincial Council believes it to be vitally important for our region to be recognised as a European Region of Sport by ACES Europe in 2026.

This prestigious recognition will highlight, strengthen and solidify the outstanding work done by these individuals in promoting lifelong healthy sporting habits for all citizens of Bizkaia.



c. What initiatives and activities does Bizkaia wish to propose to contribute to the work of ACES Europe? Provide a list of the Provincial Council's campaigns in relation to the bid.

Visual Promotion	Institutional Recognition	National and International Visibility	Events and Activities	Educational and Social Projects	Culture and Awards	Sustainable Sport
Banners at sports complexes and the Bizkaia Provincial Council.	Commemorative plaque at the Kirol Etxea	Communication campaigns at sporting events	Inaugural event with inclusive sports activities	Training in European management and funds	Photo exhibition and tributes to Bizkaia's athletes	Activities in green spaces such as hiking and cycling
Official logo on facilities and material.	Manifesto of support by sports clubs	Official and social media	Educational projects in schools to promote sporting values		Annual awards for outstanding clubs and athletes	Promotion of sport in harmony with the environment

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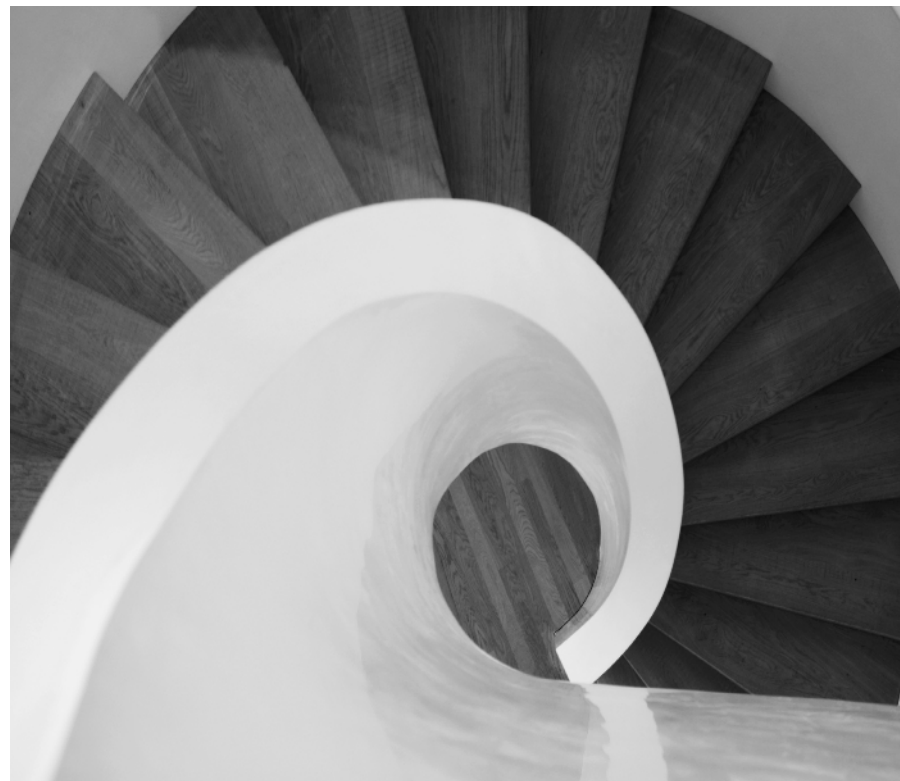
## PROGRAMME OF PLANNED SPORTING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE APPLICATION YEAR

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### INITIATIVES AND ACTIVITIES

- Manifesto in support of the bid and signed by the 45 Territorial Federations of Bizkaia
- Manifesto in favour of the bid and signed by clubs of the Bizkaia Bizkaialde Foundation
- San Mames - logo image incorporated into scoreboards, welcome of Athletic team, honorary kick-off, presidency, box, male and female players take to the field with the flag of the European Region of Sport.
- Bizkaia Pelota Court - insertion of logo in pelota matches
- Bizkaia Bizkaialde Foundation Teams wearing the Bizkaia European Region 2026 logo on their kits
- Direct sponsorships - European regional image
- Challenges of the European Region of Sport for municipalities, federations, clubs and athletes.
- Sport policy meetings with Kait
- Euskalit - final event



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- Bizkaia School Games: production and procurement of clothing with the European Region logo
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- Kirolbide Pro Days with municipalities.
- 
- School Sport Congress
- 
- 2nd Gathering of Municipal Sports Officials
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- Sport psychology conferences
- 
- European gathering of traditional sports games
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BID FILE  
BID TO BECOME A EUROPEAN REGION OF SPORT  
QUESTIONNAIRE

