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Axis I. People at the centre

Our commitment is to a new welfare agenda that, by putting people at the centre of public policies and facing the triple challenge of socio-demographic, energy-ecological and technological-digital challenges, will allow us to continue improving areas such as health, education, employment, housing, security and social services. All this by applying intergenerational co-responsibility and ensuring the economic sustainability of the welfare model.

Axis II. Growth and welfare model

Within a framework of public-private collaboration, it is necessary to foster the conditions to work towards the reindustrialisation of the Basque Country, taking advantage, among other things, of the opportunities offered by the new economy to promote a modern, dynamic, developed and sustainable industrial fabric. Conditions that create and distribute wealth through quality employment, sustain strong public services and develop social policies that ensure that no one is left behind.

AXIS III. Energy transformation and sustainability

Global warming is a reality that is affecting us more and more intensely and must be tackled forcefully and immediately. We have no planet 'B'. The effects of global warming are beginning to produce negative consequences in our society. The Basque production sector requires an orderly and coordinated transition which, by achieving the goals set, avoids putting our future at risk.

Axis IV. Coexistence, Memory and Human Rights

Coexistence and respect among all people must be approached from a transversal perspective and as broadly as possible. This is the basis of our democratic culture. The equality of women and men in the Basque Country and the defence of human rights have become fundamental social issues.

Axis V. Broadening Self-Government

We approach this new legislature with a two-fold goal: full compliance with the Statute of Gernika and achieving the bases for drawing up a new Statutory Pact through negotiation, agreement and maximum political consensus in the Basque Parliament, within the scope of its competence and the law in force. At the same time, our priority goal is to take advantage of the future opportunities presented by the internationalisation of the Basque Country.

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AXIS I. PEOPLE AT THE CENTRE

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1. Health

At present, with the effects that the pandemic has had on the development of all public health systems and in view of the challenges facing the health systems of advanced countries, such as the Basque Country (ageing, increase in chronic illnesses and health costs, lack of health professionals, greater social demands on public services, etc.), it is necessary to improve the quality and prestige of our health system, ensuring real and effective accessibility based on parameters of excellence, strengthening the public management of the system and maintaining public ownership of centres and services.

We consider health to be a fundamental human right, with people as the central focus of the action of the health system. Therefore, we advocate a universal, public, free, quality and equitable health system that guarantees coverage and accessibility to quality health services for all people living in the Basque Country.

Osakidetza is a Health Service characterised by universal coverage of the population, a broad portfolio of services, financing through general taxation, great accessibility to planned and sectorised health services, a primary care level which, among other functions, acts as the heart of the Basque health system.

We have a quality Basque public health service that has been built up over almost 40 years. A system that needs to be further improved, because situations and needs are changing. We need to improve on issues such as reducing waiting lists in specialised care consultations, diagnostic tests and surgeries and workloads in primary care.

On the basis of the work carried out, we agree that this legislature will be key to facing the new challenges ahead of us and improving our health system, based on dialogue with the professionals of Osakidetza and seeking a broad agreement on the health system that we want and need.

The Basque Government will defend this healthcare model, ensuring the right of Basque citizens to universal healthcare coverage and their accessibility to a health service with a wide range of services. It will take into account the changes affecting Basque society in different areas, especially the ageing of society and the increased demand for public health services. Therefore, priority will be given to people-centred policies to better address ordinary day-to-day health problems, acting both in the short term and in the medium and long term to restore Osakidetza's prestige in Basque society.

Commitment 1. Improving the quality of the Public Health System: Shock Plan and Basque Agreement for Health.

Initiative 1. To draw up and carry out a Shock Plan to improve care and accessibility in Primary Care, reduce waiting times to be seen by family doctors, reduce surgical waiting lists, as well as waiting times for diagnostic tests, outpatient consultations and referrals to specialists, all in conjunction with Osakidetza professionals.

Initiative 2. To promote a Basque Agreement on the health system we need and want, giving it the innovative impetus demanded by Basque society. To this end, a framework of work and permanent collaboration will be established with the different actors that make up our health system, as well as political, social and institutional agents.

Commitment 2. Health Promotion.

- Initiative 1. To develop Act 13/2023 on Public Health in the Basque Country.
- Initiative 2. To invest more resources in prevention and health promotion at all ages, starting with children.
- Initiative 3. To develop the health of children and adolescents. By learning healthy habits now, they will become healthy adults. To address prevention of mobile phone and digital platform abuse.
- Initiative 4. To promote active and life-enhancing ageing in order to achieve healthy and socially active older populations.
- Initiative 5. To prevent avoidable diseases associated with risk factors such as smoking, sedentary lifestyles, unhealthy eating habits, alcohol and other risky substances.
- Initiative 6. To promote strategies that effectively encourage the adoption of healthy habits and behaviours in our society and that also extend throughout the life development of citizens, from an equity perspective. In line with the Health Plan and the Community Health Strategy Plan.

Commitment 3. User-focused public health care. Strengthening primary care as the foundation of our health system.

- Initiative 1. To adapt the structure of Primary Care teams to the demographic reality, increasing, whenever possible, the number of medical staff and nursing posts, reducing bureaucracy in their work, developing continuous training plans and implementing the professional development of nurses in their maximum competences.
- Initiative 2. To implement the vacancies in the Public Employment Offers for medical staff and nursing vacancies in Primary Care. To promote the agreement to address more stable hiring formulas for those unable to obtain one of these vacancies, prioritising the coverage of all Primary Care positions, including paediatrics.
- Initiative 3. Establishing a specific plan for hard-to-fill positions.
- Initiative 4. To promote the continuity of primary care professionals in the same geographical location, by increasing remuneration, job flexibility and reducing work overload, as well as raising awareness among the population about the appropriate use of these services.
- Initiative 5. To advance in ways to reduce the time spent on bureaucratic tasks by health staff and to devote more time to quality and personalised care.
- Initiative 6. To review the map and promote the improvement of the Continuing Care Points. The aim is to ensure and improve the service that these non-life-saving emergency care centres provide to patients, as well as to ease the burden on hospital emergency departments.

Initiative 7. To align the Primary Care model and the Continuous Care Points, progressively improving the coordination of the people who form part of the PACs with the Primary Care teams, with the aim of offering comprehensive and integrated care from all points.

Initiative 8. To continue implementing the homogenisation of the Portfolio of Services and deployment of physiotherapy.

Initiative 9. To establish specific actions to guarantee health care in rural areas.

Initiative 10. To expand, in collaboration with the competent Department of Education and the public university, the places available in the Faculty of Medicine of the EHU/UPV, prioritising specialised training in Family-Community Medicine and Paediatrics, with the aim of increasing the ratio of primary care medical staff per inhabitant.

Initiative 11. To analyse and evaluate the current Primary Care Strategy, on the basis of the review process carried out during the previous legislature, with the participation of transversal groups of professionals in our health system, with the aim of proposing a new Primary Care Strategy to confront future challenges.

Commitment 4. To reorganise and strengthen staffing, training and recognition of committed health professionals to further improve the organisational model through Social Dialogue.

Initiative 1. To make progress in the renewal of the working conditions agreement, professional development, the review of the current job descriptions, as well as the promotion of organisational innovation, through the Social Dialogue forum provided by the Osakidetza Sectoral Committee.

Initiative 2. To promote a new staff policy to ensure excellent service, attracting and retaining talent. To design a strategy to retain and attract professional talent, not only in medicine but also in nursing, prioritising stable recruitment.

Initiative 3. To continue to improve the selection systems for public service exams, using the criteria of capacity, merit, equality, transparency, selection boards selected by lot and traceability throughout the selection process. Always applying agreed and consensual criteria.

Initiative 4. To carry out periodic public job offers that ensure the stability and sufficiency of the workforces that are essential for the excellence of our health system. To continue to develop an increase in structural posts aimed at consolidating and stabilising posts currently occupied by temporary staff and to address, if necessary, a further increase in staffing levels that could reach 2,000 new posts.

Initiative 5. To address, within the Osakidetza Sectoral Committee, formulas for stabilising specialist medical and nursing staff in a temporary situation, who are providing services in specialities that are in deficit or difficult to cover.

Initiative 6. To develop, in collaboration with Osakidetza professionals, its own training plan, which rewards those professionals who decide to specialise in order to offer new

and better services in Osakidetza, and provides the health system with the possibility of learning about and applying new practices of excellence developed at an international level.

Initiative 7. To continue implementing good governance processes in all Osakidetza centres, with transparency in the management processes of the organisations.

Commitment 5. To improve the service offered by the Basque Health System, improving internal and external coordination.

Initiative 1. To treat the patient through perfectly coordinated multidisciplinary teams. The aim of this system, from the patient's admission until discharge, is for all specialists from the different health branches involved to have the same common and global vision, and act in the same direction to achieve better care and shorter diagnostic and treatment processes.

Initiative 2. To promote a networked health system, especially in the case of specialised care. Therefore, to offer patients appointments outside their OSI or at another referral centre of their OSI, if they can obtain faster specialised care.

Initiative 3. To create a home hospitalisation programme that allows patients to receive medical care and treatment similar to that which they would receive in a hospital setting, from the comfort of their own homes. This care format offers in-home services that have traditionally been hospital-based, such as medication administration, monitoring of vital signs and specialised medical care, avoiding the need for the patient to physically stay in a hospital.

Initiative 4. To advance in the development of collaborative dispensing (proximity dispensing) to bring hospital medication closer to patients through their preferred pharmacies, thereby avoiding unnecessary trips by patients to hospitals.

Initiative 5. To promote value-based care by measuring the organisation by health outcomes rather than by activity.

Initiative 6. To empower pharmacies as health agents.

Initiative 7. To promote the active participation of patients and carers as agents of change.

Commitment 6. To continue developing health care.

Initiative 1. To draw up a new Chronicity Strategy in the Basque Country, based on the analysis of the impact of all the chronicity strategies implemented in our environment, as well as the actions developed by Osakidetza, in order to incorporate those innovative projects that prove their validity and efficiency and improve the quality of our social healthcare system.

Initiative 2. To promote a healthcare institution specialising in the treatment and care of patients with chronic illnesses, without ruling out the creation of a specific hospital for this purpose. This type of hospital would focus on providing care for patients whose health conditions require long-term management, multidisciplinary treatment and continuous follow-up. This centre would have a multidisciplinary

team focusing on rehabilitation, palliative care and the management of chronic conditions and diseases.

Initiative 3. To implement a system of beds for carers of sick children admitted for long stays in paediatrics. To develop specific, supplementary actions aimed at improving the emotional well-being of paediatric oncology patients and families, and to guarantee the continuity and sustainability of research in paediatric and adolescent cancer.

Commitment 7. To improve health infrastructure and facilities.

Initiative 1. To draft a 2030 investment plan, in a framework of dialogue and collaboration with other institutions, which would address the modernisation and expansion of primary care infrastructures and the hospital system, as well as the renewal of equipment. Among others, the extensions of the hospitals of Basurto, Usansolo-Galdakao, Donostia, Txagorritxu (phase II and car park), Zumarraga, Arrasate, and the construction of the hospital in Tolosa will be included. In addition, the Logistics Centre in Iurreta will be put into operation and new Primary Care infrastructures will be modernised and built in Durango, Irún, Laudio, Donostia, Gasteiz and Bilbao, among others.

Commitment 8. To deepen the innovation and use of digital tools in the Basque Health System.

Initiative 1. To invest in data-driven digitisation processes that will help manage organisations: health portfolio, sensorisation and connection with the HC, Apps for digital therapies and Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Initiative 2. To analyse the creation of a digital OSI and promote a command centre to exploit the health system's medical records in daily practice.

Initiative 3. To implement Big Data and Quantum Computing in Basque healthcare. To develop a Health Plan 4.0 through access to the use of anonymised big data and implement quantum computing technology in our healthcare system, which will contribute to improving the quality of care for patients and the sustainability of healthcare spending.

Initiative 4. To enhance Osakidetza's role as a key tool for the research and development of clinical products in collaboration with biotech start-ups and bio-health stakeholders in the sector.

Initiative 5. To draw up a Promotion Plan for health researchers who integrate and work within collaborative networks, with the aim of promoting the transfer of knowledge between the different research and innovation agents, together with a higher rate of research excellence.

Initiative 6. To strengthen the collaboration of the public health system with the university, the pharmaceutical industry and the bio-health field to ensure that this area also becomes a source of wealth in the Basque Country.

Initiative 7. To develop agreements to promote a Health Ecosystem among all the agents involved in R&D&I, thereby attracting talent to the Basque Country.

Initiative 8. To encourage the introduction of a gender perspective in research projects, contributing to ending the under-representation of women in clinical trials.

Commitment 9. To extend specific actions on pathologies that are widely affecting Basque society.

Initiative 1. To prioritise mental and emotional health, especially among young people. To develop the 2023-2028 Basque Mental Health Strategy.

Initiative 2. To establish a suicide psychosocial support unit to care for the suicide victim's friends and family and offer specific support to those grieving for victims of this mental illness. Specialised care for these people will raise awareness of the disease and ensure their overall wellbeing.

Initiative 3. To implement active screening programmes in the Basque Country (breast, cervical and colorectal), with age extensions depending on prevalence, as well as extending organised screening to three more cancers (prostate, lung and gastric), taking into account the contrast of scientific evidence, through a new Oncology Plan for the Basque Country, within the framework of the European Plan to Combat Cancer and the EU Cancer Screening Plan.

Initiative 4. To draw up a Cardiovascular Health Strategy for the Basque Country, together with professionals and patient associations, establishing a framework that allows all the agents involved to identify and implement priority actions to meet the cardiovascular health challenges facing the Basque population. These include anti-smoking campaigns, hypertension control and the new Community Care plan. To launch the QBihotz programme through the application of Quantum Machine Learning for the Early Detection and prognosis of cardiovascular pathologies and cardiorespiratory arrest, which will benefit patients with these pathologies.

Initiative 5. To continue to expand the use of diagnostic tests that allow earlier identification of people at risk of diabetes to ensure greater prevention, early diagnosis and a more effective early multidisciplinary approach.

Initiative 6. To strengthen COVID-19 care protocols, with specialists attending to those affected in each of the pathologies caused by long COVID.

Initiative 7. To continue to expand oral health services, progressively completing the PADI and promoting the progressive incorporation of more groups to services.

Initiative 8. To develop the Basque Strategy for Neurodegenerative and Neuromuscular Diseases in the coming years, implementing a multisectoral and coordinated approach between the health, social and research spheres, and support for families and carers, based on the promotion of patient autonomy and respect for their decisions. To complete this task by addressing a Rare Disease Strategy.

Initiative 9. To proceed swiftly with the incorporation of new drugs that have already been approved by the European Medicines Agency (EMA), as well as to reduce the effective access time to these treatments, improving patient accessibility thereto.

- Initiative 10. To develop the goals of the Basque Palliative Care Plan 2023-2027, offering it to all who require it.
- Initiative 11. To promote the implementation of personalised medicine, together with the committees that have been set up, the professionals of the reference units and the research institutes of our health organisation, establishing a Basque Personalised Precision Medicine Plan with the aim of positioning the Basque Country as a benchmark in the implementation of precision medicine.
- Initiative 12. To expand and improve the fertility and assisted human reproduction programmes of Osakidetza's services to support motherhood and fatherhood in the Basque Country.
- Initiative 13. To develop the necessary actions to comply with the proposals for improvement identified by the Monographic Group on Eating Disorders.
- Initiative 14. To continue improving the diagnosis of Autistic Spectrum Disorders, hand in hand with professionals and agents of the third sector working in this field.
- Initiative 15. To implement a single protocol throughout Osakidetza, together with professionals specialising in the field and associations and agents working on gestational, perinatal and neonatal bereavement in the Basque Country, in order to provide comprehensive care for people suffering from gestational, perinatal and neonatal bereavement.
- Initiative 16. To develop the actions contemplated in the recently approved Plan for the Care of Stroke Patients in the Basque Country.

2. Social policies

Social development, social cohesion, empowerment, autonomy and an independent and full life for people are aspirations that can only be achieved through the establishment of social rights, through public leadership and cooperation between sectors, with the prevalence of social initiative.

These rights are guaranteed through the implementation of social policies that materialise them as protectable goods.

Social policies include, but also go beyond the portfolio of benefits and services of the Basque Social Services System and, from this perspective, our commitment is to strengthen cooperation in the areas of interaction with other systems and public policies.

The challenge is to advance in a new paradigm of transversal and intersectional social policies with an integral perspective that, with the maximum coordination of all the administrations involved and cooperation with society, leaves no one behind.

The person is the axis or centre of the Basque Social Services System. In the current social context, it is essential to address the structural transformations necessary to respond to social needs in the context of the socio-demographic, ecological and digital transitions we are experiencing.

In order to achieve this goal, the 2nd Strategic Plan for Social Services of the ACBC 2023-2026 establishes a strategic framework that constitutes an open and shared planning instrument in the process of transition towards a new model for the organisation of care and the adaptation of the Basque Social Services System. In this task, it will not be enough to sustain the efforts made so far, but we will also have to introduce innovations to make the system more efficient and sustainable.

Commitment 10. To promote a transversal and intersectional social policy in the Basque Social Protection System, based on the principle of policy coherence, for the sake of the cohesion of Basque society and the social welfare of all citizens.

Initiative 1. To strengthen coordination and cooperation between the subsystems that make up the Basque Social Protection System in order to respond to regional goals and complex problems, linked to the three transitions (social-demographic, digital and environmental), which require cooperation and innovation in the responses.

Initiative 2. To promote coordination mechanisms and multilevel and intersectoral policies between systems and public policies with a direct impact on social welfare, from an approach of modernisation of the administration, agility and innovation.

Initiative 3. To advance in the coordination and collaboration between the different departments of the Basque Government, Provincial Councils, Town Councils and the Third Social Sector in the field of social intervention and to promote civil dialogue, in accordance with the provisions of Act 6/2016, of 12 May, on the Third Social Sector of the Basque Country.

Initiative 4. To draft the evaluation report of the Basque Country's Social and Health Care Strategy 2021-2024 and review it.

Commitment 11. To promote the new Care Model, through a Country Pact for Care.

- Initiative 1. To continue working towards a model of social organisation of care characterised by public assurances, accountability and leadership, and the cooperation of other actors and sectors, with a prevalence of direct public management and social initiative in the provision of social services.
- Initiative 2. To commit to a transversal, systemic, preventive, inclusive and life-course care policy with the necessary support to solve complex situations and respond to the challenge of long-term care, within a set of measures and support actions that promote personal autonomy.
- Initiative 3. To promote a social organisation of care based on a gender and intersectional approach and co-responsibility. To establish as a strategic goal the reversal of the unequal distribution of unpaid care work between women and men. To promote, on the basis of co-responsibility, models that work towards a more equitable distribution of domestic and care tasks between women and men, encouraging professional intervention for this purpose.
- Initiative 4. To pay specific attention to the material conditions in which paid professional care work is carried out, establishing the goal of generating quality employment in this female-dominated sector as a potential niche for employment, growth and economic development. Addressing inadequate situations in the care sector, such as the conditions of migrant home carers.
- Initiative 5. To draft a Statute for carers, professionals and family members.
- Initiative 6. To promote care policy mainstreaming and policy coherence, ensuring the economic and social sustainability of care provision in line with evolving needs, capacities and resources.
- Initiative 7. To carry out awareness-raising campaigns that give social prestige to the care economy, making visible the contribution it makes to the productive economy.
- Initiative 8. To design a specific programme against unwanted loneliness in all stages of life, from a community of care perspective, with the leadership of the Basque Government, in collaboration with local councils and provincial councils and hand in hand with the third social sector, from a broad and global view of these situations and focusing on community development.

Commitment 12. Address situations of particular vulnerability and weakness.

- Initiative 1. To foster joint action between income guarantee systems, social services, socio-labour, socio-sanitary, socio-habitat... spaces, depending on specific collaboration needs, in order to guarantee support for the inclusion of people in a situation of special vulnerability and weakness.
- Initiative 2. To promote the development of the housing-based approach in addressing situations of severe residential exclusion—including, according to the ETHOS typology, homelessness and certain situations of inadequate housing—and housing emergencies.

- Initiative 3. To strengthen actions to prevent and tackle energy poverty, as well as other situations of poverty affecting particularly vulnerable people, with special care for those who face situations of multiple discrimination and/or lack a social support network, with a gender and intersectional approach linked to the diverse interactions that occur between the four factors (age, origin, gender and level of autonomy) that affect inequality and processes of social dualisation.
- Initiative 4. To deploy the 2nd Basque Strategy on Serious Residential Exclusion 2024-2028 in accordance with the approach of the six rights (health, education, social services, employment, guaranteed income and housing), with a particular emphasis on the exercise of the right to housing, from a housing-led or housing-first approach. The interinstitutional and interdepartmental commission foreseen in the strategy, with the participation of the Basque Third Social Sector, will be promoted for its monitoring.
- Initiative 5. To reduce child poverty. To promote a Child Guarantee strategy, aimed at children and adolescents in need and their families and, in particular, at the part of the child and adolescent population experiencing situations of poverty, exclusion or deprivation, with a preventive, standardised and inclusive approach, along the lines of Council Recommendation (EU) 2021/1004 establishing a European Child Guarantee.
- Initiative 6. To improve care, accelerating and consolidating inclusion processes, through cooperation in the Basque social protection system linked to the Basque inclusion plan.
- Initiative 7. To ensure care, with a gender-based focus, for people in situations of exclusion. To encourage the employment of people at risk of social exclusion and of young people and adults in chronic unemployment, paying particular attention to situations of residential exclusion and the prevention of homelessness, with a commitment to ensuring that everyone has a home.
- Initiative 8. To strengthen the bridges between the social and health systems, in order to provide comprehensive responses to people with illnesses and at risk of exclusion, based on a biopsychosocial model that pays attention to physical and mental health, as well as the social determinants of health.

Commitment 13. To develop the Basque social services system in accordance with the community approach and the principles of quality, innovation, new balance in care and sustainability.

- Initiative 1. To finalise the evaluation of the social services portfolio decree in order to adapt it to current demands and needs, ensuring fair funding. If necessary, to revise Act 12/2008 of 5 December 2008 on Social Services, based on broad political and social agreements.
- Initiative 2. To articulate a regional health care system without disparity of support and rights, ensuring equality and fairness in support, through the deployment of the set of functions that Article 40 of Act 12/2008, of 5 December 2008, on Social Services

attributes to the Basque Government, in its coordination competence, and the appropriate distribution of resources on a territorial and jurisdictional level.

- Initiative 3. To deploy a public and community model of care, in accordance with the principles of universality, solidarity, adequacy and budgetary sufficiency, which, in accordance with the European Union acquis, should inform services to people of general interest (education, health, social services, etc.). And, therefore, universal, affordable, accessible, equitable (appropriate to diverse needs), high-quality and sustainable.
- Initiative 4. To deploy the Basque Social Services Information System and promote new means of bringing information on rights closer to citizens and promoting their effective exercise. Accessible information in understandable language is the first step for anyone who needs access to the Basque Social Services System.
- Initiative 5. To promote the digital transformation of the Basque Social Services System by moving towards a common information system, developing the interoperability of all agents to enable a single digital social history.
- Initiative 6. To promote an R&D&I agenda in Social Services. To foster a Basque ecosystem of social innovation in the field of social services and policies in order to respond to social challenges through cooperation between administrations, with the third social sector, companies, universities and other knowledge agents. To foster a social entrepreneurship accelerator from the Gizalab Fundazioa Centre for Innovation in Social Policy, to provide support to projects that value the impact economy and social innovation in the field of care and social and socio-health policies.
- Initiative 7. To promote a strategic line of ethics in social services.
- Initiative 8. To foster an evidence-based governance style, evaluation culture and quality evaluation.
- Initiative 9. To make progress in the deployment of the gender and intersectional approach in the Basque Social Services System on the basis of an in-depth diagnosis that takes into consideration the processes, services and results of the system.
- Initiative 10. To improve the training of community and residential care professionals as a key element to improve the quality of care, adapting work dynamics to the new model of long-term care.

Commitment 14. To strengthen social and community development.

- Initiative 1. To promote the community approach, characterised by the personalisation, comprehensiveness, continuity and proximity of care, the preventive approach and the participation of individuals, families and target groups or collectives, directly

and through the organisations that represent them, in the intervention, services and care networks.

Initiative 2. To continue promoting community action entities and their articulation, as well as the strategy for the promotion of the Basque Third Social Sector and civil dialogue, based on the public-social cooperation model in driving projects, thus recognising the importance of the community space and the role of the Third Social Sector.

Commitment 15. To promote autonomy and social integration through the Basque Social Services System.

Initiative 1. To strengthen the model of primary and secondary care at home and in the community. To coordinate and collaborate with the different institutions to guarantee a viable model of home-centred care based on the complementarity of support and a lifelong care approach with an innovative system based on the systemic perspective, the personalisation of care and the strengthening of the social support network and social and health cooperation, as well as the development of technological supports such as advanced and predictive remote care for the treatment, prevention and detection of risks. To combine this action with care at a centre close to the home, aimed at both dependent persons and their carers.

Initiative 2. To adapt residential centres and promote collective cohabitation alternatives. To promote, together with the competent Provincial Councils in the management of the matter, the adaptation of the centres, reducing their size, designed as Coexistence Units and open to the community.

The aim is to adapt the intensity of social and health services to people's changing needs, providing greater continuity and personalisation of care and promoting coexistence among residents and an intergenerational approach, creating something akin to a home for people with support needs.

Initiative 3. To foster new housing and coexistence alternatives in the community (cohousing, intergenerational housing, etc.) through public projects and support for social initiative projects.

Initiative 4. To improve the training of professionals in the social and healthcare field and, specifically, in the residential field, as a key element to improve the quality of care.

Initiative 5. To improve care and accelerate and consolidate the processes of social integration with autonomy and inclusion, deconcentrating the exclusion network.

Commitment 16. To promote the autonomy of people with disabilities.

Initiative 1. To develop the necessary regulations to promote independent and free living for people with disabilities. To deploy the model of independent living in the community for people with disabilities, together with users, families, as well as with the associative movement representing the group. To promote a mode of care that

provides the necessary support in each situation so that each person can develop a self-realised life project in accordance with their personal characteristics, with a support network that addresses the specific ageing-related challenges of people with disabilities, children and young people and those with less intense support needs.

- Initiative 2. To encourage, strengthen and innovate as regards the most appropriate policies to offer this group more and better services that promote their independence and empowerment, so that these people are truly masters of their own lives.

3. Housing

The central mission of public housing policy must be to facilitate access to decent, adequate and affordable housing for those who cannot afford it on the open market. In particular to those in social need, and also to young people who wish to leave home and become independent. It is a question of moving forward and making the right to housing, which is enshrined in our legislation, an effective right.

To this end, it is necessary to articulate a collective commitment between all social and economic agents, public administrations and society in general, which, sharing medium and long-term strategic goals, establish the mechanisms, actions and systems to evaluate results and achieve these goals progressively.

Housing measures should especially target young people, a group that depends on housing to develop their life projects, as well as older people with limited resources or accessibility needs.

In the Basque Country, we have the Housing Act of 2015 and the Social Pact for Housing 2022-2036, which provide the general framework for concerted action between all the institutional and social agents involved, recognising the subjective right of citizens to decent housing and establishing, among other goals, an increase in the public supply of affordable rental housing and the rehabilitation of buildings and housing in the Basque Country with criteria of accessibility and energy efficiency.

Commitment 17. To address housing as a strategic axis of the legislature.

- Initiative 1. To draft and approve the strategic document for housing policy: the Housing Master Plan 2024-2027.
- Initiative 2. To promote policies for the construction and promotion of social and subsidised housing, expanding the public housing stock, and reserving 50% for people under 36 years of age.
- Initiative 3. To promote the rental market with tax incentives, in collaboration with the Provincial Councils, aimed especially at certain groups of taxpayers (young people and large families) or at groups that form part of public programmes for renting housing or renting with the right to buy.
- Initiative 4. To broaden the range of maximum incomes that allow access to public housing. Similarly, to analyse the inclusion of new quotas that would mean reserving a percentage in each subsidised housing development for people with special needs such as large families, separated or divorced people, single-parent families, victims of gender violence, for those Etxebide applicants who have been registered for the longest period or other groups at risk of exclusion.
- Initiative 5. To continue to promote the Bizigune programme, offering homeowners the possibility of obtaining an income in exchange for the transfer of their home to Alokabide. Alokabide will allocate this housing to social renting, reserving 50% of the empty dwellings collected for renting to young people, thus reducing the number of dwellings empty without just cause.

Initiative 6. To improve the conditions of the ASAP public intermediation programme, making it more attractive to private owners and increasing the offer for Etxebide applicants who are above the thresholds for the recognition of this right.

Initiative 7. To prioritise groups with the highest degree of social vulnerability as regards public housing policy, especially people who are beneficiaries of the right to housing.

Initiative 8. To establish agreements with third sector entities to develop a network of social housing with accompaniment for refugees, housing first, ageing, gender violence or young people without family connections.

Initiative 9. To promote a line of guarantees from the Basque Government to contribute to covering the guarantees of rental contracts for vulnerable people.

Initiative 10. To provide legal certainty concerning the limitations on tourist dwellings in certain municipalities, in application of Decree 101/2018.

Initiative 11. To strengthen the Basque Housing Observatory as a point of reference in the analysis, diagnosis and permanent evaluation of the housing situation in the Basque Country.

Initiative 12. To develop, within the framework of our competences, the mechanisms offered by the current legal system relating to the right to housing, especially those aimed at controlling rental prices managed by large landlords, through the declaration of stressed residential market areas.

Commitment 18. Helping young people to start a new life project.

Initiative 1. To extend the criteria for housing rental aid under the Gaztelagun programme by increasing the maximum individual income to €30,000.

Initiative 2. To increase the limit on the amount of annual income to €30,000 within the Emantzipa aid programme to promote the start or consolidation of the process by which young people become independent.

Initiative 3. To launch new measures aimed at young workers who remain above the threshold of subjective entitlement but who also have great difficulties in accessing the free market.

Initiative 4. To continue to promote, in collaboration with the local councils, the construction of accommodation facilities, preferably for young people.

Initiative 5. To assess the possibility of promoting different types of Publicly Subsidised Social housing (VPP), Special Regime Assessed housing (VPP) and Regional Regime Assessed (VPP). That is to say, to increase the Government's efforts, including types that have been left in the hands of local councils or private development and that can help young people not able to acquire social housing or special regime housing (VPO) to become independent.

Commitment 19. To expedite the procedures for the construction and rehabilitation of housing, especially subsidised housing.

- Initiative 1. To foster an inter-institutional commitment (Basque Government, Provincial Councils and Town Councils) with the aim of seeking formulas to activate land already qualified in the Basque Country for the construction of subsidised housing.
- Initiative 2. To promote the creation of a strategic reserve of land for public housing for subsidised rental to provide long-term support to housing policies.
- Initiative 3. To analyse the possibility of amending the current Land and Urban Planning and Housing legislation, reaching the necessary consensus, with the aim of expediting the processing of urban planning instruments under municipal jurisdiction in order to facilitate, while maintaining the necessary guarantees, reforms to General Plans or specific amendment to them that make a greater supply of housing possible.
- Initiative 4. To coordinate and bring together all the administrations involved in land planning and management under a joint procedure, so as to provide legal certainty and greater flexibility for land managers.
- Initiative 5. To encourage a streamlined procedure for the change of use of buildings in consolidated urban areas to enable the conversion of disused public and private buildings.

Commitment 20. To explore and promote new ways to address the need for affordable housing.

- Initiative 1. To extend innovative formulas for residence, such as temporary accommodation, collaborative cohousing, intergenerational housing and supervised flats, providing legal certainty and making viable projects such as these, which respond to new realities.
- Initiative 2. To promote a programme for the public purchase of housing for protected rentals.
- Initiative 3. To encourage the change of use of disused ground floors and warehouse buildings in urban areas with low commercial activity in order to convert them into housing. To this end, to promote the necessary regulatory changes.
- Initiative 4. To foster the construction of cooperative housing developments on a cession of use basis, which will facilitate the entry into a personalised home in exchange for a monthly payment, which, as it is not for profit, will be lower than that of conventional renting.
- Initiative 5. To instrumentalise the Public Housing Reserves as a means of exchange or swap of non-adapted housing owned by elderly people and/or people with reduced mobility, who will be able to access housing with adequate accessibility conditions in exchange for handing over their housing to the Administration, which will use it for social renting.
- Initiative 6. To foster, in collaboration with local councils, the segregation of old flats with a large surface area, especially in the capital cities, by means of an advisory service which, in turn, makes it possible to attract the resulting dwellings to rental housing intermediation programmes.

Initiative 7. To activate municipal initiatives for the creation of housing cooperatives, which could be owned, through a technical office that advises interested local councils.

Commitment 21. To promote rehabilitation and innovation in housing, improving energy efficiency, accessibility and sustainable construction.

Initiative 1. To promote rehabilitation interventions to solve accessibility and energy inefficiency problems, with new subsidies and lines of financing.

Initiative 2. To continue with the implementation of the Zero Plana Plan for the rehabilitation and decarbonisation of the public rental reserves, within the Strategic Initiative of the Science, Technology and Innovation Plan. As well as the Alokabizi project for the digital, sustainable and socially advanced management of the public rental reserves understood as a regional infrastructure.

Initiative 3. To promote, through the creation of specific programmes and participation in European programmes, innovation in housing design and construction processes, industrialised production especially aimed at optimising rental housing developments, and advanced architecture with sustainability criteria, zero energy consumption and zero CO2 emissions.

Initiative 4. To provide advice and aid, in collaboration with local councils, to private owners to enable the rehabilitation of obsolete dwellings in historic city centres in exchange for a commitment to include them in public intermediation programmes.

4. Education

The Basque Country has recently passed a new Education Act. This Act has been agreed upon by the two forces that make up the Basque Government and is the result of collaborative work between different parliamentary groups, the education sector, professionals and teachers, families and the rest of the agents in the education community.

Education is synonymous with social progress at all levels. The new Education Act will give stability and a new strategic character to the Basque Education System, making it possible to set out the path required to tackle future challenges. The Act underlines the leading role of the Basque public school as a basic reference that guarantees universal access to the education system on an equitable basis, and ensures equal opportunities regardless of the social, economic or other factors affecting pupils.

We wish to promote the essential values of the new Basque Education Act. Ensuring equality and cohesion. Committing to a forward-looking educational model that addresses the challenges facing Basque society. A high-quality, inclusive, equitable and community-based system with the co-responsibility of families, municipalities and the commitment of teachers, ensuring the school success of our students.

The government is committed to promoting its own new model of education, with values that guide students towards a committed and advanced society. An inclusive school model that is the backbone of cohesion and equality, that fights against segregation, embraces positive coexistence, co-education and promotes interculturality, always seeking the involvement of families and all members of the community.

Pre-school, primary and secondary education

Commitment 22. To promote a high-quality, inclusive and equitable education system that guarantees the educational success of our students, with public schools as a reference to guarantee universal access.

Initiative 1. To strengthen the model and essential nature of the Basque Public School by promoting, among others, the Basque Public School Council, with the aim of identifying, defending the needs and interests and giving visibility to the work and educational achievements of public schools, as well as fostering their integration into the environment and collaborative work between schools, promoting awareness of their own personality and the development of a Basque public school system that is competitive in terms of quality.

Initiative 2. To promote four-year Strategic Plans that establish the goals for each period, the material and human resources for their development, the improvement of infrastructures and the security and stability of management and teaching teams.

Initiative 3. To implement investment in public school infrastructures, with the promotion of comprehensive centres that are committed to coherent and consensual educational models. To promote buildings and educational centres with energy efficiency and control measures. This Programme envisages at least the following actions:

- Completion of works in progress:
 - IES Etxebarri
 - IES Muskiz
 - IES Zumaia
 - IES Salburua
 - CEIP Aldaialde (Vitoria-Gasteiz)
 - IES Orixe (Tolosa)
 - CEIP Musakola (Arrasate)
 - CEIP Astigarraga

- To make progress on ongoing projects:
 - Instituto Trueba (Barakaldo)
 - IES José Miguel Barandiaran (Leioa)
 - IES Egape Ikastola (Urnieta)
 - CEIP Haizeder (Ea)
 - CEIFP Elorrieta-Erreka Mari (Bilbao)
 - CEIP Ispaster
 - CIFP San Jorge (Santurtzi)
 - CEIP Urkitze (Bakio)

- To design and implement future educational infrastructures:
 - New educational infrastructure in Sopela
 - CPI Murgia (Zuia)
 - IES Aldaialde (Vitoria-Gasteiz)
 - IES Astigarraga
 - IES Urritxe (Amorebieta-Etxano)
 - CEIP Gatika
 - CEIP Manuela Zubizarreta (Etxebarria)
 - The Vocational Training Centre in Balmaseda

Initiative 4. To promote inclusive schooling in the centres that provide the Basque Public Education Service, and to promote a model of study aids within the framework of an educational equity plan, which provides the necessary financial aid and support to vulnerable students at all educational levels, to cover their full schooling and promote their educational success.

Initiative 5. To review and adapt the school map to current needs, taking into account medium-term population projections, strengthening the public school model.

Initiative 6. To intensively develop and deepen the autonomy of public schools, both in pedagogical and organisational aspects.

Initiative 7. To strengthen the pedagogical leadership of managers through management training and professionalisation. To reinforce, if necessary, the administrative staff to reduce bureaucratic management tasks, focusing on pedagogical aspects, group relations, organisation of teaching staff and promotion of plans for improvement, excellence and school coexistence and the fight against bullying.

Initiative 8. To promote the pedagogical role of public school canteens, ensuring that they can offer high-quality service that helps to teach healthy and sustainable eating habits. To analyse the possibility of guaranteeing adequate food for schoolchildren from vulnerable families during the holiday period.

Commitment 23. A clear commitment to equity and social cohesion.

Initiative 1. To develop the Social Pact against school segregation as an unequivocal commitment to inclusive education, social cohesion and diversity management, as well as to reinforce the development and application of Equality and Coexistence Plans and to deepen the measures included in the Strategic Plan for attention to diversity within the framework of inclusive schooling.

Initiative 2. To define the cost of a school place as a tool to advance towards effective free education for all schools that provide an educational service based on the principles of equity and excellence.

Initiative 3. To strengthen and promote unique and benchmark educational projects in highly complex centres and provide them with additional resources.

Initiative 4. To consolidate the system of scholarships and grants, avoiding inequalities in access to education. This system also applies to complementary services, extracurricular activities and school materials.

Initiative 5. We will consolidate the "Haurreskolak Patzuergoa" project as a model of free, inclusive and high-quality early schooling, implementing collaborative actions with municipal areas.

Initiative 6. To set up territorial enrolment offices to ensure balanced and inclusive schooling.

Commitment 24. An inclusive Basque education model.

Initiative 1. To promote programmes and measures to adapt educational action to the specific support needs of pupils and to contribute to their all-round development.

Initiative 2. To strengthen and improve educational guidance services, ensuring the maximum development of all pupils, taking into account their individual characteristics and encouraging the choice of appropriate career paths. To reduce early school leaving.

Initiative 3. To reinforce the strategy for highly gifted pupils, promoting programmes and activities to accompany and attend to their educational needs and promote the development of their talent.

Initiative 4. To promote positive and coeducational coexistence in all schools, reinforcing the development and application of initiatives that promote equality and coexistence in schools, with training for teachers and guidance teams.

Initiative 5. To promote and expand the "EUSLE" programme of comprehensive care for new students.

Initiative 6. To strengthen early care programmes for children's difficulties by improving the existing protocol and the management of its implementation.

Initiative 7. To strengthen collaboration with the Department of Health to promote healthy habits and the approach to mental health and other illnesses.

Commitment 25. A curriculum to address new challenges.

Initiative 1. To commit to the continuous improvement of our education system. To develop education by competences, placing the student at the centre of the teaching and learning process and committing to an education of excellence, guaranteeing reinforcement measures for educational success and leaving no one behind. To develop a new plan to improve school performance and indicators.

Initiative 2. To incorporate new strategic initiatives in Reading Plans: reading is the transversal axis of all areas of the educational curriculum.

Initiative 3. To promote proven methodological proposals that enhance mathematical reasoning and improve student learning at all educational stages.

Initiative 4. To incorporate new initiatives for the promotion of STEAM vocations.

Initiative 5. To promote the International Baccalaureate in the three territories to foster advanced curricular approaches.

Initiative 6. To boost digital strategies in schools with new programmes for the development of digital skills, digital literacy in programming and computational thinking, introducing Artificial Intelligence as a tool to improve learning and assessment, encouraging reflection among teachers and school management regarding its advantages, as well as regarding the use of electronic devices during class time.

Initiative 7. To foster knowledge and values to promote education for sustainability in educational projects.

Commitment 26. A multilingual and intercultural education system in a framework of internationalisation.

Initiative 1. To develop new plurilingual and intercultural frameworks centred on Euskera and Basque culture. Students should master Spanish, their own Euskera language and be proficient in at least one foreign language. To this end, the starting point and the socio-linguistic and socio-economic characteristics of each environment will be taken into account, with the aim of ensuring that pupils acquire the necessary linguistic level and competences required at the end of each educational stage. All this must be structured in each school's language curriculum, within a common framework, as set out in the Education Act and its Explanatory Memorandum.

Initiative 2. To create the Institute for the Learning of Basque and Languages, which will take on the mission of working on the main strategies and actions in the field of languages in the curriculum. To strengthen English language proficiency to ensure compliance with the goals set out in the new law.

Initiative 3. To reinforce pupils' linguistic competence in all the languages of the curriculum, in order to achieve the required linguistic levels in the different languages and the successful learning of the rest of the subjects and competences that make up the curriculum.

Initiative 4. To implement linguistic and methodological training programmes for all teachers.

Initiative 5. To promote projects in collaboration with local entities to encourage participation in extracurricular activities that promote the use of the Basque language.

Commitment 27. To commit to teacher leadership as a lever for educational transformation and continuous improvement.

Initiative 1. To update the initial and ongoing training of teaching staff in collaboration with the agents of the Basque University System.

Initiative 2. To promote dual training in alternation in the university training of teachers, facilitating their practical learning with contracts and scholarships in educational centres.

Initiative 3. To foster a culture of evaluation and performance improvement. To promote a comprehensive evaluation system covering the different areas of the education system: teachers, management, students and support services.

Initiative 4. To promote the development of advanced and contrasted methodologies in the centres of the Basque educational system, allowing them to progress in their educational improvement by creating collaboration networks through the different areas that will make up the "Innovation Centre for Learning".

Initiative 5. To identify and promote successful educational experiences and collaborative networks between schools and teachers for the transfer of successful learning models.

Initiative 6. To promote collaborative research between the universities of the Basque University System and the educational centres of the Basque Education System in order to validate contrasted learning models.

Commitment 28. A Basque education with international projection.

Initiative 1. To promote the internationalisation of the education system, boosting the internationalisation of schools and the exchange of students and teachers.

Initiative 2. To promote collaborative networks in successful innovation programmes, through participation in European programmes.

Initiative 3. To promote collaboration with the "Euroregion New Aquitaine Euskadi Navarre".

Vocational training

Commitment 29. High-Performance Training in Vocational Education and Training.

- Initiative 1. To position Basque Vocational Training as a world benchmark in the development of training that responds to the fourth and incipient fifth industrial revolution. To implement a new paradigm of professional development, promoting its international projection and reinforcing the value chain in the Basque Country's competitiveness, establishing the necessary regulations and plans for this purpose.
- Initiative 2. To extend a more flexible and accessible vocational training offer, also promoting blended and distance learning, expanding online training and the possibilities of accrediting diplomas and/or certificates in this modality.
- Initiative 3. To promote, in the field of Vocational Training, advances in the training of students in Basque and in multilingualism, thereby ensuring the integration and linguistic continuity of secondary education.
- Initiative 4. To foster the incorporation of English as a reference language in vocational education and training, facilitating students' access to job opportunities in a context of internationalisation of companies.
- Initiative 5. To promote vocational training that responds to new sectors such as industry, health or smart agriculture, as well as other training in strategic and emerging sectors.
- Initiative 6. To foster innovative talent, reinforcing the incorporation of women into the industrial and science sectors, also extending the different itineraries, links and collaborations of Vocational Training with the University, and promoting the creation of new companies in emerging sectors.
- Initiative 7. To transform VET institutions into smart organisations, to lead the full development of the digital transformation of the entire VET system. To encourage centres to support SMEs and micro-SMEs to work with the most advanced smart technologies, acquiring the know-how needed to respond effectively to new challenges.
- Initiative 8. To promote Erasmus+ grants for vocational training students. To support schools in promoting their role as host schools for European pupils.
- Initiative 9. To strengthen the Dual Vocational Training system. To encourage the development of agreements with companies related to their sector, a dual training model in alternation through training contracts, scholarships or internships for students and promote accreditation processes of competences acquired in the social or labour sphere by strengthening the Competence Recognition and Evaluation Device, as well as open accreditation processes that allow the population to accredit the professional competences that they already possess.

Commitment 30. Vocational training as a tool for lifelong learning, and flexible and accessible training.

- Initiative 1. To promote lifelong learning through Basque Vocational Training, by means of a very flexible, adjusted and accessible training offer for all, including students, working people and the unemployed. This training shall assist them in their field of

work, promoting and extending on-line options through blended or distance learning.

Initiative 2. To promote an entrepreneurial culture among Vocational Training students in order to encourage their proactivity in the creation of companies.

Initiative 3. To increase the number of people with intermediate qualifications, without slowing down the progress of higher vocational education and training. To promote and extend the model of double degrees to three years.

Commitment 31. Vocational training aligned with sustainable development goals and inclusive.

Initiative 1. To promote and consolidate inclusive vocational training, supporting disadvantaged people and those with special needs.

Initiative 2. To promote and develop vocational training that is aligned with sustainable development goals.

Initiative 3. To develop a new specific programme to incorporate women into industrial vocational training as an instrument to improve the quality of women's employment and reduce the wage gap.

University and Research

Commitment 32. To strengthen the Basque university ecosystem.

Initiative 1. To develop a wide-ranging agreement with university agents that will take the form of a Charter for Basque and International University Education and Research. A Charter that will set out the pillars of Basque university and research policy with an international vision for the next decade.

Initiative 2. To commit to a university system that is geared towards excellence and contributes to the generation of talent and advanced knowledge as levers of response to the technological-digital challenge and to the economic and social development of the Basque Country.

Commitment 33. New University System Plan as a strategic planning and management tool.

Initiative 1. To approve a new Basque University System Plan 2026-2030 with a view to boosting public-private investment.

Initiative 2. To guarantee the essential nature of the UPV/EHU within the Basque university system, ensuring a sufficient funding model for the fulfilment of its aims and the improvement of its quality. To ensure investment in the improvement and construction of new public university infrastructures.

Commitment 34. To guarantee equity, equality and promote Basque as an academic language in the Basque university ecosystem.

Initiative 1. To streamline the system of scholarships and study grants, improving their amount and procedure by increasing them annually by 6%.

Initiative 2. To promote strategies to guarantee real equality between men and women in university education and scientific research, collaborating in the development of the STEAM Euskadi strategy from the university sphere.

Initiative 3. To promote training and research in the Basque language.

Initiative 4. To promote programmes that encourage the provision of online training in Basque.

Initiative 5. To create an instrument that allows students to access funding for university, technical or professional studies in other educational centres outside the Basque Country.

Commitment 35. To strengthen the company + university relationship and promote VET + University training.

Initiative 1. To encourage dual training in alternation through agreements between universities and companies for internships and dual training in alternation through employment contracts or grants.

Initiative 2. To encourage the transfer of scientific knowledge to society, both to individuals and companies. To support the dissemination of science from universities to society, as well as national projects, such as the Basque Quantum Quantum Computer, providing a new major scientific infrastructure for the country.

Initiative 3. To extend the offer of joint VET + University degrees.

Initiative 4. To continue extending Dual Training both in vocational training and in the University in collaboration with the Basque business fabric.

Commitment 36. To improve science policy and research excellence and its alignment with Europe, with Ikerbasque as a major player.

Initiative 1. To increase investment in pre-doctoral and post-doctoral programmes by an average of 6% per year.

Initiative 2. To double the contract period postdoctoral researchers on their return, extending it up to 4 years.

Initiative 3. To move towards the goal of achieving public-private investment equivalent to 3% of GDP in science, technology and innovation by 2030, increasing investment in science policy and research excellence by an average of 6% per year.

- Initiative 4. To develop a strategy with the aim of stabilising the work of trainee and interim research and teaching staff.
- Initiative 5. To promote the recruitment of research personnel of excellence through Ikerbasque, encouraging collaboration between research groups of excellence.
- Initiative 6. To launch the "Ikerbasque + Company" programme to accentuate the impact of science on the economic and social development of the Basque Country. To promote university research and BERC centres of excellence, as well as their connection with the rest of the Basque science, technology and innovation network.

Commitment 37. To deepen the internationalisation of the Basque university ecosystem

- Initiative 1. To promote the relationship between the Basque university system and other excellent university systems, especially by deepening the Basque-Navarre-New Aquitaine collaboration.
- Initiative 2. To guarantee international mobility in an equitable manner for students in the Basque University System by reinforcing the current system of grants.
- Initiative 3. To promote the preparation of doctoral theses with international honours.
- Initiative 4. To increase the number of master's degrees at the UPV/EHU aimed at international students.
- Initiative 5. To expand the training offer in English and promote the international recognition of research activity, also facilitating the attraction, training and retention of the most brilliant researchers and support for research groups.

5. Security

Security is a fundamental pillar of the well-being, stability and progress of any society. It is a manifestation of the commitment to protect citizens against physical threats and threats to their fundamental rights, emotional and psychological integrity. Police and the law are fundamental pillars underpinning security in a society.

The police play a crucial role in protecting citizens and preventing crime. Their presence and action promotes respect for established rules and discourages behaviour that could jeopardise public safety and peace. The police must anticipate new forms of crime by adapting its organisation, human and technological means and functioning.

For this reason, we have to face the internal and global security challenges we are currently facing: cybercrime, the increase in organised crime and hate crimes, the radicalisation of violence and public disorder under the guise of sporting events, gender violence, climate change, etc., in a decisive and firm manner and without delay.

Commitment 38. To improve and modernise the structure of the Ertzaintza.

- Initiative 1. To promote dialogue and an agreement on the Regulatory Agreement on the Working Conditions of the Ertzaintza. Within this framework, to make progress in

updating productivity, corrective indexes and the professional development system for Ertzaintza personnel. To strengthen and adapt personnel by drawing up a plan to cover vacancies and a calendar of calls for applications, and a plan to modernise the Ertzaintza.

- Initiative 2. To renew the Ertzaintza's infrastructures and tools, including the renovation of the Durango police station, the renewal of the helicopter fleet and the renewal and modernisation of the vehicle fleet.
- Initiative 3. To promote the Equipment and Materials Commissions, reinforcing the participation of Ertzaintza staff representatives.
- Initiative 4. To maintain, improve and develop the Basque Police and Emergency Academy as the central training institution of the Euskal Polizia, in order to address the present and future challenges of the Ertzaintza and Local Police. To reinforce continuous training throughout the professional stage, updating agents' training as regards the changing face of crime.
- Initiative 5. To provide police officers with individual cameras in order to ensure legal certainty, provide evidence to courts when a criminal offence is committed and guarantee the transparency of their actions.
- Initiative 6. To strengthen the Emergency Unit to improve the capacity to respond to possible emergency or disaster situations.

Commitment 39. To improve and update the service in line with the current criminological reality.

- Initiative 1. To strengthen investigative units dealing with emerging crimes such as organised crime.
- Initiative 2. To develop CyberZaintza (Basque Cybersecurity Agency) to combat, in a comprehensive and transversal manner, the threats arising from the use of the Internet and new technologies in the Basque Country and invest in systems and Artificial Intelligence.
- Initiative 3. To establish specialised units to investigate fraud, scams, digital threats and extortion.
- Initiative 4. To develop programmes to prevent, detect and address violence against children and adolescents at an early stage, through a specific strategy. To promote the creation of programmes to raise awareness and prevent cyberbullying and gender-based violence online.

Commitment 40. To develop a gender-sensitive security system.

- Initiative 1. To adapt the EBA system against domestic and gender-based violence to new risk assessments that make it possible to identify and anticipate different cases of gender-based violence.

Initiative 2. To strengthen coordinated care for victims of gender-based violence against women through integrated case file management and interoperability. To articulate the protection and well-being of the victim as a priority element, with the aim of encouraging their recovery and reparation.

Initiative 3. To encourage the incorporation and internal promotion of women in the Ertzaintza by establishing a specific strategy for this purpose, especially in terms of recruitment with a gender perspective.

Commitment 41. Achieving comprehensive and interconnected security.

Initiative 1. To develop a new Basque Country Security Plan that adapts the different institutions that make up the Basque Public Security System to the new social and criminological reality.

Initiative 2. To implement a Police Coordination System in the Basque Country that allows information to be shared in real time in order to distribute operational resources in accordance with the needs of the Public Security System at any given moment in time.

Initiative 3. To articulate the network of relations with civil society, citizens' associations and collectives, in order to establish stable channels of communication. These channels make it possible to receive citizens' demands and transmit information in real time on the different events that may affect them.

Initiative 4. To strengthen the position of the Basque security system in international civil protection and police cooperation spheres and agencies.

Initiative 5. To implement effective coordination between administrations to simplify procedures for citizens and to promote specific prevention programmes against gender-based violence, violent radicalisation and to enhance the safety of the elderly and promote coexistence.

Commitment 42. To encourage specialisation in research and road safety

Initiative 1. To boost the professional career of Ertzaintza investigators, increasing investment in training and continuing education, especially in the use of technology and advanced forensic science.

Initiative 2. To promote the development of Road Safety specialists within the Ertzaintza, offering appropriate professional training.

6. Basque language

Thanks to institutional action and the determination of Basque society, knowledge and use of Basque has increased in recent decades. The new challenge is to create the necessary conditions for the use of our language to continue to grow in the social sphere. To this end, the Basque Country has drafted the document "Aroa. The strategic framework for the revitalisation and empowerment of the Basque language" for the next 10 years, to be deployed over the next decade.

The world is changing and so is the way people relate to each other, both face-to-face and digitally. We live in contexts where multilingualism is becoming increasingly widespread. This is an opportunity for our language. We are on the threshold of a new sociolinguistic culture and live in a society that seeks balanced bilingualism and also wishes to recognise the diversity of multilingual speakers.

Basque is the heritage of all Basques, whether they speak it or not, and we must promote the necessary policies to ensure Basque continues to gain ground both in our society and in the complex and changing digital world.

The process of revitalising the Basque language must continue. It is essential to multiply the number of active speakers. The aim is to gain new areas for communication in Basque in the family, street, school, leisure, sport, the workplace, health and care areas or in the digital environment, with the aim of guaranteeing the linguistic rights of Basque citizens.

Basque and Spanish are official languages in the Basque Country. The aim is for Basque to become an official language in Europe as well.

Commitment 43. To increase knowledge of the Basque language and promote its use in all environments.

- Initiative 1. To initiate the process to offer anyone the possibility of learning Basque free of charge, progressively, at all levels, from A1 to C2.
- Initiative 2. To support agreements that, through collective bargaining, facilitate the leave and hours necessary for workers to be able to study Basque without having to use their personal time for training.
- Initiative 3. To create a self-learning app for Basque on electronic devices.
- Initiative 4. To offer specific training in Basque to migrants and students with special needs.
- Initiative 5. To contribute to the funding of the Basque language teaching system for adults through the ordinary calls for Euskaltegi funding, in order to improve the working conditions of the teaching staff.
- Initiative 6. To develop the Plan for the Normalisation of Basque in the Socio-economic Sphere 2024-2027.
- Initiative 7. To promote the BIKAIN Language Management Quality Certificate, and to undertake the necessary adaptations to make it more effective.

Initiative 8. To work with social and business agents on tools for advice and technical assistance for the extension of the use of Basque in service companies that provide services to the public, giving priority to large companies.

Initiative 9. To encourage renowned sports groups to become benchmarks in the use of the Basque language, especially in courses and activities aimed at children.

Commitment 44. To move towards a guarantee of linguistic rights and towards a normalised linguistic coexistence.

Initiative 1. To guarantee the use of the official language chosen by each person in all relations between the Basque public administration and citizens.

Initiative 2. To deploy and implement Decree 19/2024, of 22 February, on the normalisation of the use of Basque in the Basque Public Sector, adopting the necessary measures for this purpose in terms of aid and time off to encourage and facilitate the learning of Basque by public employees. To encourage aid and time off for learning Basque available to career civil servants for other public employees, as well as for the staff of the entities making up the Basque Public Sector.

Commitment 45. To promote strategies and processes to extend the Basque language to new and emerging fields.

Initiative 1. To continue to make progress in the integration of Basque into language technologies by developing tools such as voice recognition systems (transcription), automatic dialogue systems (chatbots), and spelling, grammar and gender-neutral language correctors.

Initiative 2. To promote subtitling and dubbing in Basque in as many national and international audiovisual productions as possible, seeking collaboration with the major international operators that offer audiovisual content on demand.

Initiative 3. To promote the use of Basque in extracurricular activities in collaboration with provincial councils, town councils and sports federations. The aim is for Basque to advance as a common language among girls, boys and young people under the age of 16 in these leisure and sporting activities.

Initiative 4. To promote the translation of works in Basque into any other language and vice versa, thereby increasing the number of quality works available to the demand for culture in Basque.

7. Culture

Culture plays a fundamental role in the constant development, adaptation and transmission of individual and collective values. In short, it builds community. For all these reasons, we believe it is essential to develop public policies that guarantee our country's own, local, sustainable and diverse cultural creation and production, accessibility and equity in the cultural sphere, as well as the conservation, management and transmission of our cultural heritage.

A society solidly rooted in democratic principles requires a citizenry that with the tools to form its own opinions and vision of the world around it. In this role of educating well-informed, critical and analytical citizens, access to culture—past, present and future—is a vitally important pillar.

Culture is also an area of growing economic impact. Cultural and creative industries are increasingly important for the economy, employment and innovation. Along these lines, public-private collaboration is also fundamental in the field of culture and public policies, in addition to fostering cultural activity, must promote such collaboration.

For all these reasons, the Basque Government, together with the Basque cultural agents, will develop policies to promote cultural talent, boost the cultural offer and encourage the transmission of the memory and cultural heritage of the Basque Country.

Commitment 46. To deepen inter-institutional collaboration and good governance of public policies in the cultural field.

Initiative 1. To deploy and develop the Strategic Plan for Culture 2028 in collaboration with the rest of the institutions and agents that make up the Basque Country's public sector.

Initiative 2. To promote the Cultural System Act to guarantee the right of citizens to access culture, define the competences that institutions have in cultural matters and lay the foundations for a solid and coordinated cultural system for the future.

Commitment 47. To support creators, artists and cultural professionals in order to promote creation and cultural production in the Basque Country and multiply the opportunities for the development of talent

Initiative 1. To maintain and update public support for the creation and production of culture, especially promoting culture in Basque and the empowerment of women.

Initiative 2. To promote training and residency programmes for artists and creators, with an emphasis on international programmes.

Initiative 3. To improve and consolidate the professionalisation of culture through the creation of a census of artists, the creation of a guide of good practices in the contracting of cultural initiatives, the monitoring of their contracting conditions and the promotion of fiscal decisions in collaboration with the Provincial Councils.

Initiative 4. To favour the creation of agreements on the working conditions of the different professionals in the cultural ecosystem.

Initiative 5. To encourage management training for self-employed workers and micro-SMEs in the cultural and creative sector. To support the entrepreneurship of cultural agents, taking into account the uniqueness of their social and economic activity.

- Initiative 6. Through collaboration between the areas of culture and education, the Provincial Councils, the cultural sector and the educational community, to foster creative abilities in children, adolescents and young people, as well as early contact with the different artistic disciplines, and to promote programmes for the discovery and promotion of artistic and cultural creation in the educational system.
- Initiative 7. To promote the works of Basque artists at fairs, festivals and markets organised around the world, especially in strategic regions for the Basque Country, in collaboration with the Etxepare Institute.
- Initiative 8. To continue promoting Basque cultural and audiovisual productions in order to disseminate the "Euskadi – Basque Country" brand throughout the world, in collaboration with EITB.
- Initiative 9. To work with the Provincial Councils in generating the necessary environment so that amateur cultural creation also has its own channels of expression and socialisation.

Commitment 48. To enrich the cultural offer and bring it closer to society and to promote strategic projects that favour citizens' access to culture.

- Initiative 1. To promote an action plan for the promotion of reading aimed at Basque youth and to foster the Basque Country Reading Map as a basic tool for the development of policies aimed at promoting reading. To this end, all agents will be involved in the creation, publishing, distribution and marketing of books, as well as the indispensable role that the Basque library network must continue to play.
- Initiative 2. To participate, together with the Vitoria Gasteiz City Council and the Provincial Council of Araba, in the refurbishment and extension of the Teatro Principal in Vitoria-Gasteiz.
- Initiative 3. To collaborate with the Donostia City Council in positioning the city as a cultural reference in Europe, analysing projects such as the improvement and renovation of the technical space of the Victoria Eugenia Theatre or the creation of an artistic residency.
- Initiative 4. To take into consideration the framework of the Plan for the reactivation of the Busturialdea-Urdaibai region and the environmental actions included in the agreement with the Ministry of Ecological Transition, in order to advance the Guggenheim Urdaibai project within the Board of Trustees of the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao and in collaboration with the Provincial Council of Bizkaia.
- Initiative 5. To promote the production and dissemination of shows, the generation of new audiences and the presence of Basque cultural initiatives outside the Basque Country, in collaboration with other public institutions, venues and agents involved in the training, creation, production and dissemination of the performing arts.

Commitment 49. To enhance and ensure the conservation, management and transmission of the Basque Country's cultural heritage.

- Initiative 1. To promote traditional cultural activities, such as Basque choirs or dances, to ensure their generational renewal and survival.
- Initiative 2. To promote investment in the Basque Country's cultural heritage, making progress on the commitment that at least 1% of the budget items earmarked for financing public works should be allocated to this area.
- Initiative 3. To make visible, with the participation of Emakunde, the importance of women's contribution to the construction of collective memory and cultural heritage.
- Initiative 4. To promote an integrated plan for the recovery, conservation, enhancement and transmission of Basque industrial heritage.
- Initiative 5. To strengthen our network of libraries and contribute to the necessary qualification and training of professionals with the aim of bringing culture closer to the citizens, developing the Basque Library Act 11/2007.

Commitment 50. To promote innovation and digitisation in culture.

- Initiative 1. To create a working group to analyse the influence of Artificial Intelligence on culture.
- Initiative 2. To strengthen the digital skills and entrepreneurial capacities of the cultural sector and reinforce the commitment to the Cultural and Creative Industries. The aim is to position the Basque Country as a European reference territory, consolidating the Basque District of Culture and Creativity.

8. Youth

Basque young people need effective support in order to become independent at the desired age and develop their life projects with autonomy, participating fully in society and exercising their rights.

The recently approved Youth Act and the Basque Strategy 2030 to promote youth emancipation establish a framework of rights and an ecosystem of support measures in key areas such as access to housing, quality employment and disposable income, among others.

It is essential to give continuity to and intensify these public policies in order to make all these rights and supports effective so that they contribute to bringing forward the age of emancipation of Basque youth and to making the autonomy of young people's life projects possible.

With this aim in mind, this legislature must make progress on the ten driving projects of the Basque Strategy 2030 to promote youth emancipation and, on this basis, implement new initiatives, such as those included below, to reinforce and consolidate its contents.

Commitment 51. To promote quality employment and support youth entrepreneurship.

Initiative 1. To support the creation of quality jobs for young people, resulting in good salaries, good working conditions, ambitious career development, greater job flexibility and work-life balance opportunities.

Initiative 2. To continue to support the employment of young people, favouring access to a first work experience. At the same time, to monitor work experience programmes in companies in order to help ensure that they take place in conditions that are suitable for young people.

Initiative 3. To intensify generational replacement programmes in particularly ageing sectors, such as the primary sector and small businesses.

Initiative 4. To promote a specific financing instrument for young entrepreneurs.

Commitment 52. To help young people to start a new life project.

Initiative 1. To intensify aid so that young people can have access to affordable rented housing, both through subsidy programmes and tax incentives, in collaboration with the Provincial Councils.

Initiative 2. To promote the construction of 7,000 social and affordable rental housing units over the course of the legislature, increasing the current reserve for this group (people under 36 years of age) from 40% to 50% in the allocation of rental housing promoted by the Basque Government.

Initiative 3. To increase the limit on the amount of annual income to €30,000 within the Emantzipa aid programme to promote the start or consolidation of the process by which young people become independent.

Initiative 4. To extend the criteria for housing rental aid under the Gaztelagun programme, increasing the maximum individual income to €30,000.

Initiative 5. To promote agreements with local councils to promote municipal housing plans and to be able to provide rental flats for young people, generating 3,000 new homes on a rotational basis. To promote, in collaboration with the local councils, the construction of accommodation facilities, preferably for young people.

Initiative 6. To promote a line of guarantees, aimed at young people, so that they can complete the financing of the loan requested in the case of the purchase of a home.

Initiative 7. To reserve 50% of the vacant dwellings collected through Bizigune for renting to young people.

Initiative 8. To expedite, in collaboration with Provincial Councils and Town Councils, the implementation of the GAZ Service offices (Gazteriaren ibilbideak Abiarazteko Zerbitzua), to offer information, guidance and personalised support for the emancipation processes of young people, bringing them closer to all available resources.

Commitment 53. To develop a comprehensive youth policy that addresses the priorities of young people.

Initiative 1. To develop the process of defining and approving the Basque Youth Strategy for the period 2024-2030 in collaboration with the rest of the Basque public administrations and with the Basque Youth Council, with the aim of articulating joint responses that address the priorities of health, education, climate change, culture, leisure, participation, equality or coexistence, expressed by young people in the participatory processes.

Initiative 2. To culminate the agreement process to reach a regional youth pact. Along these lines, to promote, in collaboration with the Basque Youth Council, spaces for dialogue that encourage the participation of young people in the co-creation of public policies, in order to respond to their needs.

Initiative 3. To promote a loan programme, with the possibility of long-term repayment, to finance young people's training projects, such as postgraduate studies or language learning. This programme would be complementary to the reinforcement of scholarship programmes.

Initiative 4. To strengthen education in educational leisure time, in collaboration with leisure time networks and groups, which contribute to the promotion of the autonomy, participation and social commitment of young people.

Initiative 5. To launch the "Basque Green Talent" (green employment) programme to train young people in the opportunities of the circular economy.

9. Demographic challenge

The demographic situation is a matter of priority concern for most societies in the world, with a particular impact on Europe. It is both highly complex and a source of opportunities. The demographic imbalance we are experiencing is, to a large extent and paradoxically, a consequence of the success of the public policies we have developed in the Basque Country to protect and deploy people's fundamental rights, such as health, and also of having managed to extend life expectancy and healthy or disability-free life expectancy.

Responding to the demographic challenge is a strategic regional goal. One of the most important in the perspective of the coming decades. We need to rejuvenate the Basque Country, because this generational balance is essential to safeguarding our welfare model.

The Basque Strategy 2030 for the Demographic Challenge is in line with the policies implemented in the countries that are achieving the best results in responding to this challenge. This legislature must develop the entire Strategy and, on this basis, implement new policies that contribute to solving the demographic challenge facing the Basque Country.

To extend the inter-institutional dimension of the Strategy in the field of public policies that can be transversal to the different institutional levels, actively developing a collaboration framework with the Provincial Councils and Town Councils, as well as with other agents of civil society.

Commitment 54. To support the family and promote the birth rate.

- Initiative 1. To extend the time horizon of the direct aid of €200 per month per dependent child, so that it is progressively extended from the child's 3rd birthday to the age of 7, or to the age of 10 in the case of large or single-parent families, respecting the current criteria.
- Initiative 2. To promote the extension of the Haurreskolak offer, increasing its territorial distribution. To promote other alternatives, in complementary timetables, to extend the possibilities of reconciliation, as well as to continue developing actions linked to professionalised formulas for the care of minor children, within the parameters set out in the Basque Strategy 2030 for the Demographic Challenge.
- Initiative 3. To promote morning classes in schools to support work-life balance.
- Initiative 4. To extend the demographic perspective with its dual rural and urban dimension to all public policies in order to work from all areas in response to this challenge.
- Initiative 5. To extend paternity and maternity leave to 24 weeks with equal and non-transferable leave, promoting, always with respect for the autonomy of the social partners, the advisability of trade unions and employers' organisations addressing this issue within the framework of the Interprofessional Agreement.
- Initiative 6. To endow single-parent families with specific rights in order to offer public policies tailored to their needs.

Commitment 55. To strengthen the Basque Country's human capital.

- Initiative 1. To consider the reinforcement of the Basque Country's human capital as a new priority line of action in the Basque Strategy 2030 for the Demographic Challenge.

The aim is to respond to the growing difficulties of generational replacement and labour shortages in the labour market.

Initiative 2. Within the framework of the Basque Strategy 2030 for the Demographic Challenge, to draw up a comprehensive plan for the socio-occupational incorporation of immigrants, which includes qualifications, work experience and the management of work and reception permit authorisations, so that a coherent and integrated response can be provided for an intelligent and inclusive management of those who come to the Basque Country in search of an opportunity.

Commitment 56. To support the integration of migrants and refugees.

Initiative 1. To strengthen reception programmes for migrants and refugees. To develop the Herreragune pilot programme, conceived as a comprehensive service to improve reception and accompaniment in the process of incorporation on arrival.

Initiative 2. To promote legal advice and specialised support services in the processes of social integration and coexistence.

Initiative 3. To strengthen support programmes for the transition to adult life of young immigrants without a family support network.

Initiative 4. To incorporate a gender perspective in the design of policies aimed at migrants, taking into account the specific situations and reality of women.

Initiative 5. To promote policies that fall within the competence of the Basque Government in terms of the reception and integration of migrants and refugees, as well as to continue developing the definition and promotion of a Basque model of reception in collaboration with the State Government. Consequently, to implement with the Spanish government a framework of co-governance and collaboration in order to intensify cooperation relations, improve the efficiency of how people are received, as well as to facilitate the joint use of public resources and services, through reciprocal assistance and the exchange of information.

Initiative 6. To negotiate and agree with the Spanish government on the transfer of competencies in the processing and resolution of work permits for foreigners.

10. Physical activity and sport

The Basque Government understands physical and sporting activity in its dimension as a school of values, a source of individual and collective health and well-being and a universal right to be developed, defending an integral vision of the Basque sporting ecosystem, based on the promotion and respect for the sphere of action of each of the institutions, agents, associations and federations that make it up.

Public policies on sport and physical activity should combine support for competitive sport with the promotion of public health, as well as social cohesion and accessibility. Sport is also a factor of international projection for the Basque Country.

Commitment 57. Internationalisation of sport and promotion of national teams.

- Initiative 1. To support the Basque sports federations that are working towards the official status of their teams in official international championships, taking into consideration the framework of the agreement reached with the Spanish Government.
- Initiative 2. To accompany the Union of Basque Sports Federations in providing the necessary support and coverage to the Basque Federations so that they can promote and encourage the participation of Basque teams in national and international competitions, including official ones.
- Initiative 3. To assist the Basque Federations in promoting and holding sporting events between teams.
- Initiative 4. To reinforce support for Basque national teams, in accordance with Basque Act 2/2023 on Physical Activity and Sport, as well as for top-level sportsmen and sportswomen and teams competing at the international level, as elements of the external projection of the Euskadi – Basque Country brand.
- Initiative 5. To work towards attracting and managing leading international sporting events, as an opportunity to develop our identity and project the Basque Country abroad, consolidating the Euskadi – Basque Country brand.
- Initiative 6. To promote the continuous improvement and quality of our autochthonous sports, with a strategic vision in order to achieve a greater international presence of Basque Pelota, Rowing or Herri Kirolak.

Commitment 58. To promote physical activity as a tool for social values.

- Initiative 1. To complete the regulatory development of the Act on access to and exercise of physical activity and sport professions in the Basque Country and the Act on physical activity and sport in the Basque Country, reaching its full potential.
- Initiative 2. To promote equality and equity in sport, as well as in adapted sport, promoting its inclusion in conventional Federations.

Commitment 59. To promote sport as a healthy activity, promoting strategic projects and supporting the athletes of the Basque Country.

- Initiative 1. To promote sport and active life. The creation of the BAPPA Plan (Basque Plan of Physical Activity) will mark a milestone in the promotion of an active life, positioning our sportsmen and women as benchmarks for an active and healthy life.
- Initiative 2. To develop a research strategy, in collaboration with academic institutions, strengthening the scientific base that supports physical activity and sport and disseminating its results among Basque society.
- Initiative 3. To convert the Residence for Sportsmen and Sportswomen and the Fadura Training Centre into a space of reference in Europe. It will be projected as the epicentre of high-level Basque sporting development.
- Initiative 4. To reinforce grants to promote high performance in sport and opportunities for the development and projection of Basque sportsmen and women in international competitions, including the Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- Initiative 5. To initiate the comprehensive transformation of the Anoeta and Ilunbe sports complex in Donostia, together with the Donostia City Council and the Provincial Council of Gipuzkoa.
- Initiative 6. To promote the construction of the "Maialen Chorrout-Orbeldi Whitewater Canal" in Usurbil.
- Initiative 7. To analyse formulas for supporting the project to rehabilitate the Plaiaundi natural area in Irún and transfer its sports infrastructures to Txenperenea in collaboration with the Provincial Council of Gipuzkoa and the Irún Town Council.
- Initiative 8. To support the strategy to promote physical activity for a healthy life and promote the extension of Mugiment Kirol Txartela to all Basque municipalities.
- Initiative 9. To promote "Basque Team" as a benchmark for high-level Basque sport. The aim is to increase the presence of athletes in international competitions, as well as in the Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- Initiative 10. To develop a programme to provide professional sportsmen and women at the end of their sporting career with professional guidance in how to use their acquired skills acquired in their sporting career: mentoring, scholarships for studies and/or grants for entrepreneurial projects.

AXIS II. GROWTH AND WELFARE MODEL

AREAS OF ACTION:

11. Quality Employment and Talent

12. Industry

13. Innovation

14. Digitalisation and Artificial Intelligence

15. Infrastructure

16. Primary Sector and Fishing

17. Trade and Hospitality

18. Sustainable, high-quality tourism

19. Consumer

11. Quality employment and talent

The high employment rate in the Basque Country demonstrates the effectiveness of current policies in a context of economic instability. Growth-generating entrepreneurship and investment have also been stimulated.

In the Basque Employment Strategy 2030, the strategic goal is to seek a broad consensus with social agents and encourage employment in the Basque Country. Sufficient employment to sustain and further develop our welfare state. And quality and inclusive employment, based on effective equal opportunities, equality between men and women, guaranteeing the rights of workers and opportunities for companies, and contributing to building a more advanced and cohesive society. The data also supports the wisdom of this strategic commitment.

We have taken up the challenge of advancing these principles, bearing in mind that job creation is not a stand-alone goal. A comprehensive approach is required, addressing factors such as education, job training, job creation in strategic sectors and the promotion of innovation. In addition, ensuring that the jobs created are of quality, with fair wages and adequate working conditions, will be an unwaivable and shared priority. Healthy and safe employment that enables the full development of workers' life projects. In short, decent, high-quality and inclusive employment that meets the needs of all people.

The concept of talent, which refers to a person's capacity or ability to skilfully and efficiently perform activities and tasks, is also gaining momentum in the field of employment. Nurturing and developing a country's talent means nurturing and offering opportunities for personal and professional growth to its citizens, while improving competitiveness.

Commitment 60. To boost employment and improve its quality.

- Initiative 1. To develop the full potential of the Basque Employment Act and the Social Pact for Employment, which aims to guarantee decent employment under equal conditions, promoting competitive, sustainable and responsible economic activity.
- Initiative 2. To continue to promote policies to reduce unemployment rates, promoting stable, high-quality employment in order to continue to be the Spanish region with the lowest unemployment rate, similar to the average for European Union countries, with the aim of continuing to move towards full employment in the next legislature.
- Initiative 3. To draw up an intergenerational coexistence plan that eliminates any age bias, either due to a lack of previous experience or due to the risk of exclusion due to age. A Plan that includes the extension of age management support in companies to facilitate planned generational replacement and avoid the loss of talent in all occupations.
- Initiative 4. To develop a strategy for the dignification of long-term care and longevity professionals through qualification programmes and improved working conditions (Zainlab). To encourage the participation of caregivers through civil dialogue.
- Initiative 5. To defend and promote, in all employment and social dialogue frameworks, the improvement of wages and working conditions of Basque workers, fostering spaces for agreement between social agents.

Commitment 61. To continue to advance social dialogue and promote collective bargaining for high-quality employment.

- Initiative 1. To collaborate and agree with the social agents represented in the Social Dialogue Round Table on the employment strategy and plans.
- Initiative 2. To promote an Act on Institutional Participation, which will establish the legal framework for the participation of trade union and business organisations, based on the relevance that these organisations have in our society, and their clear contribution to economic and social development together with the welfare of citizens.
- Initiative 3. To respect the autonomy of social partners and use the Social Dialogue Round Table as a forum to advocate for the inter-professional agreement to include a collective bargaining minimum wage adapted to the socio-economic reality of the Basque Country.
- Initiative 4. To promote collective bargaining as an instrument of equality. To promote mechanisms to provide trade unions and companies with improvements in the negotiation of collective agreements, as well as using equality plans as a reference.
- Initiative 5. To continue to explore, together with the social partners, the pilot experience of reducing working hours without reducing wages, and the determined promotion of teleworking and the participation of workers in strategic business decisions. These measures aim to advance strategic goals such as job quality, the fair and equitable distribution of employment and care work between men and women, productivity, sustainability and occupational health. All this, considering the need to maintain competitiveness and growth.

Commitment 62. Public impetus and public-private partnership for quality employment.

- Initiative 1. To place employment at the centre of public policy, as a fundamental axis of economic and social development policies, promoting their employment impact analysis.
- Initiative 2. To strengthen the local dimension of employment, reinforcing the role of local councils in the strategic planning of the Basque Government, as well as supporting local employment plans.
- Initiative 3. To create spaces for collaboration with the University and Vocational Training in order to promote integrated, flexible training itineraries that are close to the needs of the productive fabric, improving the interlocution between the labour market and training.
- Initiative 4. To work with companies in order to be permanently aware of their needs, to help them incorporate talent so that they can develop advanced people-centred management.
- Initiative 5. To promote the participation and collaboration of social, sectoral and academic agents and employment services in the Basque Employment Forum to enrich and qualify the action of the Basque Public Employment Policy Council.

Commitment 63. A comprehensive and active employment system, based on Lanbide.

- Initiative 1. To complete the transformation of Lanbide "Lanbide Hobetzen" in order to achieve an effective model of care and intervention for citizens and companies capable of reducing unemployment, increasing professional skills for the benefit of people's professional development and business competitiveness for more and better employment.
- Initiative 2. To improve Lanbide's transmission of information on current and future demands for personnel and qualifications, as well as on the evolution of the needs of the productive sectors.
- Initiative 3. To continue with personalised guidance and accompaniment as a natural form of service in Lanbide, with the aim of reducing the period in which people remain unemployed. This employment system centres the unemployed person and offers them all necessary services (training, guidance, accompaniment and support for access to employment and entrepreneurship) at the earliest possible stage.
- Initiative 4. To offer guidance and specific support from Lanbide to groups with great difficulties in accessing employment, especially people over 55 years of age, who are sometimes discriminated against due to ageism.
- Initiative 5. To strengthen Lanbide's comprehensive and personalised employment guidance, which provides people with the necessary tools to develop a coherent, adaptive and flexible career plan, both to help them find and remain in employment and to meet the needs of companies.
- Initiative 6. To deepen the intermediation task of the Public Employment Service, as a guarantee of equal access to employment opportunities for all people, making progress in collaboration with the economic development and competitiveness policies implemented by the Basque institutions.
- Initiative 7. To promote aid for the training of people who are seeking employment or who want to improve their current job in specialised sectors, when such training is not offered directly by Lanbide.
- Initiative 8. To extend the guidance and support service to people who, although they are working, want to improve their employment prospects, seeking to obtain improvements in stability, working hours and career trajectory.
- Initiative 9. To promote the development of recycling and retraining programmes that foster a continuous learning mentality, enabling Basque professionals to agilely confront the challenges of technological advances and transformations in production models (digitisation, AI, green economy, etc.).

Commitment 64. To foster inclusive employment and support disadvantaged unemployed people.

- Initiative 1. To increase mixed training and recruitment programmes in public entities and private companies for vulnerable people, the long-term unemployed, young people, women and the over 45s.

- Initiative 2. To strengthen incentives for hiring people over 55 and establish physical and virtual spaces for connecting these people with companies.
- Initiative 3. To continue to support the employment of young people, favouring access to a first work experience. At the same time, monitoring of work experience programmes should be carried out in order to avoid situations of abuse of this instrument.
- Initiative 4. To increase employment programmes with support in the ordinary market, aimed at people with disabilities and those furthest away from the labour market. Also, to develop a plan to promote the transition from sheltered employment to ordinary employment, for people with disabilities and people at risk of exclusion.
- Initiative 5. To increase support for economic structures for transition to the ordinary market, such as insertion companies and special employment centres.
- Initiative 6. To collaborate with the third sector of social intervention in programmes aimed at people who are far removed from the labour market.
- Initiative 7. To draw up a strategy for the Integration of Diversity in companies, allowing all talents to be incorporated with the support of Lanbide, based on the experience of the personalised itineraries that will be implemented with the Basque Employment Act, aiming to prioritise the labour integration of unemployed Basques and immigrants who are in the Basque Country.

Commitment 65. To consolidate the income guarantee system against exclusion.

- Initiative 1. To complete the deployment of Act 14/2022 on the Basque Income Guarantee and Inclusion System.
- Initiative 2. To consolidate the new procedures for managing the benefits of the Basque Income Guarantee System, with strong technological support.
- Initiative 3. To advance in the integration of the management processes of the Income Guarantee and the Minimum Living Income.
- Initiative 4. To promote the inclusion in the labour market of people at risk of social and labour exclusion, avoiding the chronification of their situation through comprehensive and flexible support, employment and training programmes.
- Initiative 5. To promote a new system of employment incentives, aimed at people who supplement their salary with the Income Guarantee, which is adapted to the current social and employment context and facilitates the transition to employment of people receiving benefits, especially those who have more difficulties in doing so, providing incentives to improve their employment.

Commitment 66. To make further progress towards effective equality in employment.

- Initiative 1. To promote, through the Social Dialogue Round Table, a strategy to reduce the wage gap, addressing its underlying causes. To encourage the increase of lower salaries, the number of women in positions of responsibility or the number of

women in industry and technology, co-responsible conciliation, the reduction of unwanted partial hiring and the increase of the activity rate of women.

Initiative 2. To promote work-life balance policies at work.

Initiative 3. To pay particular attention to the gender approach, based on an analysis of the social and labour reality of women, and an intersectional approach. To develop positive action measures to support specific profiles such as women heads of single-parent families or migrant women, among others.

Commitment 67. Occupational prevention, health and safety.

Initiative 1. To continue to monitor strict compliance with labour regulations, especially those related to occupational health and safety.

Initiative 2. To extend the preventive culture to the whole of society, establishing a system of generalised preventive alerts.

Initiative 3. To help to extend and update the specialised training of the figure of the prevention delegate. To support SMEs and micro-SMEs in the implementation of the measures contained in the Basque Strategy for Health and Safety at Work, paying special attention to companies with fewer tools to fight against accidents at work and occupational illnesses, such as self-employed workers and small companies.

Commitment 68. To promote the loyalty and attraction of talent to the Basque Country.

Initiative 1. To generate knowledge and innovation environments as a confluence of public and private research, educational-training and sustainable productive dynamics, generating quality and inclusive employment and entrepreneurial opportunities, which seek to retain and attract talent. These aspects also require the use of all the public tools that make the full integration of all people possible.

Initiative 2. To promote the Basque Talent Centre, in collaboration with the social agents, so that progress can continue to be made in the development of talent in the field of territorial competitiveness in the Basque Country for the benefit of the different sectors and agents that form part of the Basque economy.

Initiative 3. To strengthen education, adapting curricula to meet the demands of an increasingly changing labour market. To prioritise the promotion of digital skills, critical thinking and creativity. In addition, to promote lifelong learning and retraining, ensuring that our local talent is equipped for future challenges and opportunities.

Initiative 4. To identify, in collaboration with the other institutions, trade unions, business associations and clusters, the profiles, skills and qualifications required by companies. To connect the supply and demand of new professional profiles required in the ecosystem by companies, start-ups, STI agents and public agents, including the attraction of professionals, especially in RIS3 areas.

Initiative 5. To implement, also within the framework of the Social Dialogue Round Tables, strategies to increase our attractiveness for talent, highlighting our strengths in quality of life, innovation, sustainability and values, as well as measures to support companies in their strategies to attract and retain global talent, fostering a dynamic and attractive business environment.

Initiative 6. To simplify the recognition of foreign qualifications, in order to bring in the talent we need.

Initiative 7. To promote the attraction of international students for postgraduate and doctoral studies.

Initiative 8. To activate, in collaboration with the Provincial Councils and Town Councils, the necessary support services for the integration of international talent in our community, including access to housing and educational services. To develop social and cultural inclusion programmes to facilitate the integration of international talent and their families.

Commitment 69. To generate, retain and attract innovative and technological talent.

Initiative 1. To promote the generation and loyalty of researchers, as well as the attraction of research profiles to the Basque Country and the necessary funds to intensify the incorporation of professionals in cutting-edge research. To strengthen the education, training and development of research and scientific talent and promote the improvement and updating of digital and technological skills, as well as STEAM education.

Initiative 2. To promote the training and international mobility of researchers, as well as the improvement of their professional research careers.

Initiative 3. To promote gender equality in the field of science, technology and innovation and implement a gender perspective in research and the design of innovative solutions in areas linked to global challenges. To promote equal opportunities, rights and responsibilities.

Commitment 70. Support the Social Economy.

Initiative 1. To develop the global evaluation of the Interdepartmental Strategic Plan for the Social Economy 2021-2024 and proceed, hand in hand with the sector, to draw up the 2025-2028 Plan.

Initiative 2. To promote entrepreneurship in social economy enterprises and facilitate worker participation by improving procurement mechanisms such as the LANPAR Fund. Also of the productive units in the processes of reconversion of companies or in those that have a problem of generational replacement.

Initiative 3. To promote the balanced presence of female members in cooperative bodies, as well as the establishment of equality plans in cooperatives.

Commitment 71. Labour Inspectorate.

Initiative 1. To continue to strengthen the inspection-related material and human resources.

Initiative 2. To tackle the new Labour Inspection Plan of the Basque Country for the 13th Legislature, to address the main challenges of inspection, modernisation, transparency and accessibility to companies, trade union organisations and citizens, as a tool for guaranteeing progress towards quality employment.

12. Industry

The Basque Country provides the necessary conditions to foster a modern, dynamic, developed and sustainable economy, which allows wealth to be created and distributed through high-quality employment, sustaining solid public services and developing social policies.

The governance of this model has been based on close public-private and inter-institutional collaboration, which will continue to be the basis for the future. At the same time, we will continue to modernise and refine the instruments and tools for action.

Europe has taken an unequivocal direction, which we share, towards sustainability, also in economic matters, making it an element of differentiation and competitiveness for companies.

For this reason, the Basque Government is going to direct the reindustrialisation of the Basque Country towards sustainable competitiveness based on the 3 fundamental transitions: energy, social and technological-digital, and take advantage of the opportunities offered by the three major transitions with the aim of renewing and transforming industry.

The Basque Government will support companies and projects that are committed to a more sustainable performance in the use of resources and in the generation of environmental footprint. It will also support social commitment in areas such as the generation of quality employment, fair remuneration and the care and development of human resources and business succession, as well as interaction with the environment, aiming to exceed 40% of GDP in Advanced Industry and Services.

Commitment 72. Industry 5.0 with roots in the Basque Country and Industrial Plan 2028.

- Initiative 1. To launch a specific Industrial Development Plan 2028 to support the incorporation of Industry 4.0 and 5.0 in SMEs. This Plan will include technology, innovation, infrastructure, sustainability, entrepreneurship, internationalisation, financing and people management vectors with a new social vision of the industry.
- Initiative 2. To promote a corporate people-centred culture. A culture based on trust, with an inspiring purpose, values and loyalty for all people in an organisation, especially young talent, regardless of their age and position, promoting the inclusion of people with functional diversity.
- Initiative 3. To simplify bureaucratic procedures and streamline the regulatory processes of our companies through a Plan to rationalise the bureaucratic burden on companies.
- Initiative 4. To strengthen the effectiveness of the collaborative and support ecosystem (Clusters, Chambers, Associations, etc.) to engage the entire industrial and economic fabric, mostly SMEs, in the face of the major challenges and structural changes arising from decarbonisation, digitisation and social transition, avoiding the creation of any gaps and improving their competitiveness.
- Initiative 5. To launch the Basque Centre for the Development of Advanced Automotive Manufacturing Technologies – Basque Automotive Manufacturing Center (BAM) project in Jundiz. This Centre will contribute to the transformation of the production structure, boosting the competitiveness and sustainability of the value chain of the automotive sector together with Mercedes-Benz, Gestamp and MB Sistemas de Corporación Mondragón.

Initiative 6. To guide companies in reducing their dependence on foreign companies in value chains and the development of supply chains in the Basque Country.

Initiative 7. To design policies that act simultaneously to promote wealth creation and the equitable distribution of wealth. The new industry must be sustainable not only in environmental but also in social terms.

Initiative 8. To develop a competitive ecosystem to attract entrepreneurial projects that generate competitiveness and welfare and ensure the livelihood of local supply chains, supporting the succession of small, knowledgeable suppliers.

Commitment 73. Recovery of industrial land.

Initiative 1. To create an Investment Fund for the Development of Industrial Infrastructures attached to the SPRI, which, based on public participation, attracts private capital for the development of new industrial infrastructures.

Initiative 2. To reinforce the strategy for the recovery and enhancement of assets (land and industrial infrastructure) which, being of industrial and economic interest, may be in disuse, minimising the artificialisation of land for new sites.

Initiative 3. To make 1,250,000 m2 of industrial plots and buildings from regeneration and recovery of disused assets available for new industry.

Initiative 4. To make 1,600,000 m2 of industrial plots and buildings from new urban developments available to the market.

Initiative 5. To expedite, within the possibilities offered by the current regulatory framework, the urban planning process for the development and implementation of projects classified as being of general interest due to their positive impact on society as a whole, maintaining the guarantees and, where appropriate, the public consultation periods and significantly reducing the development periods.

Initiative 6. To strengthen the transformation, specialisation and growth of the industrial fabric, as well as effectively and in an orderly manner promoting the process of decarbonisation in industry.

Commitment 74. Investment for the establishment and generation of high-quality employment.

Initiative 1. To boost the Finkatuz Fund in order to make strategic investments that guarantee progress, growth, establishment and traction in the economic and industrial fabric of the companies that are considered key for the Basque Country. This will take the form of a progressive increase in the Fund's capital. In addition, its regulations will be simplified to improve the speed of its investment and divestment decisions.

Initiative 2. To strengthen and extend the activity of the Basque Venture Capital Company of the SPRI group and the Funds managed by it, thus complementing the activity of the Finkatuz Fund and accompanying the economic and industrial fabric of the Basque Country.

- Initiative 3. To support and reinforce the activity of the "BasqueFik" Financial and Investment Cluster, to develop financial instruments and investors with a comprehensive vision to promote the establishment and growth of the economic and industrial fabric, providing guidance as regards the challenges arising from the three major transitions.
- Initiative 4. To align and focus the financial capacities of the Basque Country through various public-private instruments that make up a large Basque Fund, as well as the mobilisation of the entire Basque financial investment ecosystem, to tackle industrial and technological operations with business growth and establishment. This investment effort will be aimed at ensuring the establishment of medium-sized Basque multinationals.
- Initiative 5. To modify the regulation of Basque EPSVs so that a percentage of their capital is invested in projects that enable the Basque industrial, business and technological fabric to take root and grow, and promote socially responsible investment policies among Basque financial agents, such as financial institutions and banking foundations.
- Initiative 6. To facilitate the financing of high-growth projects and tractor companies to promote the rooting of initiatives in the territory, enable their growth and diversification, as well as the development and training of suppliers in the territory.
- Initiative 7. To encourage companies to commit to one or more of the major global transitions, promoting, together with the Provincial Councils, fiscal policies that foster fair and attractive working conditions.
- Initiative 8. To continue developing the Regional Strategic Plans for Priority Action Areas (ZAP) with the aim of continuing with the economic and social reactivation of the regions of Ezkerraldea-Meatzaldea, Enkarterri, Oarsoaldea, Aiaraldea, Debarrena and Busturialdea-Urdaibai.
- Initiative 9. To facilitate access to financing for viable projects to enable them to survive and consolidate by reinforcing aid aimed at restructuring and relaunching companies in difficulties (Bideratu Berria Programme), as well as continuing to implement actions that favour the relocation and retraining of affected workers (Aukeraberri Programme).
- Initiative 10. To strengthen the actions of the Basque Finance Institute as a tool for supporting the establishment of Basque tractor companies and to develop the provisions of the new Act Regulating Subsidies, in order to prevent business relocations.

Commitment 75. Energy transition of Basque industry

- Initiative 1. To promote the reinforcement of the electricity grid, providing it with sufficient capacity to advance electrification, the development of renewable generation, the implementation of new industrial projects and the decarbonisation of our economy.
- Initiative 2. To promote the energy self-sufficiency of our industrial fabric through renewable energies. To support energy community projects or self-consumption in industrial

estates, simplifying the procedures associated with these projects, also making lines of financing available.

- Initiative 3. To strengthen the capacity of energy infrastructures, linked to new energy carriers, such as green hydrogen.
- Initiative 4. To develop the Net-Zero Basque Industrial Super Cluster, as well as its monitoring platform, with the aim of accelerating and reinforcing the decarbonisation of energy consumption in Basque industry. This will promote solutions that reduce their net emissions and generate opportunities for technological developments and, with it, new industry that generates high-quality employment.
- Initiative 5. To promote the development of decarbonised synthetic fuel projects, such as Synthetic Aviation Fuel for use in aviation, based on green hydrogen and CO₂, prioritising projects aimed at decarbonising sectors that are difficult to electrify.
- Initiative 6. To support investment linked to the renovation and modernisation of production facilities necessary to increase the productivity and competitiveness of companies, focusing on both the processes and the products or services generated.
- Initiative 7. To develop, in collaboration with the Provincial Councils, a system of economic incentives for investment in energy efficiency by the industrial sector, commerce and services, including direct aid, tax incentives to extend and improve the Basque List of Clean Technologies, and to promote the access of Basque companies to the European green taxonomy, focusing on digitisation, efficiency, decarbonisation and interaction with workers.
- Initiative 8. To boost productive diversification by generating new opportunities arising from the technological-digital, energy-climate and socio-demographic transitions, including the silver economy, as well as technological development and innovation in products and processes and the emergence of new advanced knowledge-intensive industries based on biotechnology, microtechnology and nanotechnology.
- Initiative 9. To encourage financial institutions operating in the Basque Country, especially those with Basque capital, to adapt their practices to promote the decarbonisation of the economy.

Commitment 76. Entrepreneurship support.

- Initiative 1. To launch the Inter-institutional Plan for Entrepreneurship 2024-2029, making entrepreneurship a priority for the country. This fourth Plan will further simplify the administrative simplification of the entrepreneurial process, will address the three major transitions as opportunities to position ourselves as an attractive country for entrepreneurship and will maintain its inter-institutional, interdepartmental implementation, open to the collaboration of public and private agents to support entrepreneurial projects at all stages of their maturation, in a shared effort for the economic and social transformation of the Basque Country.
- Initiative 2. To strengthen the brand 'Up! Euskadi' as an instrument for continuing with the internationalisation of the entrepreneurial ecosystem, as well as deepening support for companies and entrepreneurs.

Initiative 3. To strengthen the positioning of the publicly-owned BICs (Business Innovation Centres) as a one-stop shop and gateway to the Basque entrepreneurial ecosystem and its support services.

Initiative 4. To offer greater access to financing and investment alternatives for projects with the potential to be launched, take off, grow and consolidate. To improve coordination between own instruments as well as with private funding.

Initiative 5. To strengthen Basque Tek Ventures as an instrument for supporting and accompanying the creation of new technology-based companies, in order to position the Basque Country as a hub for technological-industrial entrepreneurship and to promote specialisation in smart industry.

Initiative 6. To launch a new initiative in the field of intra-entrepreneurship to bring to the surface, support and accompany new initiatives and projects.

Initiative 7. To support the management of generational handover and the transfer of knowledge at the company level.

Initiative 8. To expand the services offered under the BIND open innovation initiative for scaling start-ups.

Commitment 77. Infrastructure for industrial and business development

Initiative 1. To begin extending the current Vitoria-Gasteiz Campus with a new access to the Park in the city of Gasteiz.

Initiative 2. Construction of the Bilbao Campus at both the South and North end of Zorrotzaurre, for the implantation of Companies, Technology and Research Centres and Training Centres.

Initiative 3. Development of the Abanto Campus, with the Hydrogen Living Lab and the Hydrogen Mobility area, as a spearhead in the decarbonisation of the economy.

Initiative 4. Expansion to the Ortuella Campus.

Initiative 5. Construction of the first building on the Donostia Campus in Illumbe.

Initiative 6. Completion of the new building on the Hernani Campus.

Initiative 7. First steps towards the creation of the Hondarribia Campus.

Initiative 8. To support the industrial development of the Vía Irún Project (Urban District)

Initiative 9. To develop and market the new tertiary building under construction in the Erisono industrial estate in Eibar.

Initiative 10. Industrial regeneration of the Aceria 1 and 2 area in Zumárraga.

Commitment 78. Business internationalisation

Initiative 1. We will continue to promote the internationalisation of the company, in a sustainable and inclusive way, reinforcing the SPRI's foreign network, to help

companies seeking to internationalise through the promotion of exports, establishments abroad and collaborative strategies with local distributors.

13. Innovation

The commitment to innovation is a hallmark of the Basque Country. It is a key indicator of a country's economic development and a determinant of its productivity and competitiveness, as well as a determining factor in achieving sustainable growth.

The Basque Country is one of the most innovative regions in Europe. The aim is to continue to grow and for the territory to become a leading European region in innovation (RIS Regional Innovation Scoreboard indicator).

The response to the challenge of innovation implies the need to make a joint public-private effort and to establish a long-term strategy, with the priority goal of making the Basque Country a European innovation hub, contributing to economic growth and welfare, as well as to the creation of high-quality jobs.

Commitment 79. To continue to increase investment in R&D&I.

Initiative 1. To increase the Basque Government's budgetary investment in R&D&I policies to at least 6% per year during the term of office.

Commitment 80. To support business innovation, especially in small and medium-sized enterprises.

Initiative 1. To boost the volume of investment in R&D and innovation and the incorporation of new companies into innovation, with a special focus on SMEs.

Initiative 2. To guide companies in their first steps in innovation, with transformation and improvement projects in management and organisation, providing them with models and support systems.

Initiative 3. To encourage the Basque business fabric to achieve differentiation and competitive advantages in the market through innovation and technology as levers.

Initiative 4. To support the incorporation of capacities in companies for the development of R&D&I activities, both in terms of specialised human and material resources.

Initiative 5. To support business R&D projects and mechanisms to encourage business investment in such activities, accelerating technology transfer.

Initiative 6. To support business innovation projects, industrialisation, scaling, prototyping, methodologies and proof of concept, especially for SMEs, in the three key areas: Products, Business Processes and Management Models.

Initiative 7. To enhance the value of results derived from research, development and innovation, especially by SMEs, through their protection by means of patents, industrial designs or trademarks.

Initiative 8. To reinforce, within the framework of the Basque Government's Science, Technology and Innovation Plan, the collaboration of the University and Vocational Training in the development of R&D&I projects, as agents that support innovation in SMEs.

Commitment 81. To strengthen the technological offer for innovation

Initiative 1. To optimise the role of the Basque Science, Technology and Innovation Network (RVCTI) as a support to the business fabric through the generation of knowledge and capacities oriented towards the priority areas of specialisation of the country, excellence in results, impact and efficient transfer to the Basque business fabric, as well as to public administrations and Basque social entities to address their present and future challenges.

Initiative 2. To support the strengthening of the BRTA (Basque Research and Technology Alliance) and its European and international positioning as a tool to address the challenges of the country in a specialised and efficient manner. All this in cooperation and with international participation, for the generation and transfer of knowledge.

Initiative 3. We will strengthen the Basque Country's scientific and technological capacities and research infrastructures to tackle the challenges associated with the triple transition and to help the Basque industrial fabric to strengthen its knowledge base.

Initiative 4. To structurally support the viability of Technology Centres and Cooperative Research Centres. Also to support the acquisition of advanced infrastructures and equipment to enable the Centres to develop their activities at the frontiers of knowledge.

Initiative 5. To support the carrying out of R&D&I projects in Cooperation between the agents of the RVCTI in the phase of Generation of Fundamental Knowledge, with a focus on transfer to Basque companies and the potential for subsequent development of their results.

Commitment 82. To strengthen the internationalisation of the Basque Science, Technology and Innovation System and Innovative Public Procurement.

Initiative 1. To strengthen the internationalisation of all actors in the R&D system: Universities, TCs, CRCs, BERCS, etc.

Initiative 2. To promote Innovative Public Procurement, so that it can play a fundamental role in the impulse and technological development of local businesses, especially in the environmental and bio-health sectors.

Commitment 83. Institutional collaboration to encourage investment in innovation.

Initiative 1. To work, in collaboration with the Provincial Councils, to continue to promote tax policies that encourage investment in R&D.

14. Digitalisation and Artificial Intelligence

Digitalisation has made considerable progress in the Basque Country, contributing to the modernisation of our society and our economy. The adoption of digitisation has improved efficiency in the public and private services, boosted innovation and strengthened our competitiveness. However, we also face important challenges, such as the digital divide, especially in rural areas, as well as the need to ensure cybersecurity.

Accelerating our commitment to digitisation, making it an essential strategy for the country and turning the Basque Country into a hub for digital infrastructures and services, is essential in order to take advantage of the great opportunity offered by technology. An opportunity for economic competitiveness and social development.

Our commitment is to promote the development of the Basque Country as an open and intelligent territory, guaranteeing intelligent and ethical data management, taking advantage of the opportunities offered by Artificial Intelligence, improving the relationship between citizens and the administration, fostering collaboration and sustainability.

Commitment 84. Promoting a more digital Basque Country.

- Initiative 1. Drawing up and implementing the new Strategy for the Digital Transformation of the Basque Country 2030.
- Initiative 2. To facilitate both the development of Artificial Intelligence solutions and their implementation and use by companies, through the creation and provision of secure infrastructures and data repositories that allow the training of new algorithms and/or the exploitation of information in a trusted environment.
- Initiative 3. To enhance smart and ethical data management, taking steps towards robust and transparent data governance, and ensuring that the data collected is properly structured, updated, contextualised and standardised.
- Initiative 4. To promote inclusive digitisation that avoids the digital divide and fosters digital skills as an essential element for the economic development and competitiveness of the Basque Country in a globalised economy.
- Initiative 5. To continue developing e-Administration. To digitalise new administrative processes, ensuring that these new procedures can be carried out in a simple and secure manner, eliminating obstacles that hinder the relationship between citizens and the administration.
- Initiative 6. To facilitate digital points where citizens without physical resources can carry out administrative procedures autonomously, as a complement to a sufficient and quality face-to-face and telephone service.
- Initiative 7. To promote the Basque Country as one of the preferred destinations for digital nomads.
- Initiative 8. To foster collaboration and sustainability. To promote collaboration between institutions and knowledge networks and commit to sustainable progress, taking

advantage of knowledge, intelligence, data and digital transformation to improve people's well-being and quality of life, without renouncing sustainability.

Commitment 85. To put developments in digitisation at the service of citizens and businesses.

- Initiative 1. To support SMEs in accelerating their digitisation processes by providing them with specialised guidance to help them get the most out of all available public programmes.
- Initiative 2. To generate and attract new unique projects that will support the digital transformation process of Basque companies within the scope of the Basque Microelectronics Hub, as well as promoting the use of quantum computing, in coordination with Basque Quantum.
- Initiative 3. To support the development of communications infrastructures, with a focus on achieving wide coverage and business-use 5G services to enable companies to implement advanced 5G solutions.
- Initiative 4. To foster the data economy, supporting the development of new data-driven companies and business models, and making non-sensitive data managed by public administrations available to society and business.
- Initiative 5. To define and implement a data governance model that encompasses all Basque institutions and improves the coordination of efforts in this area.
- Initiative 6. To promote ROBOTEKIN (Robotics and Automation Hub), in collaboration with the entire value chain of the sector.
- Initiative 7. To support IoT initiatives in the Basque Country, so that they can provide answers to the Basque industrial fabric.
- Initiative 8. To encourage digital entrepreneurship, supporting the creation of start-ups and innovative companies that develop new digital solutions and digitisation-derived business models.
- Initiative 9. To implement specific programmes to strengthen the cybersecurity of Basque companies, providing resources within the reach of SMEs.
- Initiative 10. To create multi-annual support programmes for the implementation and enhancement of "Key Enabling Technologies" tools to improve business productivity.

Commitment 86. To ensure ethical and multilingual digital activity.

- Initiative 1. To adapt the legal framework to support the digital economy, including data protection, cyber security, e-commerce and ethics in Artificial Intelligence.

Initiative 2. To establish certification programmes that recognise and promote excellence in the implementation of digital solutions, in order to increase the confidence of customers and business partners in Basque companies.

Initiative 3. To establish specific policies and regulations for the ethical implementation of AI. To develop regulatory frameworks that promote transparency, accountability and equity in the use of AI.

Initiative 4. To raise awareness of AI so that citizens can make the most logical and correct decisions in a context where AI will have a greater presence in our lives.

Initiative 5. To promote and safeguard the digital presence of Basque through the active and methodical generation of the Digital Corpus of Basque, connected to the European framework of digital linguistic resources. To help ensure that Basque is present in digital environments on an equal footing with other official languages.

Initiative 6. To make algorithms transparent, creating systems that publish or evaluate their results and thus prevent us from using Artificial Intelligences that are biased, racist, sexist, classist or otherwise compromised.

Commitment 87. To harness Artificial Intelligence (AI) to move towards greater well-being.

Initiative 1. To draw up an Artificial Intelligence Action Plan for the Basque Country that includes specific initiatives to harness the power of AI and offer positive results for Basque men and women.

Initiative 2. To promote AI training aimed at different groups, from research and technical staff with in-depth knowledge to help them reach the goal of technical, academic and intellectual excellence, to the general public. To contribute to society's ability to understand and manage the new AI solutions that will be integrated into everyday life.

Initiative 3. To support the creation of a data repository that will assist in the materialisation of a reliable AI based on the values and standards of the Basque Country and Europe.

Initiative 4. To raise awareness of AI so that citizens can make the most logical and correct decisions in a context where AI will have a greater presence in our lives.

Initiative 5. To work with public and private agents to position the Basque Country as a benchmark node in industrial AI.

Initiative 6. To collaborate with the Basque Artificial Intelligence Centre, BAIC, to accelerate the implementation and use of AI, in an ethical and safe manner, in the different sectors of industry.

Initiative 7. To promote pilot projects for data spaces where industrial companies can securely share and exploit data to optimise business productivity and efficiency through AI.

Initiative 8. To participate in the sandbox of the European Union's Artificial Intelligence Act and create its own sandbox in the Basque Country that will enable cooperation between Artificial Intelligence users and providers.

15. Infrastructure

Transport infrastructures are a basic need for the mobility of citizens, and public policies are committed to providing people with accessible and comprehensive public transport that guarantees their mobility.

They help to improve our quality of life, territorial structuring and cohesion and inclusive and sustainable socio-economic development. Moreover, transport has a key role to play in the new decarbonised economy and in the transition to increasingly sustainable mobility.

Commitment 88. The Basque Country is a key link in the European Atlantic corridor.

Initiative 1. To promote the Atlantic Freight Corridor "European Transport Networks, TEN-T" through the development of the "Lille-Vitoria-Gasteiz Rail Motorway", with the construction of the Jundiz Multimodal Platform, and the development of the Lezo Logistics Platform, boosting the railway operation of the Port of Pasaia.

Initiative 2. To start up the development of the Astigarraga-Oiartzun-Lezo high-speed section, as a substantial part of the "Y" and the European Atlantic corridor, in line with the project and the platform works included in the current assignment.

Commitment 89. To encourage investment in the railways.

Initiative 1. To prioritise the completion of the Basque High-Speed Railway Network, its connection with the European Network, the connection with Navarre and the construction of new stations in the Basque capitals.

Initiative 2. To promote the development of accesses and stations in Bilbao and Vitoria-Gasteiz. To initiate the necessary works for the construction of the new stations and develop the urban integration of high-speed rail. Accesses to Bilbao and a provisional station in Basauri, as well as underground track insertion at Vitoria and the Arkaute junction.

Initiative 3. To construct the Southern Railway Bypass between Ortuella and Bilbao, its connection with the Port of Bilbao and with the High Speed Network (phase I) and to draft the project up to Arrigorriaga (phase II).

Initiative 4. To improve Renfe's Cercanías Renfe services on the five existing lines, especially at peak times, such as rush hours or special events, as well as at weekends.

Initiative 5. To improve Renfe Cercanías rolling stock following the implementation of the rail transfer agreement.

Initiative 6. To analyse the convenience and economic viability of launching new commuter services in Araba between Araia and Vitoria-Gasteiz and between Vitoria-Gasteiz and Manzanos Ribera Baja, and another new service in Bizkaia between Bilbao and Karrantza.

Initiative 7. To promote a Karrantza-Aranguren shuttle for the citizens of the Karrantza valley.

Initiative 8. To extend the Vitoria-Gasteiz Tramway to Zabalgana. We will conclude the informative study and the drafting of the construction project. and we will start the

construction of the tram extension to Zabalgana. To construct new garages in Betoño.

Initiative 9. To analyse the extension of the tram service to the sports area of the Buesa Arena Pavilion.

Initiative 10. To extend the Bilbao Tramway to Zorrotzaurre.

Initiative 11. To assess the inclusion of a new stop and lift on the Atxuri-Bolueta tram section to serve the lower part of Santutxu.

Initiative 12. To execute new railway stations: the integration of El Topo in the new intermodal station in Irún (Promotion of the Vía Irún operation), the new commuter train station in Astigarraga, the new station in Anoeta (Donostia) and the new station in Usurbil. To complete the remodelling of Zumaia, Gernika, Bermeo and Lutxana stations.

Initiative 13. To improve the infrastructure and frequency of the Gernika-Bermeo Euskotren line. To lay double tracks in Zugastieta, at the exit of the Autzagane tunnel, in such a way as to allow trains to cross, thus doubling the frequency from 30 minutes to 15 minutes between Amorebieta and Bermeo. To evaluate the construction of a new halt at the current Murueta Shipyard.

Initiative 14. To carry out improvements to Euskal Trenbide Sarea's railway infrastructures: completion of the Aginaga short line to enable 15-minute frequencies between Zumaia and Donostia, implementation of the 30-minute service between Zumaia and Eibar (Korta de Altzola, construction of a double-track tunnel and elimination of level crossings), access to the Port of Pasaia from Herrera (metric gauge freight), the Altzola bypass and the elimination of level crossings (Amorebieta-Bernabeitia, Euba, Usurbil, Deba, etc.).

Initiative 15. To commit to Line 4 of Metro Bilbao, in accordance with the project to be agreed by the competent institutions.

Initiative 16. To continue building the new railway line (line 5) connecting Durangaldea, Bedia, Usansolo, Galdakao, Basauri and Bilbao. We will study possible ways to improve the connection for users in Sarratu.

Initiative 17. To continue constructing the railway connection to the Bilbao-Loiu Airport.

Initiative 18. To promote the creation of a new railway service linking Bayonne and Donostia.

Initiative 19. To continue with the urban integration project of the railway line in Eibar (Estaziño-Azitain section), by covering the railway tracks and creating a promenade for pedestrians and bicycles.

Initiative 20. To construct the Riberas-Loyola Interchange, enabling Renfe and Euskotren users to transfer between the two operators in the same space, to activate the Donostia Underground Passage, and to develop the Easo-Amara urban renovation operation.

Initiative 21. To construct new railway depots in Arriagas Erandio for train units to serve lines 3, 4 and 5.

Commitment 90. A decisive commitment to airports and ports.

Initiative 1. To promote Foronda airport and its facilities as a reference airport in the Basque Country for transoceanic and freight connections.

Initiative 2. To provide the Foronda airport with sufficient resources to be able to receive flights diverted from Loiu due to adverse weather conditions.

Initiative 3. To electrify port environments by facilitating proximity renewable generation, increasing the number of electrically propelled vessels.

Initiative 4. To modernise and follow up on the development of spaces and buildings in the port areas.

Initiative 5. To build ice factories in the harbour guilds of Ondarroa and Bermeo.

Initiative 6. To promote the necessary requirements for the development of freight traffic from the Port of Bilbao by rail to the plateau and the Atlantic and Mediterranean axes.

Commitment 91. To complete the transfer of transport infrastructures to the Basque Country.

Initiative 1. As per the Gernika Statute, approved by the Spanish Governing Council in January 2020 and ratified in October 2020, to negotiate and transfer those matters pending transfer. Along these lines, the appropriate agreement for the transfer of the matters-services referring to ports and airports will be addressed within the Bilateral Commission, as per the terms set out in the Report on the Updating of Pending Transfers to the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country.

16. Primary Sector and Fishing

The Basque primary sector has been affected by the unstable and convulsive international situation. This situation of uncertainty has accentuated its strategic character in terms of food and its fundamental role as a transmitter of cultural, social and environmental values. The primary sector ensures sustainable, high-quality food production. It is our greatest asset as an environmental protector.

This primary sector must be understood as a protective barrier against the effects of climate change, slowing down its adverse consequences, as well as ensuring sustainability and population growth in the rural areas of the Basque Country.

The primary sector must be defended by comprehensively addressing workers' needs and expectations. Care must be provided in their work environments, ensuring that their efforts pay off for them and for the public at large. The family and social life and development of this sector must take place on an equal footing with the urban environment.

Commitment 92. To explore the potential of the Food Chain Act.

Initiative 1. To effectively comply with the Food Chain Act, promoting the development of instruments within its remit, such as the Code of Good Practices, the Food Chain Observatory, as well as the system of controls, inspections and the exercise of sanctioning powers.

Initiative 2. To intensify regular studies of production costs for all agri-food products through Behatokia, as a reference index for agri-food contracts and inspections under the Food Chain Act.

Commitment 93. To ensure the economic benefits of a local, sustainable and healthy sector.

Initiative 1. To establish measures to help adapt the Common Agricultural Policy Strategic Plan to our reality, with greater autonomy for its application, addressing the latest proposals for flexibility introduced by the European Commission with the aim of facilitating compliance by farmers and stockbreeders and thus achieving the environmental protection goals established in the CAP and in the European Union's environmental regulations.

Initiative 2. To promote the purchase and consumption of local food products in school canteens and public centres.

Initiative 3. To encourage initiatives against food waste by food chain actors and public administrations. To promote a draft Food Waste Act.

Initiative 4. To promote the implementation of "mirror clauses" that require imports from third countries to comply with the same production and sustainability standards demanded of our producers. To ensure fair competition and protect our local production.

Initiative 5. To carry out a regular assessment of the profitability of the primary sector's activity to allow immediate intervention through new support measures.

Initiative 6. To explore extraordinary financing systems through public tools that allow the development of new lines of financing with soft interest rates and long repayment

periods, in response to market and climatic situations that jeopardise the profitability of farms.

Initiative 7. To promote progressive self-sufficiency in the sector as regards raw materials (fodder and feed) through crops, thereby reducing external dependence and potential shortages due to climatic phenomena or armed conflicts.

Commitment 94. To contribute to strengthening the Basque agri-food sector as a benchmark for entrepreneurship, innovation and good practices.

Initiative 1. To contribute to the future of our primary sector by ensuring generational replacement, through the revision of the Gaztenek Programme and the improvement of awareness programmes, incentive measures and regulatory changes that facilitate the incorporation of young people and workers from other sectors.

Initiative 2. To promote the family farming model, developing a system of aid that adjusts to sectoral and territorial realities, offering financial and technical support that contributes to the sustainable development of agriculture and livestock farming.

Initiative 3. To analyse the possibility, working in collaboration with the Provincial Councils, of including tax benefits or deductions for agricultural, livestock and forestry activities that generate ecosystem services.

Initiative 4. To establish a permanent and dynamic framework of governance that empowers the agri-food sector between the Basque administrations and fisheries and agri-food organisations, using the Commission for Agricultural and Food Policy and Rural Development as the core forum.

Initiative 5. To develop coworking spaces in the rural areas of the Basque Country, as multi-purpose centres aimed at revitalising rural areas and tutoring and supporting projects promoted by entrepreneurs in rural areas.

Initiative 6. To analyse the impact of public policies in the primary sector, and to implement the Basque Network for Rural Development, as a coordinator of territorial development agents.

Initiative 7. To promote agricultural vocational training in order to provide adequate training in agricultural and livestock farming and dignify the profession.

Initiative 8. To make progress in the incorporation of women into production, marketing and ownership of rural holdings.

Commitment 95. To promote the greening of the primary sector.

Initiative 1. To consider agricultural land as a strategic reserve for the primary sector and minimise, as far as possible, its loss to road or energy infrastructure projects.

- Initiative 2. To protect the work of pollinating insects as a guarantee of biodiversity by conserving and restoring green infrastructure in agricultural and industrial environments.
- Initiative 3. To promote the coordination of the different agricultural research and experimentation technology centres dependent on the Basque Government in order to study new cultivation techniques and tackle climate change, the protection of agricultural soil or the introduction of new technologies in the sector.
- Initiative 4. To assess and regulate the importance of sustainable hunting activity in the proper management of natural areas, as an activity included in supporting the primary sector.
- Initiative 5. To promote the conservation of agricultural land, ensuring its efficient and sustainable use to guarantee long-term agricultural productivity. To foster the agricultural land fund for new farms and make existing farms viable. This measure will have a particular impact on the livestock sector and on the Rioja Alavesa area.
- Initiative 6. To raise awareness of the respectful use of finite natural resources. To raise awareness of their use, waste management, gas emissions, fertiliser use and pesticides.
- Initiative 7. To adopt the necessary promotion measures to ensure that at least 25% of the agricultural land in the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country is managed organically by 2030. To promote organic livestock farming, sustainable fishing and local markets.

Commitment 96. Wine sector, Euskadi brand of the primary sector.

- Initiative 1. To work towards adapting the Casa del Vino in Laguardia as an oenology consultancy centre, a reference laboratory for grape quality parameters and a viticulture research centre.
- Initiative 2. To develop new food and wine innovation projects and programmes that boost the Basque Country's international status and reputation in the new centres that combine science and gastronomy to support the food and drink sector: GOe (Gastronomy Open Ecosystem) and EDA Drinks & Wine with campuses in Vitoria-Gasteiz and Laguardia.
- Initiative 3. To work with international partners to promote special support programmes for Basque SMEs and companies.

Commitment 97. Wood, a sustainable material of the future.

- Initiative 1. To enable the Basque Country to assume leadership and sectoral support, within the scope of its competences, which will seek to have the capacity for access, communication, representation and lobbying of the Basque administrations in the necessary forums to defend the profitability, competitiveness and future of the Basque timber forestry sector.
- Initiative 2. To promote the use of wood as a raw material in the construction of public buildings in the Basque Country.

Initiative 3. To encourage the development of high added value solutions in the Basque wood sector by creating a Hub in which companies, start-ups, entrepreneurs and other entities related to this sector work together.

Initiative 4. To revalue forests by promoting their role as providers of natural and renewable raw materials, whose production is compatible and synergistic with the provision of other environmental and social services.

Commitment 98. To foster the sustainable management of fishery resources.

Initiative 1. To promote the modernisation of the fleet, encourage generational change and guarantee sustainability in three areas: social, economic and environmental, in order to work towards an increasingly sustainable and competitive fishing sector that generates employment and wealth.

Initiative 2. To create a model for action planning coupled with coordinated decision-making between the public and private sectors to advance knowledge, develop tools, training and capacity to manage climate change risks in our seas. Also, to improve the resilience of coastal and marine ecosystems to the effects of climate change, including the necessary measures for adaptation.

Initiative 3. To strengthen the Basque presence in international fisheries agreements, in collaboration with the Spanish Government.

Initiative 4. To promote the "Itsas Ekoizleak" financial instrument to support the activity of vessels that account for the Basque Country's fishing quotas.

Initiative 5. To explore new business models for sustainable offshore marine aquaculture on our coast.

Initiative 6. To facilitate measures for generational change in the ownership of companies in the fishing sector as an instrument that guarantees their future and permanence in the Basque Country.

Initiative 7. To develop the Basordas aquaculture centre in order to boost aquaculture in the Basque Country.

Initiative 8. To improve the social and labour conditions of women seafarers by updating their contribution bases and bringing them into line with the real income they earn from their activity.

Commitment 99. To manage and preserve the Basque countryside and coastline.

Initiative 1. To promote a joint offer of services and activities of the marinas of the Basque Country and New Aquitaine.

Initiative 2. To implement measures to encourage the conservation of the Natural Heritage and the development of socio-economic activities in the coastal environment.

Initiative 3. To contribute to the sustainable socio-economic development of the rural environment by favouring the production of raw materials and primary goods and the provision of ecosystem services, providing income and employment for the

rural population. To promote equal opportunities and social cohesion in rural areas to confront the demographic challenge.

17. Trade and hospitality

Local commerce and the hotel and catering trade, as engines of development and wealth distribution, play a fundamental role in the economic and social development of the Basque Country. The structuring capacity of this local sector contributes to local economic growth and job creation. It is also essential in promoting sustainability, the circular economy and local products.

Constant technological and digital evolution demands that attention be given to the virtues of local commerce, such as proximity and personalised attention. In addition, a process of adaptation, professionalisation and development of new skills is necessary, ensuring a generational changeover in the sector.

Social, economic and environmental transformation and, above all, the speed at which it is taking place, require a public-private partnership that matches the transformation of local commerce with the future demands of digital and face-to-face consumers.

Commitment 100. A legislative package to relaunch the sector.

- Initiative 1. To promote a Law on Chambers of Commerce, with the aim of improving the range of advisory and support services offered to all businesses and SMEs in the Basque Country.
- Initiative 2. To set up Commerce and Hotel and Catering Committees, in which the associations of the commercial and hotel and catering sector, together with the Town Councils, Provincial Councils and the Basque Government, can agree on new measures for the sector.

Commitment 101. To improve the competitiveness of trade and hospitality.

- Initiative 1. To promote new investment support programmes for the modernisation and transformation of business enterprises around digitisation and sustainability.
- Initiative 2. We will strengthen the professionalisation of the sector, specialised training and the promotion and training in trades, as well as the social insertion and incorporation of new workers into trades, ensuring good employment conditions.
- Initiative 3. To promote individualised digital transformation through personalised coaching to support the digital empowerment of traders.
- Initiative 4. To promote the management of trade knowledge and its effective dissemination through the Basque Observatory of Commercial Distribution, Enfokamer, and through specialised research initiatives.
- Initiative 5. To develop a business entrepreneurship programme adapted to the special characteristics of commerce and which accompanies and supports the commercial enterprise in all possible phases of business entrepreneurship: business implementation, generation, establishment, intra-entrepreneurship and transfer.
- Initiative 6. To update the Technical Commercial Service System implemented in the Basque Country, based on direct knowledge of the reality of the towns and counties.

Initiative 7. We will promote collaboration with the Basque associative fabric in order to strengthen its presence and collective representation in the face of sectoral challenges and demands.

Commitment 102. To promote local commerce and hospitality.

Initiative 1. To support the creation of maps of unique businesses and establishments with a special impact or social responsibility (local products, KM 0, proximity service, etc.) at the local and county level.

Initiative 2. To develop a diagnosis of the state of trade and hospitality in undersupplied rural areas. To promote measures that make it possible to generate economic activity in these areas.

Initiative 3. To ensure that municipal markets and stalls remain an integral part of our cities and towns.

Initiative 4. To promote public policies that have the urban economy as a central scenario with the initiative of Living and Sustainable Municipalities, in collaboration with local entities.

Initiative 5. To encourage the creation of a stock of empty premises. To collaborate with measures to encourage entrepreneurship associated with these premises and their adaptation to the commercial mix of the area and/or local commercial axis.

Initiative 6. To promote the Hirigune programme, maintain and attract demand and boost the commercial areas of the municipalities.

Commitment 103. Social responsibility with local commerce and the hotel and catering industry.

Initiative 1. We will promote advances in last-mile distribution with zero emission transport.

Initiative 2. To promote a financial aid programme aimed at increasing energy efficiency in commercial and hospitality establishments.

Initiative 3. To launch new pilot projects to reduce food waste in the hospitality sector.

18. Sustainable, high-quality tourism

Tourism has become one of the sectors that has made economic and employment growth possible, as well as the diversification of the Basque Country's economic structure.

The aim is to increase the positive impact of tourism on our economy, focusing on sustainable and quality tourism. Environmentally responsible, economically and socially sustainable tourism that allows for "social enrichment" between visitors and local people, benefiting all parties.

Sustainable growth is only possible with a strategy based on responsibility, inter-institutional coordination, the adaptation of regulations to the new reality and a long-term vision that allows tourism to be an engine of economic development that contributes to the well-being of citizens.

Commitment 104. To strengthen the Euskadi – Basque Country brand linked to tourism.

Initiative 1. To consolidate the commitment to the Basque model of sustainable and responsible tourism, strengthening the Euskadi – Basque Country brand to promote deseasonalisation.

Initiative 2. To carry out B2C and B2B campaigns and actions to be executed through an annual Basquetour action plan.

Initiative 3. To intensify the Basque Country's presence at leading international tourism fairs. To establish a strategy of contacts with the most relevant opinion leaders and media in priority markets and segments for the Basque Country. In this promotional activity, special emphasis will be placed on the differential elements of the Basque Country as a destination.

Commitment 105. The Basque Country, a tourist destination of excellence, safe, sustainable and committed to equality.

Initiative 1. To consolidate the Basque Country as a destination of equality, inclusion and respect for diversity (Euskadi LGTBI+, etc.). To promote respect for the equality of men and women in tourism activities, promoting measures to strengthen its consideration as a women-friendly destination.

Initiative 2. To promote human rights in tourism activities and, in particular, the specific rights of the most vulnerable population groups, especially minors, the elderly and people with special needs, ethnic minorities and indigenous peoples.

Initiative 3. To stimulate the entrepreneurial and business spirit linked to tourism and promote aid for the promotion of tourism entrepreneurship with specific actions aimed at young people and at improving the competitiveness of tourism companies. To promote the attraction and retention of talent by improving working conditions.

Initiative 4. To work to ensure generational change, promoting the incorporation of young people into the tourism sector.

Initiative 5. To promote the professionalisation of the sector, with continuous training of professionals to improve their skills, competences and capacities, and support transfer programmes to stimulate the socialisation of knowledge and support the transfer of business assets.

Initiative 6. To promote employment stability, as well as equality plans, which generate stable, quality jobs and attractive environments throughout people's careers.

Initiative 7. To strengthen Basquetour's work to position the Euskadi – Basque Country brand as a tourist destination of excellence in key sectors such as ecotourism and food and wine, strengthening cooperation with key players in the tourism ecosystem and collaborating with local creators.

Initiative 8. To promote a new Basque Tourism Act that adapts to new national and international regulations, improves coordination between the different institutional levels and clarifies regulations that affect different areas of competence.

Commitment 106. The Basque Country, a competitive destination.

Initiative 1. To offer aid for the digitisation of the sector and the adaptation of Basque tourism to ICTs, as well as for the adaptation of tourism products and services to new markets.

Initiative 2. To promote aid for the development of supra-regional tourism products and services. To strengthen territorial balance and cohesion through actions that promote the distribution of flows and the organisation of supply, enhancing the opportunities offered by territorial connectivity and sustainable transport.

Initiative 3. We will promote, in coordination with the rest of the Basque institutions, the implementation of a tax with the aim of taxing the stays of travellers staying in tourist establishments in the Basque Country and promoting the competitiveness and sustainability of the sector.

Initiative 4. To define a new model of interaction with the tourist at the destination, improving coordination in the provision of excellent, quality tourist services, strengthening tourist products within a framework of connection between them, implementing a more digitised model of visitor services, boosting the connection of the network of Tourist Information Offices.

Initiative 5. To respond to the new needs of visitors, focusing on pre- and post-trip activities, as well as promoting territorial cohesion and movement through tourist signage and signposting.

Commitment 107. The Basque Country, a digitised and intelligent destination.

Initiative 1. To promote the STDs (Smart Tourist Destinations) model and extrapolate it to companies, so that we have more STCs (Smart Tourism Companies).

- Initiative 2. To increase the training offer aimed at the sector through Basquetour Learning services and the dissemination of good internal and external practices.
- Initiative 3. To promote the use of the Tourism Intelligence System for strategic decision-making, disseminating the knowledge obtained among the sector's agents.
- Initiative 4. To provide the Basque Tourism Observatory with greater capacities to lead and coordinate the monitoring of tourism activity, including greater monitoring of the quality of service at the destination, through the monitoring of the opinions of tourists on the main online opinion channels.
- Initiative 5. To encourage the use of Artificial Intelligence to analyse data and identify patterns and trends in travellers' behaviour.
- Initiative 6. To reinforce the incorporation of the tourism sector into the PCTI (Basque Science, Technology and Innovation Plan 2030). It is essential to boost R&D&I in order to promote and incorporate technology, together with the research, technological development and innovation that the tourism sector needs.

Commitment 108. The Basque Country, a committed and sustainable destination.

- Initiative 1. To promote a Pact for Tourism that will have an impact on the goals of sustainability and quality. This Pact will also serve to define in a coordinated manner the policies for leisure and MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions) destinations.
- Initiative 2. To promote the relationship with local and international educational centres, with tourism agencies from all over the world and with companies that have been a reference in the development of sustainable tourism destinations.
- Initiative 3. To promote the Tourism Board as a space for participation and collaboration in the sector.
- Initiative 4. To promote the Basque Tourism Code of Ethics as a tool for creating a sustainable and responsible destination.
- Initiative 5. To promote lines of aid for the creation, development and implementation of sustainable tourism products and services that encourage the respectful use of cultural and natural heritage, ensuring respect for and transmission of the values and identity of our destination.
- Initiative 6. To promote the electrification of tourism transport and the energy efficiency of tourism activities.
- Initiative 7. To strengthen the measurement of the effects of the climate change variable in tourism strategies as a key factor in a long-term strategy.

19. Consumer

Consumption is a constantly changing and adapting subject, which must be assimilated to a wide range of issues and which affects each and every person. The development of our society is based on consumption and the decision on how we consume determines the society we want to be.

Responsible and conscientious consumption and the protection of consumer rights will continue to gain importance in the future. New technologies, e-commerce and new forms of payment are advancing at a dizzying pace, with Artificial Intelligence deploying new ways of communicating, relating, consuming and exchanging information.

Commitment 109. To strengthen the protection of people and promote proximity and accessibility in citizen services.

Initiative 1. To ensure that sufficient face-to-face customer service is maintained, that the quality of telephone customer service is maintained and that centralised online customer service is facilitated.

Initiative 2. To collaborate with platforms and associations of groups of vulnerable people to analyse, diagnose and improve the quality of care for them.

Initiative 3. To improve communication between the administration and citizens, promoting the application of clear communication techniques in information. The aim is to convey information in an easy, direct, transparent and effective way, avoiding legal language.

Commitment 110. To promote good business practices.

Initiative 1. To develop and make visible codes of good practice through consumer bodies.

Initiative 2. To disseminate consumer legislation among businesses, with an emphasis on start-ups through the Business Innovation Centres.

Commitment 111. To strengthen inter-institutional governance and collaboration and make visible and strengthen the network of consumer associations.

Initiative 1. To promote collaboration with the judiciary, especially with the Basque Country's Public Prosecutor's Office, to coordinate the defence of consumers.

Initiative 2. To promote university internships in consumer organisations.

Initiative 3. To create a new training programme on responsible consumption, with students from the experience classrooms in the three territories.

Initiative 4. To introduce training in responsible consumption in the whole range of Vocational Training degrees.

Initiative 5. To support the legal activity of Consumer Associations and, in particular, in relation to injunctions carried out by these Associations.

AXIS III. ENERGY TRANSFORMATION AND SUSTAINABILITY

AREAS OF ACTION:

20. Energy Transition

21. Environment

22. Sustainable Transport

23. Circular Economy

24. Regeneration and the Urban Agenda

25. Agenda 2030

20. Energy transition

Global warming is a verifiable reality that is affecting us increasingly intensely. Its effects are beginning to have negative consequences on the Basque social and economic fabric. The data shows that the emission of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere has caused the average temperature today to be more than one degree above the pre-industrial period. The ambitious targets set to achieve carbon neutrality by 2045 make the response urgent.

This response must be swift and effective. The Basque productive fabric requires an orderly and coherent transition, coordinated with the industrial, technological and energy sectors; taking advantage of this transformation as an opportunity to preserve responsible economic development and generate new and better jobs.

The Basque Country begins the legislature with the recently approved Energy Transition and Climate Change Act. The environmental goals of this regulation are ambitious and, at the same time, it aims to increase the Basque Country's energy autonomy, avoiding the geopolitical ups and downs that condition this sector so much. In the Basque Country, we must commit to shared self-consumption, making the most of energy production and taking advantage of waste that cannot be incorporated into the value chain to produce energy through energy recovery.

The costs of this transition cannot be avoided, and not only in economic terms. The energy transition must be friendly, with reduced and simple bureaucratic procedures, avoiding the reduction in business competitiveness due to the achievement of Community goals, and we must accompany our sectors in identifying the opportunities offered by this transition in terms of the economy, job creation and competitiveness.

Commitment 112. Energy policy planning.

Initiative 1. To promote a new planning framework that includes a Long-Term Roadmap for Energy Transition and Climate Change, Transition Strategies for the year 2030 and Climate and Energy Plans for the Historical Territories and local entities.

Initiative 2. To promote Climate and Energy Plans in Basque municipalities with more than 5,000 inhabitants. These Plans will aim towards:

- Mitigation: reducing emissions with the aim of becoming carbon neutral by 2050, making the necessary efforts to achieve carbon neutrality by 2045.
- Adaptation: improving knowledge of hazards and impacts and developing plans to anticipate the consequences of climate change.
- Municipal resilience: improving governance in the face of extreme events and incorporating nature-based solutions as elements for adaptation and resilience.

Initiative 3. To develop the initiatives linked to the fight against climate change provided for in Act 1/2024 of 8 February, on Energy Transition and Climate Change in the Basque Country, proposing the corresponding regulations.

Initiative 4. To intensify support mechanisms for investments that contribute to energy efficiency both in industry and in public and private buildings.

- Initiative 5. To simplify and streamline procedures to promote renewable energies, preserving environmental, heritage, social and territorial integration.
- Initiative 6. To promote a new tax system to encourage energy transition and climate change, working in collaboration with the Provincial Councils. A proposal that would tax actions that increase energy vulnerability and carbon emissions, and incentivise actions that favour mitigation, reduction and absorption of emissions and adaptation to climate change.
- Initiative 7. To continue to encourage public administrations, within the scope of their competences, to establish taxes on actions that cause environmental damage, as well as incentive mechanisms and measures to subsidise investments in energy efficiency, production and consumption of renewable energies and acquisition and use of zero emission vehicles, prioritising uses that achieve the greatest savings, the decarbonisation of sectors and adaptation to climate change.
- Initiative 8. To encourage up to 100 Basque municipalities to join the Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy.

Commitment 113. Project development for energy transition.

- Initiative 1. To promote energy sustainability in public administration buildings and public housing by means of refurbishment solutions and improvements to their energy-consuming equipment. To continue promoting centralised energy purchasing by institutions.
- Initiative 2. To design new measures to ensure that new dwellings are equipped with a high level of thermal self-consumption and are aligned with meeting the EU's energy efficiency targets for buildings. All this without compromising the financial stability of the purchasers.
- Initiative 3. To focus on the construction of new zero-emission or passivhaus housing, or with BREEAM certification. To implement incentives towards these models and promote the use of industrialised construction and BIM methodology for the design and construction of buildings.
- Initiative 4. To encourage the use of bioclimatic building criteria in infrastructures associated with green spaces.
- Initiative 5. To promote the dissemination and use of green electricity in heating and the use of thermal self-consumption through aerothermal energy. To promote the sustainable use of forest biomass as a source of renewable energy to replace fossil fuels, especially in rural areas close to mountain forest areas.
- Initiative 6. Intensify the promotion of Km 0 renewable generation projects in local areas, allowing citizens, SMEs and businesses to have access to nearby, green and competitive energy.
- Initiative 7. To encourage renewable energy generation facilities for industrial projects.
- Initiative 8. A firm commitment to the Energy Communities as an instrument for increasing the generation of renewable energies and empowering Basque citizens in this area.

Initiative 9. We will support municipal and regional initiatives through the Basque Energy Agency (EVE), activating specific tools for financing these investments, and we will simplify the administrative procedures linked thereto.

Initiative 10. We will intensify the socialisation of energy projects developed in the Basque Country, making at least 30% of the renewable electricity generated in projects in which the Basque Energy Agency (EVE) participates available to the public and the business community.

Initiative 11. To promote the installation of 900 MW of renewable generation by maximising proximity generation (self-consumption, shared self-consumption, energy communities, etc.), combined with larger installations.

Initiative 12. To facilitate projects that enable progress to be made in the decarbonisation of energy-intensive industry that is difficult to electrify, facilitating access to new energy vectors such as green hydrogen or the use of alternative fuels.

Initiative 13. To promote the use of decarbonised alternative energies in mobility to replace the use of fossil fuels and thus reduce emissions associated with transport. To advance towards the goal of zero emissions in all public transport fleets in our territory.

Initiative 14. To draw up the Fossil Fuel Divestment Plan so that the General Administration of the Basque Country and the entities that make up the public sector cease to participate, as soon as possible, and in any case before 2030, directly or indirectly, in any type of company, enterprise, initiative or project aimed at exploring, exploiting, refining or processing fossil fuels, including electricity generation activities by burning fossil fuels.

Initiative 15. To mainstream energy and sustainability in spatial and urban planning.

Commitment 114. To develop the Basque energy research strategy.

Initiative 1. To promote the areas of research, technological development and business fabric in the field of energy, in line with the strategic priorities defined in the Basque Smart Specialisation Strategy RIS 3 Euskadi.

Initiative 2. To promote initiatives that favour Basque industrial and technological positioning in fields such as wave energy, storage, floating off-shore wind power, smart grids and in the field of green hydrogen production.

Commitment 115. Fair energy transition.

Initiative 1. To promote measures and programmes to support energy efficiency investments that help reduce consumption and thus the energy price impact on domestic-commercial and industrial consumers.

Initiative 2. To develop coordinated actions with the rest of the institutions to guarantee the access of Basque citizens to safe, sustainable and affordable energy, in the terms set out in Act 1/2024 on Energy Transition and Climate Change.

Initiative 3. To maintain the existing Social Policy programmes of the Basque Government to address the energy vulnerability of individuals and families. The Energy Transition and Climate Change Plans will include the goal of ensuring that all people have access to the energy necessary for decent living conditions in their homes.

21. Environment

Environmental protection policies have become central to the legislative and executive work of the 21st century. The preservation of the environment and the fight against climate change are among the highest concerns worldwide and are on the political agenda of all countries.

This effort has led to the improvement of the main environmental indicators in terms of water, soil and air quality. Progress has also been made in the defence of and respect for biodiversity. Looking towards 2030, and in accordance with the Sustainable Development Goals, the Basque Government, with the support of the Basque Parliament, made climate change a central issue in the Basque Country, following the Climate Emergency Declaration.

Commitment 116. To promote an advanced and innovative environmental policy for the defence of the environment and the promotion of ecological values.

- Initiative 1. To invest in green infrastructure, ecological restoration and the repair of ecosystem functions.
- Initiative 2. To draw up the Basque Green Infrastructure Strategy to create a planned network of natural and semi-natural areas that connects all the protected areas in order to avoid isolated areas of ecological value, thus giving continuity to the areas specifically declared as protected.
- Initiative 3. To strengthen the response capacity of existing infrastructure to extreme weather events. To promote actions to adapt to climate change, early warning mechanisms, greening and naturalising our municipalities, restoring habitats that increase their capacity as carbon sinks, also including urban areas through adaptive and circular urban regeneration. To act with particular intensity in environmentally sensitive areas, prioritising local varieties of indigenous species.
- Initiative 4. To develop a Sustainable Finance Plan to promote innovation and the green competitiveness of Basque companies, as well as to attract investments with a positive impact and ESG criteria to the Basque Country.
- Initiative 5. To develop innovative governance linked to the ecological transition that promotes advanced models of participation and deliberation.
- Initiative 6. To reinforce the commitment to the Ekoetxea network of environmental centres in the Basque Country, modernising and adapting them. To create a new centre in Araba.
- Initiative 7. To propose a green tax policy in line with the European Union, in collaboration with the Provincial Councils through the Tax Coordination Body.
- Initiative 8. To promote the integration into spatial planning of criteria on urban regeneration, the valorisation of land as a limited resource, climate change, sustainable mobility, landscape, green infrastructure, ecosystem services, sustainable resource management, gender, health, accessibility, immigration, participation and good governance.

Initiative 9. To foster, in collaboration with other institutions, municipal and county energy and climate plans, and their integration into the European Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy.

Initiative 10. To work in a coordinated manner on the drafting of a Basque Health and Environment Strategy.

Commitment 117. To promote the defence of biodiversity.

Initiative 1. To contribute to the sustainable socio-economic development of the rural environment by encouraging the production of raw materials and commodities or primary products, as well as the provision of ecosystem services.

Initiative 2. To develop a "zero pollution" programme for water, air and soil, reducing pollution to levels that are not harmful to health and natural ecosystems. The programme will place a special focus on improving air quality, reducing marine waste and microplastics, as well as improving soil quality.

Initiative 3. To promote the achievement of environmental goals in our rivers, as well as actions to maintain our hydraulic capacity. To carry out actions to stabilise slopes, eliminate embankments to increase river connectivity, monitor and eliminate invasive species of flora and reforest riverbanks by planting autochthonous species.

Initiative 4. To create an open environmental information and dissemination system that allows Basque citizens to know the evolution of our environmental indicators.

Initiative 5. To make progress in complying with the Euskadi 2030 Waste Prevention and Management Plan.

22. Sustainable Transport

Mobility and transport are a fundamental element for the development of people's lives and have a direct impact on the development of society. This is a need for citizens, and public policies should promote it through accessible and comprehensive public transport. The Basque Country must continue to make progress in order to remain a vertebrate territory with a territorial balance among its citizens, and to this end a sustainable and efficient mobility system is a fundamental factor.

The public transport system in the Basque Country has allowed us to provide a high-quality offer and citizens consider it as such. Along the same lines, the Government will promote mobility in the Basque Country in line with the energy transition and the digital transition.

Commitment 118. To promote sustainable mobility, public transport and active mobility.

- Initiative 1. To complete the fare integration that allows for an intensification of the use of public transport in all transport services offered.
- Initiative 2. To tackle the extra cost of transfers by offering a progressive reduction in the cost of transfers within a single, integrated fare system, while respecting the competences of each institution.
- Initiative 3. To promote, within the Basque Transport Authority and in collaboration with all the institutions involved, a common system of bonuses or progressive discounts depending on the use of public transport, taking into account the socio-economic characteristics of users, and special groups—large families, young people up to 26 years of age, the elderly, people with disabilities and social profiles (unemployed people, etc.)—, which are treated in a specific manner, and may even be free of charge in some cases, within the framework of the provisions of Act 11/2023 of 9 November, on sustainable mobility in the Basque Country.
- Initiative 4. To prioritise rail transport as the backbone of mobility in the Basque Country and its complementarity with the different public transport methods. To promote rail freight mobility by boosting rail freight connections between our main ports.
- Initiative 5. To incentivise the renewal of the vehicle fleet by establishing criteria of use, income and emission reduction.
- Initiative 6. To promote electric recharging infrastructures and increase the high-power recharging network in collaboration with the Basque Energy Agency.
- Initiative 7. To foster the electrification of public transport by accelerating the renewal of fleets, in collaboration with the Provincial Councils and municipal entities.
- Initiative 8. Extend high-capacity smart electric bus projects to densely populated urban and metropolitan areas.
- Initiative 9. To focus on accessibility to means of transport and infrastructures. To this end, to reinforce and implement measures on universal accessibility and the integration of people with disabilities, which may include free transport tickets for people accompanying blind users or users with reduced mobility.

- Initiative 10. To develop IT systems to plan the multimodal journey from origin to destination, integrating all public transport operators (with the possibility of including other private operators, public car parks, airports, bicycles, electric scooters, etc.). These systems will determine timetables and locations, and criteria such as fastest, most sustainable, most accessible route, etc. may be applied.
- Initiative 11. In collaboration with the Provincial Councils and Town Councils, to promote Sustainable Mobility Plans, as well as the implementation of mobility plans for workplaces when requested to do so.
- Initiative 12. In collaboration with local councils, to promote that cars with zero-emission labels can park at reduced rates in the blue and green zones managed by the Regulated Parking Service.
- Initiative 13. To promote, together with local councils, the creation of parking spaces reserved for electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles.
- Initiative 14. To promote electric motorbikes or zero-emission vehicles for last mile delivery, as well as the creation of logistics points for the delivery of goods outside the urban space, so that these last-mile delivery drivers can carry out zero-emission deliveries in the city environment.
- Initiative 15. To carry out social awareness campaigns in favour of more sustainable and active mobility.

23. Circular Economy

The circular economy is a fundamental element in reducing the consumption of raw materials and combating climate change, which is why it is presented both as a risk mitigator and as a generator of opportunities to strengthen our economic fabric. Therefore, applying circularity tools in companies is key to improving their competitiveness, reducing CO2 emissions linked to climate change and reducing waste going to landfills.

In recent years, the Basque Country has made considerable progress in this area following the approval of the Circular Economy Strategy 2030, the Circular Economy and Bioeconomy Plan 2021-2024 and milestones such as the Basque Ecodesign Centre and the Basque Circular Hub. More than 400 Basque companies, 80% of them SMEs, are already applying circular practices or models.

We believe in a model of development and economic growth that is decoupled from the consumption of materials and the generation of emissions, that is more innovative, competitive and sustainable, that maximises available resources so that they remain in the production cycle for as long as possible and reduces the generation of waste.

The aim is to implement and deploy the tools put in place to promote this new circular economy model with green jobs and innovation, which results in improved competitiveness and sustainable growth in the Basque Country.

Commitment 119. To develop green jobs and innovation in the field of the circular economy.

- Initiative 1. To approve and implement the Basque Circular Economy and Bioeconomy Plan 2025-2028.
- Initiative 2. To launch the "Basque Green Talent" (green employment) programme to train young people in the opportunities of the circular economy.
- Initiative 3. To promote reparability and the promotion of new business models linked to second life for products and high-value recyclability strategies.
- Initiative 4. To create a sustainability assessment system for SMEs.
- Initiative 5. To develop a programme to support digitisation and new technologies for the green transition. To encourage Basque companies to use technologies such as blockchain and instruments such as the digital product passport to make a qualitative leap in their sustainability policies.
- Initiative 6. To create lines of financing for companies that recover electrical materials and bulky materials, and that promote the circular economy.
- Initiative 7. To incorporate new environmental criteria to prioritise the taking of stakes for the establishment of strategic companies in the Basque Country, which is carried out through the Finkatuz Fund, by the SGCR and its Venture Capital Funds.
- Initiative 8. To annually update the Basque List of Clean Technologies, so that they are considered for tax purposes and facilitate the circular economy.
- Initiative 9. To offer training to society in the promotion of good circular economy practices.

Initiative 10. To increase support for obtaining environmental certificates and verifications such as the Corporate Environmental Footprint, the Environmental Product Declaration or the carrying out of Life Cycle Assessments.

Initiative 11. To promote the creation of companies in the field of vocational training, oriented towards new economic and sustainable models, such as the circular economy.

Initiative 12. To promote training and integration programmes for certain groups, the development of workshop schools and trade schools, and employment in the field of the circular economy.

Commitment 120. To reduce waste and increase recycling and recovery.

Initiative 1. To approve the Territorial Sectorial Plan for Waste Infrastructures to advance in the fulfilment of the Euskadi 2030 Waste Plan.

Initiative 2. To promote the implementation of waste management projects for the recovery of the one million tonnes of waste currently sent to landfills each year.

Initiative 3. To develop a Responsible Consumption programme within the framework of a "Social Pact for circular and sustainable consumption in the Basque Country". A Covenant focused on the areas of consumption that have the greatest environmental impact: food, textiles and fashion, mobility, electrical and electronic equipment.

Initiative 4. To promote the development of environmental labels for agricultural and livestock products.

Initiative 5. To encourage sustainable consumption: promoting second-hand markets and encouraging reuse and local food.

Initiative 6. To develop measures against food waste, both in terms of raising social awareness and in terms of control and sanctions.

Initiative 7. To set up the Basque Life Cycle Analysis Network. Through this instrument, new environmental inventory data associated with materials and processes manufactured in the Basque Country will be developed, validated and published, and the public register of environmental product passports promoted by the European Union will be created and coordinated.

Initiative 8. To develop a plastics circular economy programme, with the aim of reducing plastic waste going to landfill, making further progress in compliance with plastics and packaging legislation, and identifying opportunities for the proper management of plastics waste.

Initiative 9. To activate mechanisms to enable intelligent traceability of waste management data.

Initiative 10. To make progress in complying with the Euskadi 2030 Waste Prevention and Management Plan.

24. Regeneration and Urban Agenda

Throughout the pre-democratic period, important population centres were built in response to housing needs. They lacked sufficient planning and long-term vision to become quality urban environments from a sustainable development perspective.

Faced with the reality of a Basque Country that needs more housing for a quantitatively stable population—there continues to be a decrease in the ratio of people per dwelling—, there is a need to focus on cities that have already been constructed, prioritising this formula over new expansions that increase the region's artificialisation. There is a need for more compact, sustainable towns and cities, with more convivial centres, incorporating more commerce and more meeting areas. Also, better connected towns and cities, advancing the concept of Euskal Hiria.

In this new model of urban development, the reality of the neighbourhood as a space for community social interaction must recover its central role in the planning and organisation of our towns and cities. To this end, it is essential to ensure that our neighbourhoods have all the elements necessary to make them spaces with a high quality of life.

Commitment 121. To maintain and promote the Euskadi Bultzatu 2050 Urban Agenda.

Initiative 1. To include a more sustainable conception of neighbourhoods in the revision of territorial planning instruments, ensuring a balanced and sustainable socio-economic development through a rational use of the territory.

Initiative 2. To integrate a gender perspective in urban development and urban planning tools.

Initiative 3. To work, always in close collaboration with the local councils, to identify those neighbourhoods that require urgent interventions from an urban planning, social and environmental point of view.

Initiative 4. To promote green infrastructure in the city in collaboration with the Department of the Environment.

Initiative 5. To promote, in collaboration with the relevant departments, R&D&I processes to improve the sustainability of cities.

Initiative 6. To consolidate the Open Gela regeneration model.

Commitment 122. To promote rehabilitation, urban regeneration and innovation in housing, improving accessibility, energy efficiency and sustainable construction.

Initiative 1. To strengthen and increase accessibility adaptation measures in housing, including interior adaptation for people with disabilities or reduced mobility.

Initiative 2. To maintain the momentum to continue carrying out Technical Building Inspections (ITE).

Initiative 3. To continue with the implementation of the Zero Plana Plan for the rehabilitation and decarbonisation of the public rental stock, as well as the Alokabizi project for the digital, sustainable and socially advanced management of the public rental stock, understood as the country's infrastructure.

- Initiative 4. To encourage the refurbishment of existing buildings and dwellings with sustainability, energy efficiency and accessibility criteria.
- Initiative 5. To promote innovation in architecture and research projects in the area of sustainable construction, eco-innovation and energy efficiency. All this in accordance with the Strategy for the implementation of the Basque Urban Agenda – Bultzatu 2050 and comprehensive urban regeneration projects, to make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.
- Initiative 6. To incorporate in urban rehabilitation and regeneration projects, programmes and mechanisms for socio-occupational insertion, through training and employment projects financed by Lanbide and executed from the local impulse.
- Initiative 7. To continue to focus on the construction of new housing under the parameters of European Directive 2010/31-Ec on the construction of nearly zero energy buildings ("NZEB-Nearly Zero Energy building").

25. Agenda 2030

The Basque commitment to the 2030 Agenda is firm and resolute, making its goals the priorities of the Basque Agenda. Public policies must be a practical and concrete reflection of the essential value of the Sustainable Development Goals as a roadmap to an equitable, green and sustainable future.

We will work to ensure that our policies and actions develop and deliver on these goals, prioritising poverty eradication, the promotion of gender equality, climate action and inclusive community building, while continuing to promote sustainable and inclusive economic development.

The Basque Country must not only comply with these commitments, but also lead the way internationally in their application and localisation. The Basque Government's model is based on the collaboration of Basque agents and citizen participation in the design and implementation of our policies. All of this in order to face the global challenges as a community, guaranteeing current welfare while at the same time bequeathing a better society to the Basques of tomorrow.

In the previous legislature, the United Nations decided that the world headquarters of the Secretariat of the 2030 Coalition would be located in the Basque Country. This is an acknowledgement of the track record and implies an additional responsibility. It is a major event that opens up great opportunities for the local and international development of the Basque commitment to the SDGs.

Commitment 123. To uphold the priority of the Basque commitment to the fulfilment of the Sustainable Development Goals and energise the multilevel and multifactor governance of the 2030 Agenda.

- Initiative 1. To update the Basque Agenda 2030 Priorities Programme and promote its coordination and interdepartmental, inter-institutional and social collaboration, with a focus on policy coherence.
- Initiative 2. To promote and energise the Euskadi Agenda 2030 Forum as a framework for multilevel governance of the Sustainable Development Goals and actively collaborate with the Basque Alliance for the SDGs.
- Initiative 3. To continue to prioritise dissemination and awareness-raising policies on the 2030 Agenda in order to raise the level of social knowledge and citizen involvement in its promotion, as well as to combat the self-interested disinformation campaigns that are being promoted by sectors that use populist demagogy.
- Initiative 4. To maintain and develop the monitoring, evaluation and projection of the Basque contribution to the fulfilment of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. To publish the Voluntary Monitoring Report annually for subsequent submission to the United Nations.
- Initiative 5. To develop its own system of multilevel indicators for the evaluation of the Basque contribution to the fulfilment of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Commitment 124. To internationally share the Basque model of commitment to the 2030 Agenda and establish a framework of preferential collaboration with the United Nations Local 2030 Coalition.

Initiative 1. To develop and share, both within Basque society and its institutions and organisations, and internationally, the Basque Model of commitment to the localisation of Agenda 2030, Now 2030 Basque Country.

Initiative 2. To actively collaborate with the Secretariat of the United Nations Local2030 Coalition, located in Bilbao, and deploy the local and international opportunities that this infrastructure offers for the Basque Country.

Initiative 3. To continue collaborating with multilateral organisations to lead the Basque Country's commitment to localising local and regional governments in the international governance of the 2030 Agenda.

Initiative 4. To launch a HUB focused on SDG Governance within the framework of the "UN Local2030 Coalition".

AXIS IV. COEXISTENCE, MEMORY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

AREAS OF ACTION:

26. Gender Equality and LGBTIQ+ rights

27. Coexistence and Human Rights

28. Development Cooperation

29. Justice and Prisons

26. Gender Equality and LGBTBIQ+ Rights

Equality between women and men in the Basque Country has become a fundamental issue, both on the institutional and social agenda. Today, it is considered a public policy of the highest social value, reflecting a growing demand and being a priority and unquestionable national goal in our society.

Likewise, the fight against male violence is a duty shared by society as a whole and must be tackled by all public authorities in the Basque Country as a violation of human rights and a social and public health problem of the first order. It is also a manifestation of unequal power relations and structural discrimination against women.

The defence of LGBTBIQ+ equality and diversity is another key pillar in building a just society. This process must be carried out on the basis of dialogue and agreement with the social partners and political representatives.

Commitment 125. To eradicate male violence and build an egalitarian society free of violence against women in all its manifestations.

- Initiative 1. To carry out regular surveys on male violence, analysing its prevalence in the Basque Country, as well as specific quantitative and qualitative studies, in order to increase knowledge and understanding of the problem and propose effective prevention, care and redress policies.
- Initiative 2. To strengthen and improve tools for the detection of situations of gender-based violence and facilitate social support for victims.
- Initiative 3. To improve care services through effective and efficient coordination between the different administrations, ensuring that services and benefits are available to victims of gender-based violence.
- Initiative 4. To draw up a Protocol for the detection and protection of victims of trafficking for sexual exploitation, improving coordination between administrations, police forces and social entities. A Protocol that, in addition to the prosecution of this offence, prioritises protection and compensation for the victims, including measures that favour their socio-occupational insertion.
- Initiative 5. To promote "24-hour crisis centres" as comprehensive, professional, specialised and accessible care resources for women who are victims of sexual violence over the age of 16.
- Initiative 6. To set up a one-stop shop for the integrated management of cases requiring the care and protection of victims of gender-based violence, allowing the pertinent programmes to be adopted.
- Initiative 7. To reinforce socio-occupational insertion programmes that facilitate the start of a new life free of violence.
- Initiative 8. To expand the scope of the Gizonduz programme to include groups of men who are resistant to equality and to conduct equality awareness campaigns specifically targeting men.

Initiative 9. To implement specific programmes that address the needs of girls and women with all types of disabilities, ensuring their inclusion and access to appropriate support services.

Commitment 126. To promote the implementation of the pay gap action plan and promote equality in companies and organisations.

Initiative 1. To promote an inclusive labour market that guarantees effective equality of opportunities and non-discrimination in access, promotion and permanence in employment for all people.

Initiative 2. To strictly supervise compliance with the obligations established in current legislation for the achievement of equality in companies and organisations, with special emphasis on equality plans, making it easier for social initiative cooperatives to register their plans, and implementing protocols against harassment in the workplace.

Initiative 3. To promote a new company culture that makes it possible to achieve a balance between personal life, work and family life.

Initiative 4. To facilitate the insertion of women in professions of greater future demand, thus encouraging their participation in areas historically occupied by men.

Initiative 5. To put care at the heart of equality policies in order to move towards increasingly co-responsible social organisation. To make the transition from work-life balance to co-responsibility effective.

Commitment 127. To eradicate gender-based violence against children and young people

Initiative 1. To develop a strategy to care for children exposed to male violence, with various services, methodologies and specific forms of care. A strategy coordinated with the areas of health and education.

Initiative 2. To implement specific prevention programmes within the framework of informal education, aimed at children and young people with the goal of preventing violence from an early age.

Initiative 3. To reinforce the creation and deployment of prevention programmes aimed at young people to work on the prevention of violence in the context of parties and nightlife.

Commitment 128. To incorporate the reality of LGTBIQ+ people in the agenda of public equality policies.

Initiative 1. To promote the Act on Equal Treatment and Combating Discrimination.

Initiative 2. To promote a comprehensive strategy that addresses LGTBIQ+ challenges from an intersectional perspective, acknowledging various forms of discrimination.

- Initiative 3.
 To develop awareness-raising campaigns to increase knowledge about the reality of the LGBTIQ+ community and promote respect for their rights in society.
- Initiative 4. To train Basque public administration staff through the creation of specific training modules on LGBTIQ+ diversity and ways to protect their rights, within the training plan of the Basque Institute of Public Administration (IVAP).
- Initiative 5. To periodically carry out ad hoc quantitative and qualitative studies to promote historical memory, as well as to learn about the challenges faced by the LGBTIQ+ community in order to improve the effectiveness of public policies in this area.

Commitment 129. To promote value change and empowerment of women and girls.

- Initiative 1. To reinforce equality and coeducation programmes from an early age.
- Initiative 2. To encourage the initiatives of the women's associative movement and the feminist world in projects for empowerment and changes in values.
- Initiative 3. To advance intersectionality in order to provide a better response to all women's diverse needs, based on personal and collective empowerment and the recognition of all women, of any age, social sphere and origin.
- Initiative 4. To incorporate gender mainstreaming in the different spheres of public policy intervention, as a strategy for political advocacy that acts on structural issues and orients towards social transformation in equality.

Commitment 130. To manage diversity more effectively for greater inclusion and equality.

- Initiative 1. To promote effective plans for equal treatment in accordance with current legislation to ensure non-discrimination on grounds of sex, age, racial or ethnic origin, religion and sexual orientation. These plans will incorporate measures to combat racism and xenophobia.
- Initiative 2. To promote and protect diversity, and fight discrimination and stigmatisation of individuals and groups.
- Initiative 3. To reinforce support and collaboration with entities and social groups that work for inclusion and equality from the axes of cultural diversity, origin and sexual orientation.
- Initiative 4. To promote training plans on equal treatment and non-discrimination policies, prevention and eradication of bullying, homophobia or mobbing, in coordination with local councils.

27. Coexistence and Human Rights

The disappearance of ETA was one of the most important events in Basque society and one of its greatest achievements of the previous decade. Since then, consolidating a plural, inclusive and committed coexistence with human rights is a priority that requires us to build a memory that is critical of the past and in solidarity with the victims. A memory that unequivocally recognises the injustice of the harm caused by all forms of terrorism or violence and that reaffirms the premises shared in the 2016 and 2020 agreements, which we endorse.

In the Basque Country, we have a Basque Act for the recognition and reparation of victims of terrorism, an Act for the recognition and reparation of victims of politically motivated human rights violations and an Act on Historical and Democratic Memory. On this legislative basis and with the aim of promoting a solid and fair model of coexistence, we will promote an approach based on four essential pillars that act as the foundations on which a fairer, more equitable and peaceful society can be built.

The first of these pillars is the delegitimisation of violence. This principle states that any form of violence, whether physical, emotional or structural, must be considered radically unjust. We need to eradicate any remaining social acceptance of violence as a means of resolving conflicts or imposing ideas.

The second pillar focuses on the comprehensive recognition of all victims of human rights violations. This recognition encompasses not only the legal and institutional, but also the social, moral and symbolic spheres. All those who have suffered injustice must be made visible and receive the support and solidarity of society in their process of recovery and reparation.

The third pillar focuses on building an inclusive, critical and ethical memory. This implies the revision and re-signification of history from multiple perspectives, giving voice to those groups that have historically been marginalised or silenced. Collective memory should be a space for reflection and learning that contributes to reconciliation and the prevention of future conflicts.

Finally, the fourth pillar is ethical and democratic principles and values. These principles act as a guide for social and political relations, promoting respect for human dignity, equal rights and opportunities, justice, solidarity and citizen participation in decision-making.

Together, these 4 pillars form the basis of a model of coexistence that seeks to promote peace, justice and well-being for all people. Its implementation requires the commitment and collaboration of society as a whole, as well as the construction of public policies and institutional structures that reflect and promote these fundamental principles.

Commitment 131. To provide memory, victims, coexistence and human rights policies with an infrastructure for sustained momentum and intergenerational projection.

Initiative 1. To approve a Legislative Plan on coexistence and Human Rights based on the four pillars mentioned above, giving special relevance to the social and intergenerational pedagogical aspect of respect for life, human rights, human dignity, critical memory of the past and solidarity with the victims.

Initiative 2. To update Gogora's Strategic Plan and its annual management plans, maintaining the spirit of participation and consensus within its Council.

Initiative 3. To continue applying and developing the Basque Act on Recognition and Reparation for Victims of Terrorism.

Initiative 3. To continue applying the Basque Act on the Recognition and Reparation of Victims of Politically Motivated Human Rights Violations and promote the necessary agreement to update it.

Initiative 4. To continue developing the Act on Historical and Democratic Memory of the Basque Country, especially in its chapters on the recognition and reparation of victims; social pedagogy on democratic memory; search, exhumation and identification of missing persons; clarification of the truth through new research and mapping of places; and spaces and itineraries of memory in the Basque Country.

Initiative 5. To develop the Gogoragunea exhibition space.

Initiative 6. To continue collaboration with the Victims of Terrorism Memorial Centre.

Initiative 7. To launch the new Peace Museum in Gernika.

Initiative 8. To develop the new Memorial 3 de Marzo in Vitoria-Gasteiz.

Initiative 9. To evaluate and promote the Adi-Adian programme to bring the direct testimony of the victims of terrorism and political violence to secondary and high school students and universities in the Basque Country. To analyse its extension to other bachelor's and master's degrees, especially those linked to teacher training.

Commitment 132. To develop a public policy of critical memory of the past of terrorism and violence, linked to a commitment to solidarity with all victims.

Initiative 1. To uphold the commitment to a critical memory, which takes the form of rejecting the legitimisation, compensation or minimisation of any form of terrorism or violence that occurred in the past, and in the frontal opposition to its reoccurrence in the present or in the future, aimed at sharing a social project of coexistence based on the recognition of the injustice that terrorism and other politically motivated violence entail.

Initiative 2. To promote the political acceptance of an ethical ground for coexistence, based on the recognition of the injustice of all human rights violations, which, without excluding any and expressly including those provoked by ETA, is shared, for the first time, by all political traditions in the Basque Country. To reject any action that violates the sensitivity of the victims and the pain of their families, adopting measures to avoid offending, humiliating and re-victimising them, as per the provisions of Act 4/2008 on the Recognition and Redress of Victims of Terrorism.

Initiative 3. To provide additional recognition in cases of victims affected by incomplete investigation processes.

Initiative 4. As a contribution to the construction of a plural memory, to study, research and disseminate the contribution of neighbourhood, political, social, workers' and students' movements to the anti-Franco struggle and the shaping of democratic

culture and civic awareness in the Basque Country, as well as to the defence of peace in the face of terrorism and violence.

Commitment 133. To promote a social and political culture of respect for human rights, diversity and pluralism, in the face of all forms of discrimination.

Initiative 1. To socialise human rights and their culture as a constituent element of the Basque Country's DNA, incorporating their defence and guarantee in all areas of the country.

Initiative 2. To maintain initiatives to support human rights defenders' programmes.

Initiative 3. To prevent radicalisation and hate speech, including educational, social and cultural measures aimed at eradicating from the public sphere any expression that is degrading to victims or justifies violence, as well as cultivating democratic and tolerant civic-mindedness.

28. Development Cooperation

In an increasingly interconnected world facing unprecedented global challenges, development cooperation policy is a cornerstone of democratic governments committed to international solidarity.

The concentration of extreme poverty on the African continent, as well as the unequal transition that different states in Asia and Latin America are undergoing, present new local and global challenges. Therefore, the focus must be on collective responsibility for sustainable human rights. The Basque Country must foster significant alliances and projects, participating in global initiatives and projecting the solidarity and cooperative nature of Basque society.

The Basque Government will increase its capacity to generate alliances, mobilise cooperation actors and promote social participation. All of this is based on our economic, social and technical capacities, while respecting our competences.

With the United Nations 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals as a basis, it is vital to focus our efforts on taking decisive steps towards eradicating poverty, fighting inequality and injustice and protecting our planet.

Through our policies, Basques can engage and act in support of people involved in conflicts around the world, such as most recently in Ukraine or Palestine.

Commitment 134. To develop the new Basque decentralised model of Development Cooperation designed in the new Basque Act on Cooperation.

Initiative 1. To progressively transform the Basque model of development cooperation in a qualitative way by completing a model that responds to immediate needs in times of crisis and is more focused on transforming the structural causes that generate poverty and exclusion. A model that will fight against inequality, for human rights and global justice. This holistic vision represents a commitment to the future, not just the present.

Initiative 2. To promote the 5th Master Plan for Development Cooperation. To prioritise the design of programmes and projects that are in line with the specific needs and capacities of the Basque Country, and that also respond to global priorities and challenges in the field of international cooperation.

Commitment 135. Increased funding for development cooperation.

Initiative 1. To allocate stable funding resources, making progress on the commitment to earmark 0.7% of the General Budget of the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country for cooperation and solidarity policies.

Commitment 136. To promote transparency and good governance in development cooperation.

Initiative 1. To pursue clear and effective transparency and accountability mechanisms and ensure the proper use of cooperation resources. To promote public access for the evaluation of the results of these programmes.

Initiative 2. To develop new governance models that foster the capacities of traditional Basque cooperation agents (NGDOs), and promote alliances between new development

agents whose role is key to the expansion and consolidation of Basque Development Cooperation.

Commitment 137. To encourage the transversal involvement of departments in cooperation policies.

- Initiative 1. To promote the participation of all Departments, through Euskal Fundoa, in different international cooperation projects. The goal is to develop a transversal approach based on human rights, gender equality and policy coherence for development in the policies of the Basque Government.
- Initiative 2. Include a feminist, green and human rights perspective in international solidarity actions, including direct humanitarian aid initiatives, as well as projects aimed at sustainable development in these critical areas.
- Initiative 3. To encourage the participation of the Basque Diaspora and its centres in international development cooperation projects. To encourage their participation in the processes of defining and identifying new Cooperation projects in their territories of adoption.

Commitment 138. To develop the role of the Basque Agency for Development Cooperation in the international sphere.

- Initiative 1. To strengthen the active role of the Basque Agency for Development Cooperation as a promoter of the Basque model of decentralised cooperation in the European and international sphere
- Initiative 2. To reinforce the role of the United Nations Local 2030 headquarters in Bilbao as one of the driving forces of good practices and international knowledge in Cooperation policies linked to the Sustainable Development Goals.

29. Justice and Prisons

Conceiving Justice as an essential public service, our goal is to promote and develop the structural changes that promote accessibility and efficiency, and contribute to the common effort of cohesion and sustainability.

Along these lines, we are committed to promoting a person-centred system of justice that facilitates accessibility and supports society's most vulnerable people. This entails meeting the needs of citizens, advancing in sustainability and digitisation, improving response times and ease of use, and promoting restorative justice with adequate means for settling disputes while working towards innovation in a collaborative manner, guaranteeing effective judicial protection. A service included within a comprehensive policy of redress for the harm caused.

The prison system plays a crucial role in the administration of justice and the management of public safety. Its role should not be limited to punishing offenders, but should also include the rehabilitation and social reintegration of persons who have committed offences. A reintegration that benefits both individuals and society as a whole.

Commitment 139. To promote a judicial system in line with today's needs.

- Initiative 1. To promote the digitisation of justice, avoiding the digital divide and the dehumanising effect that technology may tend to have on the judicial system. We will develop the Electronic Court File with a digital justice plan.
- Initiative 2. To promote a Plan for Sustainable Courthouses, which includes measures for the acquisition of new judicial spaces needed by the judicial system in the Basque Country. This Plan would also include bringing the current judicial spaces up to standards of sustainability, accessibility and guarantees for victims.
- Initiative 3. To integrate Basque municipalities, from the judicial point of view, into groupings that will enable a people-oriented model of justice administration to be introduced.
- Initiative 4. To promote an action plan for victims of violence against women. To strengthen the actions of comprehensive forensic assessment units and psychosocial teams for the early detection of risk and the effective assessment of the situation of minors in cases of male violence.
- Initiative 5. To promote a new Act on the Consolidation and Integration of Basque Civil Law.
- Initiative 6. To work towards a specialised Act on Basque property law and the defence of wealth and family businesses.

Commitment 140. To promote universal and accessible justice.

- Initiative 1. To broaden access to free legal aid and prison legal aid to ensure access for all citizens regardless of their financial means.
- Initiative 2. To make progress in eliminating barriers to access to justice for persons with disabilities, vulnerable groups and the elderly. To develop programmes that promote support and adaptations in judicial processes for such persons, assessing the possibility of incorporating the figure of facilitators.

- Initiative 3. To promote accessible justice for children and adolescents who have to approach it and implement the 6th Juvenile Justice Plan.
- Initiative 4. To stimulate the use of services in the Basque language by citizens and professionals in the judicial sphere in accordance with the Plan for the Linguistic Normalisation of the Administration of Justice 2023-2032.
- Initiative 5. To expedite the recognition of the right to free legal aid and to dignify the work carried out by lawyers, solicitors and labour relations experts. To this end, we will promote the necessary reforms in the regulation of legal aid and the right to defence, strengthening the victim assistance service and promoting mediation and a restorative justice approach.
- Initiative 6. To continue with the development of the 4th Agreement on working conditions, promoting training plans, evaluating work positions and periodically publishing Public Employment Offers.

Commitment 141. To promote up-to-date prisons that encourage reintegration.

- Initiative 1. To draft a regulation on the organisation and operation of criminal enforcement services in the Basque Country. A regulation governing the organic and functional structure of the Basque central prison services and penitentiary centres, the intervention of other institutions engaged in the penitentiary sphere and social and citizen participation in relation to the penitentiary system and reintegration.
- Initiative 2. To promote new infrastructures with sufficient places in Basque penitentiary centres for the prison population native to or socially connected with the Basque Country, giving priority to new units for the open regime from a comprehensive penitentiary administration perspective.
- Initiative 3. To adapt existing infrastructures to the heterogeneous profile of the prison population, focusing on the specific needs of the most vulnerable groups, such as people with chronic mental disorders and substance abuse addiction problems. To promote staffing levels adapted to real needs and implement policies that guarantee the effective incorporation of the gender perspective in prison management.
- Initiative 5. To strengthen the re-socialising policies of the penitentiary system to avoid recidivism, encouraging inmates to critically review the past and recognise the harm caused, reinforcing the intervention and catalogue of treatment, work and training activities in the open environment.
- Initiative 6. To develop, through the Aukerak-Basque Social Reintegration Agency, measures to provide second chances to inmates by means of training and job placement.
- Initiative 7. Transversal access to the computer platforms by the professionals of the different organisations that work in the prison environment (penitentiary SIP, Administration of Justice, Ertzaintza, etc.), with the relevant restrictions regarding the information contained therein.

AXIS V. DEVELOPING SELF-GOVERNMENT

AREAS OF ACTION:

30. Self-Government

31. Governance and transparency

32. Euskadi global – Euskadi Basque Country

30. Self-Government

EAJ-PNV and PSE-EE (PSOE) have made a clear commitment to the principle of institutional stability and the development of self-government, which has materialised in the different agreements adopted at the municipal, foral and autonomous community levels and which, more recently, has also been expressed at the national level during the process of forming the Spanish Government.

Both parties assess this model positively, and we are committed to continuing to develop it based on loyalty and complementarity in order to facilitate institutional stability through dialogue and agreement.

Self-government is synonymous with greater well-being for all citizens. Its defence and the reclaiming of pending competences are fundamental pillars for the updating of the statutory pact, on the basis of the work carried out by the parliamentary committee on self-government in the 11th legislature.

Based on these principles, the commitment to extend and improve Basque self-government is reaffirmed on the basis of the following commitments: to extend the legislative development of the self-government achieved; to defend the self-government achieved by effectively using the political, legal and institutional mechanisms in force; to strengthen and develop the economic and financial self-government of the Basque Country; and to work to fulfil the political and institutional commitments made between the Basque and Spanish governments to complete the self-government of the Basque Country.

Basque self-government is also being developed within the framework of the European Union. The Basque Government will promote European integration and the presence and participation of Basque institutions in the EU's institutions.

Commitment 142. To extend the legislative development of Self-Government.

Initiative 1. To adopt the legislative programme within the first three months of the new government taking office. Monitoring and evaluation.

Initiative 2. To develop coordination of strategic policies with other institutions (Provincial Councils and City Councils) by implementing the established coordination mechanisms and bodies or, where appropriate, supporting the creation of inter-institutional work and collaboration spaces, with the aim of tackling the major challenges we must face as a society

Commitment 143. Defence of the Self-Government achieved.

Initiative 1. To ensure the defence of the self-government achieved. To promote its development and denounce actions that involve interference with, eliminating, conditioning or cutting back on public policies that the Basque Parliament or Government have approved in the exercise of their powers.

Initiative 2. To guarantee the observance of the Basque Economic Agreement and the agreements in the respective bilateral bodies of those measures that may derive from the co-ordination competences included in Article 156 of the Constitution,

referring to fiscal and financial policy. Measures that can only be applied or materialised once the bilateral meeting body or the Joint Economic Agreement Commission is duly convened.

- Initiative 3. To coordinate, ex officio by the Department responsible for the defence of self-government, or at the request of the rest of the Departments, the preparation of Reports on the constitutional legality and respect for the Statute of Gernika of the regulatory initiatives of the State. These reports shall be drawn up by the department responsible for the defence of self-government, after consultation with the sectoral department concerned. In cases in which infringements of Basque self-government are detected, the search for preventive solutions that avoid judicial conflict will be sought through the corresponding "letter of cooperation". Likewise, the route of negotiation before the Bilateral Cooperation Commission will be preferentially promoted, with the aim of preserving Basque self-government and avoiding its constitutional judicialisation.
- Initiative 4. To submit to the Governing Council proposals for the filing of constitutional or legal proceedings of any kind that are brought in defence of Basque self-government, of the competences attributed to the Basque Country and of the institutional organisation of the Autonomous Community. This channel will be enabled in cases in which preventive cooperation measures are unsuccessful and after consultation of the Department responsible for the defence of Self-Government with the Department concerned.
- Initiative 5. To promote, as a matter of preference, the path of negotiation before the Bilateral Cooperation Commission, with the aim of preserving Basque Self-Government in the best possible conditions and avoiding constitutional judicialisation and the risks of provoking merely interpretative rulings on Self-Government that gradually consolidate a doctrine of diminishing effects for our sphere of competence. This channel of negotiation before the Bilateral Commission shall be applied both in those processes in which the Basque Government intervenes as an actor and in those that are the result of appeals lodged by the State against the rules and acts issued by the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country. Such negotiations shall be conducted by the competent Department of Self-Government, assisted by the sectoral Department concerned.
- Initiative 6. To promote the participation of the head of the Basque Government's Department of Security in the JHA Council (Justice and Home Affairs).

Commitment 144. Recognised self-government pending transfer.

- Initiative 1. To work with the Spanish government to materialise negotiations on pending competences, subjects and services that could be transferred. As per the Gernika Statute, approved by the Spanish Governing Council in January 2020 and ratified in October 2020, to negotiate and transfer those matters pending transfer. In this regard, the Bilateral Commission will address the appropriate agreement for the transfer of the aforementioned matters-services, within the terms set out in the Report on the Updating of Pending Transfers to the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country and on the basis of the agreed list of negotiations in relation to the

transfers requested, within the deadlines established by both parties on 10 November 2023.

Commitment 145. To strengthen and develop the economic and financial self-government of the Basque Country.

- Initiative 1. To update the Economic Agreement between the Basque Country and the State in order to consolidate the self-government in fiscal matters of the Basque Institutions. To achieve higher levels of normative and regulatory capacity in agreed taxes and the possibility of establishing new taxes other than those already agreed upon, with the commitment not to engage in tax competition.
- Initiative 2. To promote the relevant agreements for the corresponding approval of the new five-year Act on the quota determining methodology.
- Initiative 3. To strengthen the Mixed Commission of the Economic Agreement as a body to regulate and channel the economic-financial relations between the Basque Country and the State.
- Initiative 4. To make progress in the permanent updating of the Basque Country's legal system in economic-financial matters (budgetary system, public aid and subsidies, financial policy and instruments, etc.) in order to maintain effective, modern, stable and transparent regulation of the matters pertaining to the Basque Country's General Treasury.
- Initiative 5. To strengthen the participation and visibility of the Basque Country, as a territory with fiscal and taxation powers, in European decision-making bodies in the economic-taxation-financial sphere. Along these lines, and within the frameworks of cooperation established in Article 4 of the Economic Agreement, it will promote its incorporation in the Spanish delegation attending the meetings of the high level groups, as well as the plenary meetings, in which issues analysed in the groups D-4 (tax issues) and D-5 (code of conduct) will be dealt with. It will also promote the presence of the Basque institutions in the international tax forums of the OECD: FHTP, Global Forum, FTA, as well as in the OECD and G20 Inclusive Framework (IF) work on BEPS led by the OECD's tax affairs committee.
- Initiative 6. To participate in the process of determining the deficit targets corresponding to the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country, within the framework of the Joint Committee of the Agreement, as well as the criteria for the reinvestment of the surplus of the local entities. To continue with the differentiation of the debt limit between the Basque Government and the Provincial Councils.

Commitment 146. To reach a new Statutory Pact for the Basque Country.

- Initiative 1. The Basque Government shares, within the relevant framework, the agreement between EAJ-PNV and PSE-EE (PSOE) on Self-Government:

In November 2016, EAJ-PNV and PSE-EE (PSOE) proposed a process for updating self-government that would guarantee the legal framework for a reform that would

be processed in accordance with the legal rules and procedures in force, with the aim of deepening democratic coexistence and advancing cohesion and social justice.

On this basis, in the agreement reached in 2020, both parties proposed the virtuality of deepening the work carried out in the Basque Parliament, in order to complete the process of updating the Basque Self-Government so that, based on the greatest possible consensus and following the established and foreseen legal channels, it would be possible to present a draft Bill for statutory reform.

To these considerations, we should add the agreement signed between PSOE and EAJ-PNV on 10 November 2023, in which both parties agreed to negotiate and approve, both in the Basque Country and nationally, future self-government, using the potential of the First Additional Provision of the Constitution and the Additional Provision of the Statute of Gernika, in which we expressed our commitment to negotiate in good faith and to move forward with an agreement, both within the Basque institutions and in the Cortes Generales, and the agreement reached was subsequently ratified by the Basque people. The national recognition of the Basque Country, the safeguarding of Basque competences and a system of guarantees based on bilateralism and regional systems will be areas for dialogue and negotiation between the two parties.

The agreement reached must respond to the majority demands of the Basque Parliament, which, in accordance with the provisions of the Statute of Gernika, legitimately represents the Basque People.

Both parties are aware that, in the work carried out in previous legislatures, EAJ-PNV and PSE-EE (PSOE) have noted numerous shared points, but also discrepancies. In this regard, both parties ratify the agreements signed in 2016, 2020 and 2023 and, on this basis, we continue to consider that the debates in this regard will be a matter for the political parties and not the Government. Along these lines, the legislative and political initiative in this matter will be exercised by the political parties and not the conforming Government, which will naturally feel bound to honour the agreements that the Basque Parliament may adopt in this regard within the scope of its competence and the legality in force.

Consequently, both parties to this governability agreement ratify the contents of the agreements signed and mutually recognise each other's freedom to defend our respective postulates and approaches in matters of Self-Government, and likewise undertake not to impede debates or proposals that may be sought in this respect both here in the Basque Country and in other institutional spheres. We agree that any legislative initiative in this area should be agreed and approved by the absolute majority of the Basque Parliament and, subsequently, be sent to the Cortes Generales for processing in accordance with the established legal channels and, where appropriate, be submitted to the citizens for ratification in a referendum.

31. Governance and transparency

Public institutions and services are essential for the proper functioning of our society. A strong commitment to the public sector and a total vocation for public service are necessary.

We must continue to work on improving institutional quality as a key aspect for guaranteeing economic growth and social cohesion in the Basque Country. Institutional quality is essential because it generates trust in citizens, improves effectiveness and efficiency, guarantees citizens' rights and facilitates the incorporation of innovation in public services.

We will work towards an Administration open to the participation of the citizens to whom it is accountable, developing the framework of greater transparency in management that allows our citizens to approach and participate in public policies. An administration that continues to make progress in quality employment, progressively reducing interim employment, as required by law, through the agreements reached in the sectoral Round Tables with trade union representatives.

Commitment 147. To work towards a simpler, more accessible and more efficient administration.

Initiative 1. To reduce bureaucracy in the Basque Administration, exploring new mechanisms to operate in an efficient and agile manner, adapted to all types of people, favouring the participation of citizens in the process of promoting, designing, implementing and evaluating public policies.

Initiative 2. To promote a draft Act on Administrative Streamlining and Simplification.

Initiative 3. To further develop a system of institutional integrity. Trust in institutions is key to closing the door to populism and generating a society involved in the management of its institutions.

Initiative 4. To optimise the structure of the General Administration of the Basque Country by reformulating those areas that are necessary and replacing them with the tools required to continue to face future challenges, with the active participation of public employees, through the sectoral round tables.

Initiative 5. To improve citizen services, which are provided in person and online, so that citizens can interact with the Administration, find out about the services provided and access them. To design a more easily accessible catalogue of public services.

Initiative 6. To evaluate and improve the efficiency of public policies in order to provide an adequate response to citizens' needs. To promote the evaluation of public policies and management audits based on the parameters of good governance, assessing the efficiency of public resource management for the effective fulfilment of its goals and accountability to the public.

Initiative 7. To strengthen collaboration and coordination with the rest of the Basque institutions and, more intensely, with the local administration, paying special attention to matters such as the selection and provision of personnel, to ensure compatibility and interoperability of the systems and applications used by public administrations and in electronic relations with citizens. Likewise, to make progress in models that contribute to the development of a one-stop shop for the exercise of the right of access to public information in all Basque public administrations

within the framework of the promotion of electronic administration and the provision of clear, up-to-date and unequivocal administrative information to citizens.

Initiative 8. To promote a law to abolish the Bilbao Association of Customs Agents and Commissioners.

Commitment 148. To promote a more open, intelligent and transparent administration that is accountable for its own management.

Initiative 1. To promote a Basque Transparency Act with the aim of facilitating the right of access to public information and promoting citizen participation.

Initiative 2. To expand the contents of the Euskadi Gardena Transparency Portal, publishing new information on those matters of greatest interest to Basque citizens.

Initiative 3. To make the contents of the Euskadi Gardena and Irekia Transparency Portal more comprehensible, incorporating to a greater extent easy reading criteria, through attractive, educational content, which can be read at various levels of depth and which provide interactivity, making use of graphics, visualisations, infographics and maps, with the use of clear language.

Initiative 4. To continue to open up our management data to the public, strengthening and promoting the Open Data Euskadi portal, aligning it with the transparency strategy, to provide the necessary data in suitable formats and implement its reuse.

Initiative 5. To promote collaboration between institutions and knowledge networks. To focus on sustainable progress, taking advantage of knowledge, intelligence, data and digital transformation to improve people's well-being and quality of life. To ensure smart and ethical data management.

Initiative 6. To strengthen existing channels of participation, giving special impetus to instruments of deliberative democracy.

Initiative 7. To continue to inventory available information assets and adapt systems for the sustainability of a governance model that is accountable to citizens.

Initiative 8. To continue to comply with international standards and join global best practices.

Commitment 149. To continue to digitise the administration, with confident, trained people.

Initiative 1. To meticulously address the generational changeover that will take place in the coming years. To continue to be committed to a civil service with qualified professionals, based on competence and professionalisation, promoting processes of access to the civil service aimed at having the best people in public service, as well as through the regulation of the professional career and development of lifelong learning appropriate to the present, through the agreement in the General Administration Sectoral Negotiating Table.

Initiative 2. To continue to be committed to stable and quality public employment, reducing the structural interim employment in application of the current regulations, and periodically announcing Public Employment Offers. To comprehensively address the generational changeover within the Basque Administration, ensuring the

transfer of knowledge. To promote the areas of negotiation with a view to regulating the provision and selection of personnel, as well as the regulation of temporary employment. To progressively introduce the Basque language into our administration, with the aim of guaranteeing the necessary conditions for working and providing service in both official languages.

Initiative 4. To reach a consensus, within the Joint Committee of the Agreement, in compliance with the First Additional Provision of the Constitution and with respect for the financial autonomy exercised by the institutions of regions with specific legislation, on the replacement rates for the offer of new public employment to the sectors, functions and professional categories that are considered to be an absolute priority and the global maximums for the increase in the remuneration of public employees, always guaranteeing the balance and the corresponding budgetary stability path in each budgetary year.

Initiative 5. To reinforce the training offer aimed at Basque Government workers as an essential instrument for progressing towards a more innovative, flexible and dynamic organisation that facilitates their adaptation to present and future challenges, always focusing on the quality of the services we offer, favouring the active participation of public employees.

Initiative 6. To work in the field of digital transformation, while taking whatever actions are necessary to bridge the digital divide, favouring both connectivity throughout the territory and the training of those people with greater difficulties in the digital environment.

Initiative 7. To promote technological convergence and interoperability with the rest of the Basque public institutions.

Initiative 8. To foster innovation teams that can produce prototypes and continuous change to advance transparency and smart government.

32. Euskadi global – Euskadi Basque Country

In the current global context, we advocate for a Basque Country open to the world, in line with the role that the Basque Country has always played in history. This role is fundamental in defending the social, economic, cultural and political interests of the Basque Country and its citizens in the international context.

The external projection of the Basque Country has been based on a clear and defined strategy, the sum of public and private efforts, as well as a regional brand: "Euskadi – Basque Country", based on its own values and strengths.

Europe is, without a doubt, the main reference point for the Basque Country in the international arena. Cooperation between different regions is fundamental, which is why we are committed to continuing to deepen relations with the Communauté d'Agglomération du Pays Basque, Iparralde, strengthening the "Euskadi-Aquitaine-Navarre" Euroregion, with the aim of establishing an area of leadership and impetus in the European Atlantic Arc, as well as giving a definitive boost to the Atlantic Macroregion.

The Basque Country's history of emigration must be reflected in the strengthening of ties with the Basque diaspora in order to articulate a true global Community that brings together both the traditional diaspora and new Basque emigration.

Commitment 150. To promote and foster Basque interests in the world.

- Initiative 1. To review and strengthen the institutional network of delegations, and commercial and economic offices of the Basque Country abroad, focusing on areas of interest in Africa and Southeast Asia.
- Initiative 2. To increase the network of strategic partners by developing joint multi-sectoral and bilateral collaborative projects.
- Initiative 3. To intensify relations with institutions in priority countries, diplomatic representations and Think Tanks of reference. To strengthen relations with international organisations and relevant networks. To facilitate the deployment of internationalisation projects by economic, social or academic agents in the Basque Country.
- Initiative 4. To strengthen a model of economic diplomacy focused on promoting and accompanying our companies in the international arena, as well as on attracting investment to the Basque Country.
- Initiative 5. To support Basque cultural creators in order to showcase Basque culture in the world.
- Initiative 6. To analyse global geopolitical trends in order to anticipate and understand the key international dynamics in order to adapt the Basque Country and its socio-economic fabric in advance to the consequences of the global changes that occur.

Commitment 151. To project the Euskadi – Basque Country brand abroad.

Initiative 1. To approve a new Plan for the overseas promotion of the Euskadi – Basque Country brand aligned with the Euskadi Framework Strategy for the internationalisation of the Basque Country.

Commitment 152. To promote the active participation of the Basque Country in the European project.

Initiative 1. To strengthen the role of the Basque Country in the European Union by defending active participation in European forums and institutions.

Initiative 2. To work in partnership between the different levels of government (local, regional, national and European) to promote effective multilevel governance in the EU.

Initiative 3. To work actively to give the definitive impetus to and institutionalise the Atlantic Macroregion as a body for defending the interests of the Basque Country and the Atlantic territories in Europe.

Initiative 4. To reinforce the active participation of the Basque Country in cross-border and interregional collaboration networks, particularly the Atlantic Arc Commission or the Pyrenees Working Community on the basis of the new POCTEFA Operational Programme.

Commitment 153. To strengthen links with the Basque Diaspora in the world.

Initiative 1. To preserve and disseminate the history of the Basque Diaspora and highlight its contribution to the Basque Country.

Initiative 2. To develop a portfolio of specific services for Basque people abroad, within the framework of the new Act.

Initiative 3. To promote a Basque Diaspora Act that establishes, among others, the rights and benefits of Basque people abroad.

Initiative 4. To consolidate 8 September as International Basque Diaspora Day.

Initiative 5. To develop a comprehensive return policy and promote a one-stop shop to facilitate relations between the people who make up the Basque Diaspora and the Administration.

Initiative 6. To consolidate the HAN-HEMEN platform as a tool for maintaining constant contact with the Basque Diaspora. To establish new forms of relationship and collaboration with the network of Euskal Etxeak around the world.

Commitment 154. To strengthen the Basque Country's participation in international networks and organisations.

Initiative 1. To consolidate the long-term presence of the Office of the Permanent Secretariat of the UN Local Coalition 2030. To provide this Office with the necessary capacities

and relations to strengthen its contribution to the projection of the Basque Country abroad.

Initiative 2. To create the Basque Roster. To identify prestigious international Basques to promote collaborative projects with the aim of contributing to the promotion of the Basque Country abroad.

Initiative 3. To consolidate the Basque Country as a centre of interest for international organisations. To analyse and promote opportunities for different international organisations of the United Nations system and the European Union to increase their relations, develop initiatives or locate their headquarters in the Basque Country.

Initiative 4. To broaden the Basque Country's alliances and bilateral relations, within the framework of our competences and in collaboration with other agents. To renew the role of the Basque Country in the planning and coordination bodies of international networks of cities and regions.