

**Lehendakariaren hitzaldia – Discurso del Lehendakari****LEADERS MEETING KOKTELA  
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Herri Agintari eta ordezkariok, jaun andreak, gabon guztioi!

Bona nit! Bonsoir! Guten Abend! Buonasera! Goedenavond! Dobry wieczór! Ongi etorri denok Euskadira.

It is a real honour to welcome you to the Basque Country.

It is also an honour to host Leaders Meeting here in Bilbao, thank you.

It will enable us to strengthen the ties between European industrial regions and create new opportunities for joint work.

I would like to thank you all for your participation and specially, Flanders and its Minister-President for your collaboration in organizing this event.

For a long time, until the end of the last century, this was an area of cranes, docks and shipyards.

Bilbao and the Basque Country have been industrial centers connected to the world, with a strong identity.

This is why this museum is such an icon for us, and for the world.

It is a symbol of the transformation of the economy, the landscape, and the environment in this city and in our country. It also symbolizes our commitment to the future of industry.



Talking about European reindustrialization is to talk about the future of our well-being and that of our children. It is to talk about our engine of employment and quality of life for the future.

And the industrial regions, territories, and nations of Europe are not going to sit back and do nothing. We are taking our responsibility.

We are taking a step forward to cooperate more and better with a clear objective: to put our capabilities at the service of European competitiveness, innovation, and technological sovereignty.

Vivimos un momento decisivo. Está en juego el futuro de Europa.

Las capacidades de regiones, territorios y naciones industriales como las nuestras son fundamentales para garantizar la supervivencia del proyecto europeo en un mundo cada vez más abierto, inestable e incierto.

Tenemos los mimbres y la voluntad de apuntalar la competitividad, la innovación y la autonomía tecnológica de Europa.

Y no vamos a esperar. Damos un paso adelante para asumir la responsabilidad que nos corresponde.

Apostando con más fuerza si cabe por nuestras industrias, así como por su transformación y especialización competitiva.

Une erabakigarria bizi dugu: munduarentzat, Europarentzat eta honen parte garentzat. Gure esku dagoen guztia egitea dagokigu European sinesten dugun guztioi.



Lurralde eta nazio industrialek ardura berezia dugu, dauzkagun gaitasun eta indarguneengatik. Eta prest gaude gure eginbeharra betetzeko.

Beraz, ez gara etsipenean eroriko. Etorkizunari konfiantzaz begiratzen diogu, asko egin dezakegulako. Kanpora begira, baina baita etxetik hasita ere.

Borondatea badugu. Eta orain oinarria jarriko dugu elkarlanean azkarrago eta hobeto aritzeko. Eta 'Leaders meeting' konferentzia hau, topaketa hau, horretarako ere bada.

Mila esker guztioi!

Thank you very much! Welcome to Bilbao, welcome to the Basque Country, enjoy, and tomorrow we must work hard.

Thank you!