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The COVID-19 pandemic was a turning point in the population's healthcare needs and in healthcare policy priorities in terms of diseases, health risks and social groups. We must address updating regulatory and governance instruments for health, in light of the new threats we are facing. For this reason, along with immediately caring for emergencies arising as the disease progresses, this urgent situation has once again made clear that we must continue to drive the paradigm shift that began over a decade ago, joining healthcare and social aspects together, and incorporating a healthcare perspective into all policies.

The experience we have had highlights that social services must offer attention, protection and care to the people who are most vulnerable and provide a response to the population as a whole for the social consequences of the pandemic, prevent and spot emerging situations, and provide our support to citizens in general. Our Social Services System requires a new boost to adapt it to the new challenges facing Basque society, paying special heed to the demographic challenge. Our goal is to continue reinforcing and connecting social and healthcare for the elderly, regardless of whether they live at their own private residence or in a retirement home.

2. Reactivate Economy and Employment.

The COVID-19 pandemic has taken its toll on the economy and employment in the Basque Country, and we must recover levels from before the phenomenon, but now adapted to new challenges and needs. The Government Programme has set sustaining employment, fighting precariousness and temporariness from a gender-based perspective, along with economic reactivation, as shared objectives to recover our path toward growth and bring our unemployment rate to less than 10%.

In this regard, the Basque Government shall urgently approve an inter-departmental Framework Programme with the main pillars for action of economic recovery and employment, in order to respond to the negative economic and social effects caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. This is all with a firm, unequivocal and shared belief in quality employment, and with the Social Dialogue Table as an instrument to negotiate and agree on public social-labour policies in labour relations and collective bargaining.

Additionally, the Government has declared its absolute commitment to closely collaborate and work with the Spanish Government in materialising and managing European funds from the Next Generation EU Programme, as well as the National Recovery and Resilience Plan, which has been drawn up by Spain to be sent to Europe.

In this regard, the Basque Government shall draw up an agreed-upon list of driving-force projects to be sent to the Commission established to this end by the Spanish Government, as the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country's contribution to projects that may receive European funds managed by Spain.
3. Leave No One Behind.

Situations of poverty, exclusion and risk have increased with the economic crisis brought about by COVID-19, all while available public resources have been reduced. The complexity of the situation requires that public institutions make an effort to leave no one behind and maintain a cohesive society, with the understanding that this effort is the best investment for the country.

Given this scenario, the Basque Government shares the need to guarantee public services, a firm belief in social policies, and solidarity with the people and collectives in a situation of greater vulnerability to reach the shared goal of overcoming this crisis without, as mentioned, leaving anyone behind.

With this goal, essential tools are reforming income security, adapting and improving education based on the educational community, extending the right to housing, and unequivocal defence of equality between men and women in all spheres.

The last legislature’s experience proved the ability of a government made up of the same political agents to rigorously manage public resources and move toward more progressive and fair taxation, which was supposed to be reviewed this year 2020. Along with provincial institutions, we have maintained our desire to review taxation as we committed to do, although this review must consider the new economic reality that has arisen in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis, the possible evolution in terms of employment, capacities, and competitiveness of companies, and the extraordinary contributions that are planned by the Spanish Government and, in the proportion to which we are entitled, from the European Union.

We undertake the commitment to move forward in designing this new taxation and to meditate and reflect on the pending tax reform, along with competent institutions, adapted to the new reality and geared toward greater progressive taxation, to reinforce public services and support for employment-creating economy, tending toward tax convergence in Europe and that can be adapted to the emerging economy and challenges, including environmental criteria.

In order to guarantee the necessary public resources to undertake the political actions promised, public investment must be guaranteed at all levels by reallocating resources to avoid duplication between administrations, all channels to incorporate new income that may also continue to arrive from European reconstruction plans must be studied, the fight against fraud and tax evasion reinforced, and a rigorous borrowing policy applied.

The Basque Government, aware of the cross-cutting and qualified majority that its upholding political formations contain, values seeking to involve all social, union, business, and political organisations, as well as the rest of the country’s institutions, in adopting measures for reconstruction as a shared goal.

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The Basque Government structures its programmatic Government commitments on these principles, on four pillars of action aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals, and on our own economic, social, and institutional reality.
FOUR PILLARS
**Pillar I: Prosperity.**

*Employment and economic reactivation.*

We must urgently develop a strategy to reactivate the economy, to recover employment and to improve it in order to overcome the negative effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. A strategy for economic and employment reactivation, based on advanced industry, investment, innovation, and internationalisation.

**Pillar II: People.**

*Health, education, public services, equality, social and cultural policies, coexistence, and human rights.*

People are the fundamental element of the Government's political commitment to action. People are what matter, the end purpose of all public policies. The commitment is to strengthen and reinforce public health and education services and guarantee that all social and cultural policies contribute to human development in Basque society in order to firmly establish coexistence, promote justice and safety, and defend Human Rights and their effective materialisation in all situations and in all countries.

**Pillar III: Planet.**

*Fair energy and climate transition.*

The Basque society must make its contribution to recover balance in the planet and achieve neutral greenhouse gas emissions for 2050, pursuant to the European Union's commitments.

This goal is made manifest in the Government's commitment to a fair energy and climate transition, working toward renewable energies, preserving the natural environment and biodiversity, and promoting a circular economy.

**Pillar IV: Self-governance.**

*More and better self-governance.*

We would like to highlight the need to continue our work to strengthen social transformation and the Basque Country's contribution to fulfilling the Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, and to promoting and advocating for Basque interests around the world, in addition to raising visibility for Euskadi Basque Country abroad, and responsibly and efficiently managing public resources.

Moreover, we hereby state our desire to defend self-governance and comprehensive compliance with the Gernika Statute of Autonomy.
10 COUNTRY GOALS
XII LEGISLATURE. COUNTRY GOALS

1. Bring unemployment to less than 10%.

2. Exceed 40% of the GDP in advanced services and industry.

3. Achieve R+D convergence with the European average.

4. Make the Basque Country one of the 5 European countries with the least social inequality (Gini Index).

5. Make the Basque Country one of the 6 European countries with the lowest gender inequality.

6. Bring the school abandonment rate to less than 7% and make progress in knowledge and use of the Basque language.

7. Increase life expectancy to 85 years.

8. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 30%.

9. Bring the renewable energy quota to 20% of end energy consumption.

10. Increase the birth rate by 10%.
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Pillar II: People.

Health, education, public services, equality, social and cultural policies, coexistence, and human rights.

10. The Educational System
11. Health
12. Social Policies and Youth
13. Gender Equality
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15. Coexistence and Human Rights
16. Cooperation for Development
17. Safety
18. Culture, Basque and Sport

Pillar III: Planet.

Fair energy and climate transition.

19. New Energy Strategy
20. Action for the Climate and Circular Economy
21. Preservation of the Natural Environment and Biodiversity

Pillar IV: Self-governance.

More and better self-governance.

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PILLAR I. PROSPERITY.
Employment and economic reactivation.

AREAS OF ACTION:

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5. Infrastructures and Sustainable Transport
6. Urban Agenda, Housing and Urban Regeneration
7. Sustainable Tourism and of Excellence
8. Commerce and Hospitality
9. The Consumer
1. A priority: Employment

The COVID-19 health crisis has badly struck our society and reduced production and economic activity levels. As a result, unemployment has increased significantly, so employment is once again a social, institutional, and political priority.

The goal is to bring the unemployment rate once again to under 10% and return to the pathway toward growth. To this end, the Government shall approve an inter-departmental Framework Programme that sets forth economic reactivation and employment, with Lanbide as the backbone, including a gender-based perspective.

Under this Framework Programme, there shall be a specific Employment Plan that focuses on providing incentive for the creation of sustainable and quality employment, entrepreneurship, social economy, and job placement for the unemployed, with special focus on collectives with the greatest difficulties. Moreover, further work will be conducted on social dialogue, and a new, more inclusive, and participatory business culture will be encouraged.

Commitment 1. Inter-Departmental Framework Programme for Economic Reactivation and Employment focused on social and economic reconstruction of the Basque Country.

Initiative 1. Prepare, coordinate, and drive a Framework Programme for Economic Reactivation and Employment, inter-departmental and inter-institutional in nature, focused on social and economic reconstruction for the Basque Country to encourage sustainable growth, aligned with the Agenda 2030 and the UN Sustainable Development Goals, as well as priorities in the European Programmes "Sure" and "Next Generation EU."

Commitment 2. Approve an Employment Plan aligned with the Inter-Department Framework Programme for Economic Reactivation and Employment.

Initiative 1. Approve an Employment Plan that includes specific liquidity measures to support small- and medium-sized enterprises, as well as the self-employed. This will aim to protect employment with specific programmes within the scope of training for employment, prioritising a fair ecological transition that encourages the creation of green employment.

Initiative 2. Encourage personalised plans adapted for retraining, especially designed for workers older than 45 years of age who must adapt to the challenge of digitisation.

Initiative 3. Drive local economic development and encourage self-employment and entrepreneurship, reinforcing local and regional employment plans, especially within regions of preferential action.

Initiative 4. Approve and start up a youth employment shock plan, integrated into the “Framework Programme for Employment and Economic Reactivation” with the commitment to provide an initial professional experience to 30,000 youth. This plan's pillars for action shall be: dual training for youth employment; transition from the educational world to the professional world; training scholarships and professional experience with a hiring commitment; specific programmes for youth placement and employment; development of entrepreneurship, self-employment and start-ups for youth; local and regional employment plans; public employment offers and programmes to reduce precariousness in employment, especially for the youth collective.
Commitment 3. Inclusive and activating employment system, with Lanbide as the backbone.

Initiative 1. Drive a new model of comprehensive governance for employment, through the Basque Employment System Law. The Public Employment Service, Lanbide, as the new model's backbone, will reinforce its focus on the job market and focus more on the company and on people, with the aim of increasing contributions to improved employability and the creation of employment in the Basque Country.

Initiative 2. Encourage the development of personalised care and intervention services, with a comprehensive training system for employment based on new digital technologies.

Initiative 3. Develop an Observatory to identify future demands for professional skills and jobs.

Initiative 4. Reinforce collaboration with companies and Vocational Educational Training centres, such that comprehensive actions better adapted to present and future job-market needs can be designed.

Commitment 4. Improve employment quality.

Initiative 1. Start up a Social Dialogue Table in collaboration with union and business agents, a Plan to reduce temporality in employment, and part-time workdays.

Initiative 2. Approve the Occupational Health and Safety Strategy 2021-2025, with the objective of reducing serious workplace accidents during the workday and "in itinere" by half. The aim is for the Basque Public Administration to become a European example in occupational hazard prevention and management.

Initiative 3. Reinforce initiatives aimed at reducing the gender-based wage gap, adding the implementation of equality plans to bargaining agreements.

Initiative 4. Promote a personal-professional-family life balance, through specific measures aimed at facilitating this objective, such as providing incentive for remote work or flexible work schedules, in a fashion adapted to the needs and possibilities of each company and considering the different realities of families.

Commitment 5. Drive micro-entrepreneurship and support for self-employed and micro-SMEs.

Initiative 1. Contribute to the creation of 4,000 new micro-enterprises and 5,500 new jobs for the self-employed. To this end, new educational programmes on entrepreneurship shall be conducted at learning centres in collaboration with other social agents, as well as accompaniment and support actions for individuals from collectives with difficulties in finding employment to help them to create micro-enterprises or encourage their self-employment.

Initiative 2. Prioritise encouraging entrepreneurship and intra-entrepreneurship, especially at new sites of employment associated with digitisation, a fair "green economy" ecological transition, "silver economy" active aging and caretaking economy.

Initiative 3. Reinforce inter-institutional collaboration within the scope of entrepreneurship, by means of entering into collaborative agreements with Provincial Governments, Town Halls, Agencies for Regional Development, and other active agents in this field.
Initiative 4. Boost liquidity of companies with economic difficulties and start up a new programme to support the self-employed, micro-SMEs and SMEs in their consolidation and growth projects to maintain and create new jobs.

Commitment 6. Reinforce the role of social economy.

Initiative 1. Develop the Basque Country Cooperatives Law.

Initiative 2. Support development of social-economy companies, facilitating actions aimed at reinforcing their dimension, adding new partners, and encouraging inter-cooperation and associations between them.

Initiative 3. Support improved company management and planning, training, and encouraging good governance and corporate social responsibility in social economy companies.

Initiative 4. Provide incentive for innovation projects, both technological and non-technological, at social economy companies, in collaboration with associations and groups from the sector.

Commitment 7. Foment job placement and improved access to employment for the unemployed with the greatest difficulties.

Initiative 1. Allocate 140 million euros to Local and Regional Employment Plans. These shall be conducted in collaboration with Provincial Governments and Local Administrations, prioritising initiatives designed for individuals at risk of social exclusion, who are differently-abled, youth, those older than 45, and the long-term unemployed, with special focus on regions of preferential action.

Initiative 2. Avoid chronic unemployment in those older than 45 with comprehensive training actions and personal accompaniment for job placement, including a gender-based perspective. Special attention shall be paid to the differently-abled.

Initiative 3. Conduct pilot projects and collaboration projects with companies and organisations from the third sector to encourage social and professional placement for the unemployed in the most vulnerable situations.

Commitment 8. Go deeper in social dialogue and drive for an inclusive, participatory model at Basque companies.

Initiative 1. Drive tripartite social dialogue and permanent negotiation between economic and social agents, reinforcing the Basque Labour Relations System, and strengthening work groups from the Social Dialogue Table, pursuant to guidelines from the International Labour Organisation.

Initiative 2. Adopt measures in favour of:

- Job stability and company competitiveness.
- Reducing the wage gap.
- Co-responsible balance between personal, professional, and family life.
- Remote work.
- Schedule flexibility.
- Reducing job temporality.
Decreasing undesired part-time work.

Boosting ongoing training for workers. Occupational health and safety, both at the workplace and "in itinere."

Initiative 3. Drive a new model of professional relations by means of the participation of company workers, their association and improved transparency. The commitment is to provide an effective response to the unanimously-approved Non-Legislative Motion on 27 September 2018 in the Basque Parliament to move toward an inclusive-participatory Basque-company model.

Initiative 4. Promote development and practical application of the Oñati Declaration: "Decalogue for a renewed labour relations model," approved in April 2019, for the 100th anniversary of the International Labour Organisation (ILO).


Initiative 1. Start up a special inspection plan to guarantee proper compliance with established workdays and seek out fraud in terms of temporality and part-time work. The objective is to regularise and transform temporary work contracts into indefinite contracts for an average of 7,000 people per year. To this end, material and human inspection resources shall be reinforced.

Initiative 2. Reinforce proper application of work conditions and encourage the use of the anonymous inbox against labour fraud, implemented during the last legislature.

Initiative 3. Develop a specific inspection campaign to eliminate labour discrimination between men and women at Basque companies.


Initiative 1. By means of participation and agreements, incorporate pertinent health measures to prevent new waves of coronavirus at all workplaces.

The participation of prevention services at each company, worker representatives and patron and union organisations, with the collaboration of Osalan, labour inspection and labour authorities, are the best formula to guarantee safe workplaces from a healthcare perspective. This shall be the foundation for the Basque Occupational Health and Safety Strategy 2021-2025.

Commitment 11. Develop and improve the income guarantee system against exclusion.

Initiative 1. Reinforce the Income Guarantee model, considering the Minimum Subsistence Income’s new reality.

Initiative 2. Go further in depth in globalisation, reaching certain segments of the population that are currently insufficiently covered, with special focus on needy families with children in their care.

Initiative 3. Improve management, increasing swiftness in processing and rigour and control over economic benefits and aid.

Initiative 4. Provide incentive for economic activity and social and professional inclusion for individuals receiving the Guaranteed Minimum Income, for them to be employable.

Initiative 1. Approve the V Basque Inclusion Plan 2022-2025 to meet new challenges. This Plan shall include anti-cyclical measures to address the impact of periods of economic crisis, with special heed paid to taking a gender-based focus within the scope of inclusion.
2. Industry and Internationalisation

It is essential that the Basque Country continue to have a powerful industrial fabric, open to the rest of the world, and with a firm commitment to improving productivity through innovation and training its human resources.

Industry, and the advanced services related to it, must be the driving force behind Basque economy. It must also be a distinctive feature of our economic structure.

The aim is for industry and advanced services to reach 40% of the GDP. To this end, a "Strategic Industrial Development and Internationalisation Plan" will be approved, working toward an advanced, well-established industry in the Basque Country. An industry with sufficient infrastructural support and industrial land, as well as effective services to support internationalisation. Moreover, special plans and measures shall be established for zones of priority action and for companies with difficulties.

**Commitment 13. Strategic Industrial Development and Internationalisation Plan**

Initiative 1. Approve a Strategic Industrial Development and Internationalisation Plan that aims to make industry and advanced services account for more than 40% of the GDP. In addition to other aspects, this Plan shall include the technological and digital transition, support for SMEs, firmly-entrenched businesses, strategic industrial projects, advanced industry services, business infrastructures and industrial land, zones of priority action, support for companies in difficulties, a more inclusive and participatory company model, promotion of business talent and internationalisation.

Initiative 2. Reorient Cluster policy to drive industrial relocation in the Basque Country and development of driving-force projects, integrated into industrial ecosystems and European chains of value.

Initiative 3. Especially reinforce the Basque healthcare industry cluster, promoting collaboration between companies, technological centres and Osakidetza for supply of healthcare facilities, products, and services, and to develop new advanced-technology products at the service of our society.

**Commitment 14. Industry 4.0 rooted in the Basque Country and development of artificial intelligence.**

Initiative 1. With the participation of economic and social agents at the Social Dialogue Table, address needs for training and retraining stemming from the technological and digital transition to achieve a fair Industry 4.0 transition.

Initiative 2. Draw up an Artificial Intelligence Strategy as an integrative element of the Administration, public services, and social policies’ commitments to innovate. This shall be linked to European funds, use cloud-based solutions and big data to improve administrative processes, and promote a data storage system to definitively complete all public and private needs. This shall provide for incorporating technological capacities that create jobs and competitiveness.

Initiative 3. Launch the Basque Artificial Intelligence Centre to encourage implementation of artificial intelligence at companies.

Initiative 4. Support roll-out of new high-speed communications infrastructures so they reach all Basque companies.
Initiative 5. Encourage competitive improvement of companies, encouraging digitisation, and create a new Data Centre based on a public-private collaboration model.

Initiative 6. Provide incentive for contributing to the business fabric related to the Energy Cluster to boost a fair energy and climate transition.

Initiative 7. Move from the "product industry" to the "solutions industry" and implement a specific "industry and advanced services" programme.


Initiative 9. Ensure the necessary inter-departmental coordination to facilitate start-up of business projects as far as the necessary administrative processes are concerned (including environmental processes), within the possibilities provided by the regulatory framework in force (guaranteeing, if applicable, deadlines for public consultation set forth in basic legislation, etc.). In complementary fashion, the risk of industrial relocation will be discouraged.

Initiative 10. Encourage integrating our companies into industrial ecosystems and European chains of value, especially in priority fields of smart RIS3 Euskadi specialisation.

Initiative 11. Increase the Finkatuz Fund's endowment to guarantee establishment of driving-force Basque companies and their gearing effect on our economy.

Commitment 15. Support for small and medium-sized enterprises.

Initiative 1. Under the framework of the Strategic Industrial Development and Internationalisation Plan, support a specific programme to support SMEs, focused on improving their competitiveness. This support programme shall facilitate incorporating technological innovation and digitisation and shall reinforce non-technological innovation through new business, organisation, and marketing models.

Initiative 2. Encourage financial instruments to support business investments, boost collaboration with other companies and with centres from the Basque Science, Technology and Innovation Network, and participation in technological development and innovation projects led by driving-force Basque companies.

Initiative 3. Reinforce Renove Machinery Plans to facilitate the rapid adaptation of SMEs to robotics and digitisation.

Initiative 4. Boost measures to education, training, and retraining workers, focused on the new digital age.


Initiative 1. Develop the new Technological Park in Ezkerraldea-Meatzaldea.

Initiative 2. Support increase and development of different areas in Gipuzkoa (Eibar [Erisono]; Galarreta-Hernani, Hondarribia-Irun; Pasaia, etc.) to cover the Region's needs.

Initiative 3. Invigorate the Technology Park of Alava, and extend it based on the needs detected.
Initiative 4. Create the "Project of Regional/Strategic Interest" figure, which will facilitate attracting productive investments from abroad.

Initiative 5. Start up an Inter-Departmental and Inter-Institutional Fund to promote recycling polluted and degraded land.

Initiative 6. Encourage reuse for economic activities of land and/or industrial facilities that were abandoned due to closure or transfer of large- and medium-sized companies.

Commitment 17. Priority areas of action and companies with difficulties.

Initiative 1. Conduct specific plans for action in regions and municipalities of priority action and support companies with difficulties or that are undergoing restructuring processes.

Initiative 2. Promote a strategy for industrial and socio-economic development in regions of priority action, which will continue the Shock Plan for the 2018-2020 period in needy areas.

Initiative 3. Approve the Strategic Plans for the regions of Enkarterria-Encartaciones, Ezkerraldea-Meatza and Oarsoaldea, which may extend to the region of Aiala and other regions that meet requirements to be considered needy areas.

Initiative 4. Facilitate restructuring companies with difficulties with the Bideratu Programme's reinforcement and by supporting technological investments with shareholder loans from the current Luzaro Fund. All this shall be complemented with actions that favour repositioning and retraining the affected individuals.

Commitment 18. Internationalisation of Basque companies.

Initiative 1. Approve a Business Internationalisation Programme 2025, integrated into the "Strategic Industrial Development and Internationalisation Plan," which includes, but is not limited to, the following actions: building a competitive smart model that anticipates international opportunities; reinforcing the Basque Government's network abroad; strengthening bilateral agreements with selected regions; increasing the number of professionals specialised in international markets; and developing financial programmes to support business internationalisation, as well as temporary shareholding through public-private funds in Basque companies' capital to support their development and expansion abroad.

Initiative 2. Reinforce and drive the Euskadi Basque Country brand as an instrument to gain recognition and reputation for Basque companies abroad.

Initiative 3. Tighten collaboration between Cluster associations and Chambers of Commerce to strengthen public support for internationalisation.

Initiative 4. Incorporate the principles of sustainable development as one of the essential criteria to bear in mind when awarding grants for internationalisation.
3. Research and Innovation

Research, technological development, and innovation are key indicators of a country’s economic development and conditioning factors for its productivity and competitiveness, as well as a determining factor to achieve sustainable growth. The response to the challenge of innovation means that we must make a conjoint public-private effort and set a long-term strategy based on smart specialisation in the Basque Country, with the priority objective of making the Basque Country a hub of European innovation.


Initiative 1. Approve a new Strategic Science, Technology, and Innovation PCTI Euskadi 2030 Plan with the participation of administrations, companies, clusters, universities, and scientific and technological agents, in line with Europe and to contribute to resolving social and economic challenges in the Basque Country.

Initiative 2. Go further in depth in the Smart Specialisation Strategy to place priority on tackling the technological-digital, the energy-environmental, and the healthcare-social transition.

Initiative 3. Bring economic and technological diversification, reinforcing four areas of opportunity where the Basque Country already has emerging capacities: healthy food, eco-innovation, sustainable cities, and cultural and creative industries.

Initiative 4. Reinforce R+D+i’s orientation toward resolving great social challenges in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals: quality employment, health, climate change, digitisation, and the cross-cutting gender-equality challenge.

Initiative 5. Boost cross-cutting driving initiatives for collaborative research between companies, technological research centres and universities within the scope of healthy aging, electric mobility, and the circular economy.

Commitment 20. Improve results and excellence of Basque Science, Technology, and Innovation System.

Initiative 1. Strengthen the "Basque Research and Technology Alliance" (BRTA) as an instrument to integrate the Basque technological offer and with the objective of raising visibility for our research capacity in Europe and around the world.

Initiative 2. Reinforce programmes to support collaborative strategic research projects between different agents in the Basque Science, Technology, and Innovation Network and Basque companies.

Initiative 3. Drive excellence research conducted by the Basque University Ecosystem and strengthen scientific research in collaboration with international centres, as well as attracting researchers with grants from the European Research Council ERC.

Commitment 21. Internationalise the Basque Science, Technology, and Innovation System.

Initiative 1. Move toward internationalisation and opening the Basque Science, Technology, and Innovation System, driving Basque leadership and participation in future missions under the European framework programme "Horizon Europe."
Initiative 2. Start up a support programme aimed to reach a higher number of European projects led by agents from the Basque Science, Technology, and Innovation Network.

Initiative 3. Promote attracting private international investments at R+D+i centres and projects. The goal is for the Basque Country to go from "an attractive place for investment" to also being "attractive for innovation."

Initiative 4. Promote implementation in the Basque Country of innovative start-ups to position our Community as a hub for European innovation, with higher participation in missions under the Horizon Europe framework programme, as well as the European Network Digital Innovation Hub and EIT Food.

Commitment 22. Increase investments in research and innovation.

Initiative 1. Increase budgets to support R+D+i throughout the entire legislature by 6% on annual average.

Commitment 23. Reinforce strategic R+D projects, innovative public purchase, and industrial cyber security.

Initiative 1. Reinforce programmes to support business R+D and encourage development of strategic projects with the participation of leading driving-force companies, small companies that belong to their chain of value and agents from the Basque Network of Science, Technology, and Innovation.

Initiative 2. Drive 120 strategic research and development projects.


Initiative 4. Launch 12 initiatives for innovative public purchase or pre-sale public purchase through the Basque Government or its public companies.

Initiative 5. Drive Basque Cybersecurity Centre's activity, contributing to the development of an industrial cybersecurity technological hub in the Basque Country that is internationally competitive and attractive to implement new technology-based companies related to the sector.

Commitment 24. Increase innovation at small and medium-sized enterprises.

Initiative 1. Bring innovation to the "last mile," meaning that it reaches small and medium-sized enterprises. The adoption of technological and non-technological innovations in different products and processes will be encouraged, fomenting transition toward more sustainable production models with a smaller carbon footprint.

Initiative 2. Reinforce programmes to support business innovation, especially oriented toward industrial and service SMEs related to the industry, with the goal of 5,000 SMEs joining the digital transformation and innovation.

Initiative 3. Reinforce programmes to support innovation in sales, marketing, organisation, and industrial design, encouraging requests for European brands and designs.

Initiative 4. Strengthen support for SMEs in technological innovation and experimental validation in collaboration with vocational educational training centres.

Initiative 5. Implement a unique system to recognise innovative SMEs that improves their brand image and prestige.
Commitment 25. Develop and draw technological talent.

Initiative 1. Boost education for researchers through an industrial doctorate, in line with company needs.

Initiative 2. Through the Basque Research and Technology Alliance (BRTA), promote attracting international technological talent to be hired at Basque technological centres, by starting up a specific programme to this end.

Initiative 3. Develop vocations in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics), encompassing all stages of the learning cycle, paying special attention to incorporating women into industrial branches.

Initiative 4. Support women's participation and leadership in research and innovation projects related to the industrial sphere and the RIS3 Euskadi strategy.


Initiative 1. Approve a new Inter-Institutional Entrepreneurship Plan in collaboration with Provincial Councils, Town Halls, and the most relevant agents of the Basque entrepreneurship ecosystem.

Initiative 2. Conduct actions to publicly acknowledge entrepreneurs and their contribution to society.

Initiative 3. Drive a programme to encourage an entrepreneurial spirit and culture in educational, scientific-technological, and business areas.

Initiative 4. Boost the BIND 4.0 initiative and improve infrastructures and services to support creating new innovative and technology-based companies, developing a centralised website to act as a one-stop-shop.

Initiative 5. Improve instruments for financial and investment support during early phases of new entrepreneurial initiatives, through the Ekintzaile, Aurrera and Basque Fund programmes.
4. Rural and Coastal Development and Food

The Basque primary sector is a fundamental asset as an element to transmit cultural, social, and environmental values. In addition to guaranteeing sustainable and quality food production, local agriculture is a sector that creates jobs and wealth and is an asset that protects the environment.

Maintaining the natural environment and the fight against climate change cannot occur without a Basque primary sector that is solid and innovative and that creates wealth and jobs. The concept is to move toward a more sustainable agricultural and fishing model, preserving the rural space and Basque coast, and fomenting economic activity, in order to make the Basque Country a role model in bio-economy in southern Europe, and a role model in ecological agriculture and the fight against climate change.

Commitment 27. Promote ecological, local, sustainable, and healthier food.

Initiative 1. Approve the Shared Farming Policy’s (PAC, in Spanish) Rural Development Plan for the Basque Country, in order to move toward innovative, sustainable 21st-century agriculture that is respectful of people’s health and the environment. To this end, consensus amongst different institutional agents, the Basque Government and Provincial Councils shall be sought, with leading sectorial agents.

Initiative 2. Develop initiatives against food waste, encouraging recycling and reuse.

Initiative 3. Drive production, transformation, and sale of ecological products, increasing production of ecological agriculture by up to 7,500 hectares.

Initiative 4. Ensure generational replacement and drive measures to improve modernisation and competitiveness for our primary sector and the food industry though innovation, investment, cooperation, and internationalisation.

Initiative 5. Support comprehensive development for the Basque Country’s wine-growing regions, providing incentive for production and sale of high-quality wines and protecting the family-winery model.

Initiative 6. In collaboration with the Department of the Economy and the Treasury, encourage adding new public procurement clauses that include environmental criteria and support for kilometre-zero productions.

Commitment 28. Achieve sustainable management of fish resources.

Initiative 1. Approve the Basque Country’s European Maritime and Fisheries Fund’s (FEMP 2021-2027) Operational Programme, under the principles of competitiveness in the sector and resource sustainability.

Initiative 2. Drive creation of our own Fishing Payer Body, in order to reach the greatest autonomy possible in managing the new 2021-2027 operative programme.

Initiative 3. Encourage Basque presence in international fishing agreements in collaboration with the State Government.

Initiative 4. Address suitable collaboration agreements that make it possible to self-manage fishing quotas, with special priority on anchovy and northern tuna species within the Basque Government’s scope of competency.
Commitment 29. Port management and preservation of Basque rural and coastal space.

Initiative 1. Drive a conjoint supply of services and activities for marinas in the Basque Country and Nouvelle Aquitaine.

Initiative 2. Along with the Department of Public Governance and Self-Government, undertake the suitable agreement to transfer "port" authority-services, pursuant to comprehensive compliance with the Gernika Statute and its implementation and under the terms set forth by the Report on Updating Pending Transfers to the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country 2017, endorsed by the Government Council in September 2017 and sent to the Basque Parliament’s self-government lectern, pursuant to the illustrative timeline for possible negotiations regarding transfers requested by the Government of the Autonomous Community of the Basque Government, formally sent by the Spanish Government 20 February, 2020.

Initiative 3. Promote measures that foment conservation of Natural Heritage and development of socioeconomic activities in the rural environment.

Initiative 4. Approve and implement the new Rural Development Law.

Initiative 5. Promote instruments for participatory planning, reinforcing the network of development agents in rural and coastal zones and strengthening Local Action Groups.

Initiative 6. Stimulate employment and growth in rural and coastal areas, fomenting economic diversification through social innovation, supporting projects with potential for development in areas related to tourism, health, well-being, and new technologies.

Initiative 7. Promote the creation of employment and equal opportunity in the rural setting, paying special heed to the development of specific programmes for women, youth, and collectives with difficulty in finding employment.

Initiative 8. Make progress in endowing basic infrastructures and facilities and providing comprehensive services to ensure adequate quality of life in the Basque Country’s rural and coastal environment.

Commitment 30. Boost the Basque agro-food sector as a role model in entrepreneurship, innovation, and climate change.

Initiative 1. Provide incentive for developing innovative projects in the agro-food and wood sector, particularly those related to the circular economy, the blue economy, and the social economy.

Initiative 2. Boost technological transfer and the development of solutions 4.0 on the food and wood chain of value.

Initiative 3. Encourage entrepreneurship in food, by reinforcing the BIND 4.0 programme and implementing start-ups created at Basque EIT Food (European Innovation Technology) headquarters in the Basque Country.
Initiative 4. Move forward in integrating the climate imperative in all strategies and policies to be established in the food and wood chain of value.

Initiative 5. Develop quality certifications for livestock productions.

Commitment 31. Turn the Basque Country into the Bio-Economy Hub in southern Europe.

Initiative 1. Develop the "Basque Bio-Economy Strategy" and boost a "Basque Alliance for the Bio-Economy" with the aim of leading the European Bio-Regions Network.

Initiative 2. Encourage the wood chain of value, promoting improvements in productivity, transformation, and conservation, driving possibilities as an energy biomass resource.

Initiative 3. Boost entrepreneurship and the creation of new business activities in Bio-Economy, focusing on the agro-forestry sector and transformation activities in the food industry.
5. Infrastructures and Sustainable Transport

Transport infrastructures are basic for economic growth, improving health and quality of life, the regional backbone and social cohesion. The intent is to make the Basque Country a "key link" on the European Atlantic corridor and to drive a new model of sustainable mobility that prioritises means of transport with a lower social and environmental cost. With this aim, a new Law and a new Sustainable Mobility Plan shall be approved to boost rail investments, with the objective of increasing rail passenger and freight transport by 20%.

Commitment 32. Sustainable mobility.

Initiative 1. Approve a Sustainable Mobility Law that strengthens and develops the roles of different Regional Mobility Authorities, in coordination with the Basque Transport Authority, with the objective of achieving an integrated transport system that contributes to the fight against climate change and the fight against its adverse social and environmental effects.

Initiative 2. Approve a Sustainable Mobility Plan 2021-2025, integrated under the Master Basque Country Sustainable Transport Plan 2030. This plan will reinforce the commitment to a new sustainable mobility model and low greenhouse-gas emission transport, boosting electric vehicles by starting up charging stations and tax incentives.

Initiative 3. Boost collective integrated public transport and inter-modality with a single ticket and fare integration, encouraging the development of Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans at a local scale and reimbursing intensive use of public transport.

Initiative 4. Provide incentive for renewing fleets and reimburse electric charging, and also promote urban mobility in light electric vehicles, including bicycles.

Initiative 5. Promote electric charging infrastructures and triple the high-power charging network until reaching 100 quick-charge stations in the Basque Country, integrated into both the "Iberian corridor of quick-charge infrastructures" and the European network.

Initiative 6. Boost electrification of public transport, speeding up renewal of fleets in collaboration with Provincial Councils and municipal entities.

Initiative 7. Extend high-capacity smart electric bus projects to urban and metropolitan areas with high population density.

Initiative 8. Conduct social awareness actions and propose a social pact in favour of sustainable mobility.

Commitment 33. Basque Country "key link" on the European Atlantic Corridor.

Initiative 1. Boost development of the Atlantic freight corridor "European Transport Networks, TEN-t," in the Basque Country. With this objective, construction of the southern railway branch of Bilbao and the railway connection with the Port of Bilbao will be revitalised.

Initiative 2. Promote development of the rolling highway Lille-Vitoria-Gasteiz, culminating the multi-modal Júndiz platform.

Initiative 3. Develop Lezo’s logistical platform and its connection with the rail network, which will provide for improving the Port of Pasaia’s operativity.
Initiative 4. Strengthen logistical infrastructures for industrial service with a plan for their innovation and modernisation, including improvements for rail-port connections.

Initiative 5. Develop the VIAP platform for the Foronda Airport and foment digitisation in managing logistical infrastructures.

Initiative 6. Provide support to the Project via Irun, for urban development and abandoned area.

**Commitment 34. Prioritise railway investments.**

Initiative 1. Finish the "and Basque" part with construction of the Irún, San Sebastian, Ezkio, Bilbao and Vitoria-Gasteiz stations.


Initiative 4. Complete improvements to Topo railway infrastructures in Pasaia and Irún.

Initiative 5. Complete improvements to railway infrastructures on the line between Eibar and San Sebastian.

Initiative 6. Conduct improvement works on the railway section in Aginaga to improve services between Eibar and Donostialdea.

Initiative 7. Make progress in coexistence and integration actions for the railway section in urban hubs, conducting agreements to this end with Town Halls.

Initiative 8. In Vitoria-Gasteiz, extend the tramway to Salburua and Zabalgana.

Initiative 9. Extend the tramway in Bilbao to Bolueta, with access points to La Peña.

Initiative 10. Move to begin development of lines 4 and 5 of the metropolitan rail once conclusions are available from the informative studies being conducted by Euskal Trenbide Sarea (ETS) in relation to the Informative Study on Line 4 and the southern zone of the Metropolitan Railway of Bilbao, as well as the Informative Study on Line 5 and its integration into the Durango-Bilbao-Txorierrri railway line, based on a commitment to undertake a shared solution through the government.


**Commitment 35. Complete transport infrastructure transfer to the Basque Country.**

Initiative 1. Along with the Department of Public Governance and Self-Government, undertake the suitable agreement to transfer railway and airport authorities-services, pursuant to comprehensive compliance with the Gernika Statute and its implementation and under the terms set forth by the Report on Updating Pending Transfers to the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country 2017, endorsed by the Government Council in September 2017 and sent to the Basque Parliament's self-governance lectern, pursuant to the illustrative timeline for possible negotiations regarding transfers requested by the Government of the Autonomous Community of the Basque Government, formally sent by the Spanish Government 20 February, 2020.
6. Urban Agenda, Housing and Urban Regeneration

**Within the scope of the Urban Agenda.**

The measures taken as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic have shown the pressing nature and scope of the challenges set forth in the Basque Country Urban Agenda Bultzatu 2050, approved during the last legislature and in line with the European Urban Agenda and with the UN New Urban Agenda - Habitat III.

Based on the strategic priorities in Bultzatu 2050 and having approved the Regional Planning Guidelines, we understand that the challenge lies in evolving toward a city model in the Basque Country that guarantees and makes possible sustainable, inclusive, and smart development that can manage these variables in constant changes, positioning ourselves as an inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable region and as a European role model.

**Commitment 36. Roll out and implement the Basque Country Urban Agenda "Bultzatu 2050."**

- Initiative 2. Integrate the gender-based perspective into the scope of urban development.
- Initiative 3. Analyse and boost the complementary and integral nature of public policies with an urban nature or dimension.
- Initiative 4. Establish an assessment and monitoring system to issue periodical reports on the Basque Country's status and to assess progress in fulfilling goals.
- Initiative 5. Boost R+D+i processes within the scope of sustainable cities.
- Initiative 6. Update the regulatory legal system within this scope of action, to be adapted to sustainability's new paradigms.

**Within the scope of Housing and Urban Regeneration.**

A Social Pact for housing shall be promoted, whose purpose shall be to develop the subjective right to housing and, with it, to ensure access to dignified, adequate, and accessible housing for those who lack the necessary resources to obtain it, fomenting the social role of housing, public development of rental homes and boosting renovation, as well as activation of empty homes.

**Commitment 37. Achieve a new Social Housing Pact for 15 years and approve the legislature's new Master Housing Plan.**

- Initiative 2. Allocate 100% of public housing's development to rent.
- Initiative 3. Move to the regulatory implementation of the Subjective Right to Housing, guaranteeing an orderly transition and management of the current complementary housing benefit, accessory to the guaranteed minimum income, for the financial housing benefit set forth in the Housing Law. All this, through agreements and endowments that are suitable to this end.
Initiative 4. Develop the regulatory framework in terms of the liveability decree, which sets forth basic criteria on remote-work spaces, health perspective (ventilation), balconies, family balance (children and elderly), as well as the regulatory and conceptual review of temporary housing (Ada).

Initiative 5. Drive the development of new public housing and non-residential accommodations.

Initiative 6. Develop the regulatory framework for uninhabited housing. Promote obtaining empty dwellings on the market to allocate them to social rental housing, reinforcing the Bizigune programme and the ASAP programme for a secure rent at a reasonable price.

Initiative 7. Develop plans and programmes to convert empty establishments and markets into housing, in close collaboration with town halls.

Initiative 8. Reinforce the rental payment aid system and increase the social rental housing offer. Conduct actions to foment protected rent, providing incentive for development and mobilisation of private housing to this end.

Initiative 9. In collaboration with Provincial Councils and Town Halls, define tax measures to reduce vacant housing and provide incentive to make said housing available for rent.

Initiative 10. Improve awarding procedures and requirements to access housing to favour collectives with a diverse social profile, especially youth, the elderly, single-parent families with children and victims of gender-based violence and, in any event, avoiding the creation of ghettos.

Initiative 11. Boost advanced and comprehensive management of the public housing offer with energy-efficiency criteria and digitisation, including a strategy to combat energy poverty, all by means of our own energy manager for the public housing offer.

Initiative 12. Support vulnerable individuals in eviction procedures.

Initiative 13. Improve efficiency in managing the protected housing offer, extending the Alokabide community intervention programme, and strengthening collaboration with the social third sector.

Initiative 14. Implement innovative alternatives to access housing by means of developing "co-housing," assignment-for-use cooperatives and intermediate conditions between purchase and rent and foment collaboration with private initiative and town halls to promote intergenerational coexistence formulas in the same buildings and quarters.

Commitment 38. Specific actions for access to housing for youth.

In collaboration with the youth department at the Department for Equality, Justice and Social Policy, measures shall be implemented to provide incentive to accessing housing for youth.

Initiative 1. Develop a special youth housing programme, to facilitate emancipation from the family home and full development of independent life projects.

Initiative 2. Establish a preferential reserve of protected rental housing for the youth collective.

Initiative 3. Strengthen the Gaztelagun programme, making requirements to enter it more flexible.

Initiative 4. Implement innovative alternatives to access housing for youth, such as "co-housing," rent with the option to buy and shared-flat programmes.
Initiative 5. Orient non-residential accommodations to the youth collective, and undertake pilot projects to provide youth housing, such as assignment-for-use cooperatives, following in the footsteps of northern European countries’ experiences.

Commitment 39. Promote renovation, urban regeneration, and innovation in housing, improving accessibility, energy efficiency and sustainable construction.

Initiative 1. Within a strategy of comprehensive construction reformation, improve and increase aid programmes for renovation with the approval of a new Renove Plan for renovation of housing and buildings, placing priority on accessibility (lifts and removal of architectural barriers, energy efficiency and exterior liveability).


Initiative 3. Boost vacant housing renovation programmes, with a special focus on creating employment for youth, those older than 55 and the long-term unemployed.

Initiative 4. Update the Urban Vulnerability Inventory.

Initiative 5. Approve a Decree to implement Chapter VII of Law 3/2015 on Housing to, in addition to others, facilitate comprehensive management of renovation, simplifying declaration of degraded areas and priority action.

Initiative 6. Strengthen innovation in architecture and research projects in the scope of sustainable construction eco-innovation and energy efficiency, pursuant to the RIS3 Euskadi smart specialisation strategy, particularly under the framework of implementation of the Basque Country Urban Agenda - Bultzatu 2050 and comprehensive urban regeneration projects.

Initiative 7. Start up learning collaboration plans through dual Vocational Educational Training focused on renovating vacant housing and creating youth employment.

Initiative 8. Draw up the Basque Country’s Long-Term Urban Regeneration Strategy, with special focus on aspects related to energy efficiency, conditions to guarantee health and comfort and to eliminate the risk of energy poverty.


Initiative 10. Drive and participate in the creation of a management entity (as implementation of the European HIROSS4all project), whose mission shall be to collaborate in implementing and developing the Urban Renovation and Regeneration policy, extending its action all throughout the Basque Country. Drive comprehensive urban regeneration actions, addressing environmental, social, economic, urban and governance aspects under the framework of a long-term action programme in vulnerable quarters.
7. Sustainable Tourism and of Excellence

Tourism contributes to the Basque Country’s sustainable growth and supports diversification of our economy, but it is one of the sectors most affected by today’s health crisis. As such, measures must be taken to maintain employment and activity in the sector, supporting company liquidity, especially SMEs and the self-employed, as well as initiatives to drive consumption in hospitality and tourist services.

We must drive sustainable and responsible tourism, incorporating the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The goal is for the sector to recover as soon as possible and reach 9 million overnight tourist stays in 2025. To this end, a new Basque Sustainable Tourism Strategy will be approved to boost the Euskadi Basque Country brand associated with a safe, sustainable, and responsible tourist destination, conducting actions to associate the Basque Country with attributes related to excellent tourism, smart tourism, and competitive tourism.

Commitment 40. Approve a new Basque Sustainable Tourism Strategy.

Initiative 1. Approve a new "Basque Sustainable Tourism Strategy 2030" that includes a short-term scenario to handle the crisis situation caused by the Covid-19 pandemic and maintain employment and activity. For the mid- and long-term scenario, the strategy must include the post Covid-19 situation, with sights set on the sector’s main challenges and trends. It must work toward tourism sustainability in the Basque Country and must act to raise awareness in all interest groups as to the importance of sustainable mobility and protecting cultural and natural environmental heritage. In turn, economic and social sustainability will be promoted, so that the benefits of tourism may be received by the local population.

Initiative 2. Develop the Sectorial Regional Plan for Tourist Resources in the Basque Country to establish a specific framework for tourist development.

Commitment 41. Euskadi Basque Country, a safe, sustainable, and responsible tourist destination.

Initiative 1. Drive the implementation of certified management systems pursuant to international standards that contribute to promote a safer and more sustainable sector, incorporate corporate social responsibility principles, and guarantee dignified working conditions for those who work in the sector.

Initiative 2. Implement the Basque Country's Tourism Code of Ethics, encouraging all agents in the sector to sign it, as well as the application of Sustainable Development Goals in the tourist sector.

Initiative 3. Provide incentive for gender equality in the sector by developing a "Programme for Equality in Tourism Companies."

Initiative 4. Foment professionalisation in the sector and protect tourism professions.

Commitment 42. Euskadi Basque Country, tourist destination of excellence.

Initiative 1. Promote tourism in the Basque Country on preferential markets, shining a specific spotlight on tourism products that have the greatest attraction capacity on our main leading markets, such as trekking, greenways, wine and food, and industrial tourism, as an element of uniqueness and tourist diversification.

Initiative 2. Boost immersive reality tools so that international tourists experience the Basque Country’s landscapes and resources.
Initiative 3.  Prepare, promote, and share a system of good tourist practises in collaboration with companies from the sector to guarantee the quality and excellence of our tourism products and services.

Initiative 4.  Work conjointly with the sector to promote fair provisions and update regulations to guarantee full consumer protection.

Initiative 5.  Boost excellence in tourism supply, related to diversification of destinations and their uniqueness, and the association with gastronomy, wine, the rural, sport and cultural aspects, and family tourism, shopping, well-being, and business. The goal is to place travellers and their safety at the heart of the Strategy.

Commitment 43. Euskadi Basque Country, smart tourist destination.

Initiative 1.  Develop a competitive smart system for tourism in cooperation and in coordination with public and private agents.

Initiative 2.  Monitor activity and trends in the area to access useful information for decision-making, paying special attention to designing strategies and boosting demand in the post Covid-19 scenario.

Initiative 3.  Diagnose the sector's digital skill level and boost a plan to adapt to the digital transformation, including the design and adaptation of Tourism Offices, integrated into the Itourbask network, to the “21st-Century Tourism Office” model.

Commitment 44. Euskadi Basque Country, competitive tourist destination.

Initiative 1.  Approve a Tourist Marketing Plan 2024 and promote a forum for tourism experts, multi-disciplinary in nature, to contribute to designing strategies to boost demand and improve competitiveness of the Basque tourism sector.

Initiative 2.  Implement a training plan to educate professionals in the sector, especially in the scopes of digitisation, new business models, innovation, and sustainable tourism.

Initiative 3.  Promote a professional qualification certification programme in coordination with Lanbide.

Initiative 4.  Boost measures that encourage entrepreneurship and new generations taking over.
8. Commerce and Hospitality

Sales and hospitality activity is a basic element of our social and city model, all while contributing to local economic growth and job creation. After the heavy impact of the health crisis, we must recover all the lost employment in commerce and hospitality, regenerating both sectors.

To this end, a "Commerce and Hospitality Strategy 2030" shall be approved, which is coordinated with, and integrated into, the "Basque Sustainable Tourism Strategy 2030," developed into five-year action plans. The Commerce and Hospitality 2021-2025 Plan shall meet the sector's main challenges, improving competitiveness, working toward sustainability and digitisation, the creation of a brand associated with the region, and especially focused on small commerce and local hospitality.

Commitment 45. Approve the Commerce and Hospitality Strategy 2030 and the Commerce and Hospitality Plan 2021-2025.

Initiative 1. Approve and start up a "Commerce and Hospitality Strategy 2030" that sets forth the strategic lines for Basque commerce and hospitality and that leads to reactivation and regeneration. The Commerce and Hospitality Plan 2021-2025 shall set forth these strategic lines in two different phases.

One first short-term phase, which shall last until the end of the pandemic, where measures shall be implemented to foment liquidity in companies and avoid the destruction of jobs, establishing space and safe-establishment protocols to maintain activity all while guaranteeing client safety. This will also encourage consumer trust and activate local consumption.

The second phase is related to the post-pandemic scenario, with a package of non-repayable grants and guaranteed loans to make it possible for small companies in the sector to survive. Moreover, measures shall be taken to meet the main challenges and trends in the sector to boost environmental, economic, and social sustainability, projecting a future for commerce and hospitality that is in line with European policies to relaunch the economy.

Commitment 46. Improve commerce and hospitality competitiveness.

Initiative 1. Start up a specific advanced learning centre within the scope of commerce to train new professionals with the new skills necessary to compete with business models adapted to our society’s reality.

Initiative 2. Promote the implementation of an advanced-management model that improves the competitiveness of companies in the sector.

Initiative 3. Start up a digital transformation plan for commerce and hospitality.

Initiative 4. Develop a competitive surveillance system to analyse the sector's evolution and identify and share international trends and innovative good practises.

Initiative 5. Approve a new training plan for commerce and hospitality. Boost new training models and e-learning platforms to reinforce professionals' skills, prioritising those related to the digital transformation.

Initiative 6. Boost new generations taking over and business continuity. Reinforce the sector's attraction and renewal with grants to hire young people.
Initiative 7. Start up a programme to improve learning for people who conduct their activity at Technical Commerce Offices and their online work.

Commitment 47. Drive local commerce and hospitality.

Initiative 1. In collaboration with Provincial Councils and Town Halls, conduct an inter-institutional campaign to foment consumption at small establishments with vouchers to foment local consumption, showcasing local commerce and its importance to economy and employment.

Initiative 2. Boost and raise visibility for unique and differential places of commerce and hospitality establishments that support local products and economy.

Initiative 3. Revitalise neighbourhood commerce. Implement improved commerce or economic promotion districts (Business Improvements Districts) that foment zone cooperation and alliance between companies and institutions within a public-private collaboration setting.

Initiative 4. Create work tables to introduce the criteria of commercial town planning in designing villages and cities in coordination with Town Halls and under the framework of the Mobility Plan for Municipalities, in order to improve accessibility to commercial areas.

Initiative 5. Support entrepreneurship and the creation of new commercial business models, providing incentive for the recovery of empty establishments for commercial use.

Commitment 48. Go further in depth in inter-institutional governance and boost alliances.

Initiative 1. Create an inter-institutional commerce table with the participation of Eudel to decide on strategies and plans to boost commercial and hospitality activity, coordinating actions of different entities.

Initiative 2. Boost conjoint actions with Town Halls to identify regulatory inefficiencies and promote the necessary actions and reforms.

Initiative 3. Boost alliances between tourism and commerce, reinforcing the commercial and hospitality supply as a foundation for drawing tourists to the city.

Initiative 4. Boost different collaborative synergies that arise from the commerce and hospitality sectors themselves, and collaboration and coordination of actions amongst all players.
New consumption ways and methods are creating new consumers who increasingly use technology when purchasing products and services. We work to promote responsible consumption, respectful of consumer rights, especially of consumers from the most unprotected and vulnerable collectives. To this end, it is proposed that Kontsumobide be adapted to new consumption and payment methods, boosting information and education for consumers, promoting good practices at companies, excellent conflict resolution, and improved collaboration and cooperation networks. Moreover, a Consumer Protection Law shall be approved.

**Commitment 49. Adapt Kontsumobide to new consumption and payment methods, driving information and education for consumers.**

**Initiative 1.** Strengthen Kontsumobide in analysing trends and new types of conflicts and fraud, incorporating the necessary tools for analysis and to adopt preventive measures.

**Initiative 2.** Identify the most vulnerable collectives and conduct information and educational campaigns.

**Initiative 3.** Improve education and information for consumers, so they are more aware of their rights and also their obligations, as well as their role and importance in achieving more responsible consumption.

**Initiative 4.** Drive responsible and sustainable consumption. To this end, information on products and their environmental impact shall be promoted such that environmental conservation, social equality and the well-being of workers are encouraged.

**Commitment 50. Promote respectful company behaviour with regard to the rights of consumers and users.**

**Initiative 1.** Foment the implementation of codes of good business practices, establishing agreements with Professional and Business Associations to improve protection of consumer and user rights. Rigorous action shall be taken to seek out and remove legal non-compliances and bad practices on the market.

**Initiative 2.** Provide incentive for responsibility and transparency in companies by developing voluntary mechanisms to respect consumer rights.

**Initiative 3.** Make ethical and responsible consumption and being a member of the voluntary arbitration system part of the criteria for awarding grants, subsidies, awards, and any other business support modality.

**Commitment 51. Work toward excellence in consumption conflict resolution.**

**Initiative 1.** More effectively manage consumer complaints and optimise the Consumption Arbitration System, simplifying administrative procedures.

**Initiative 2.** Boost electronic and remote processing of complaints, intensifying sole use of KontsumoNET for all agents.

**Initiative 3.** Foment mediation as a method of conflict resolution before reaching consumption arbitration.
Commitment 52. Improve collaboration and cooperation networks in consumption policies.

Initiative 1. Coordinate actions for all entities working to defend consumers to reinforce actions to protect their rights. Priority shall be placed on guaranteeing comprehensive consumer protection, improving inter-departmental and inter-institutional collaboration. New agreements shall be designed with key players, and responses from all players related to consumption policies shall be homogenised.

Initiative 2. Boost participation in international networks, especially in the European sphere, driving activities in collaboration and cooperation that aim to improve consumer protection.
PILLAR II: PEOPLE:
Health, education, public services, equality, social and cultural policies, coexistence, and human rights.

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10. The Educational System

Education is one of the essential driving forces to reach sustainable development goals. The COVID-19 pandemic made clear our need to go further in improving the Basque educational model to tackle the new economic and social context. We will address a renewed educational model, able to adapt to a society living in a context of accelerated technological disruption. This requires reinforcing not only digital skills, but also critical thought, creativity, and humanist education.

As such, education is one of the country’s great challenges. Guaranteeing inclusive, fair, and quality education is the best tool to reach sustainable, integrative growth. These are three consubstantial elements for all educational cycles, from early childhood and primary and secondary education, all the way to vocational educational training and the university system.

10.1. Early childhood, Primary and Secondary Education

**Commitment 53. Promote a fair, quality educational service, based on acknowledgement of the essential nature of Basque Public Schools.**

**Initiative 1.** Approve a Law of Education that meets the future challenges of our educational system, acknowledges, and promotes the essential role of Public Schools and their secular nature, as well as equal opportunity for learning all teachings, regardless of one's place of residence, personal, sociocultural, and economic situation, or the learning centre where one learns, seeking excellence in each and every one of the learning centres. This Law shall consider the basic agreement reached during the last legislature, based on acknowledgement of the essential nature of Basque Public Schools, and its noteworthy features shall include: improving stability and modernising the Basque educational system, making progress in multilingualism, guaranteeing equal opportunity for learning in all teachings, reviewing funding for our educational system, linking it to the social and educational role effectively conducted by learning centres, and increasing centres' autonomy, placing special emphasis on fairness and on excellence, under the framework of positive coexistence.

**Initiative 2.** Work on strengthening and making progress in implementing integrated public centres with an educational itinerary from 2 to 16 years of age.

**Initiative 3.** Improve and modernise educational infrastructures, pursuant to the approved Infrastructures Plan that includes over 200 actions and the new Orixe Tolosa, Salburua Vitoria-Gasteiz and Barandiaran Leioa secondary schools, extension of the Muskiz Secondary School, and the new Dantzerti headquarters.

**Commitment 54. Make progress in multilingualism, with Basque as the central pillar.**

**Initiative 1.** Reinforce use and knowledge of Basque and Spanish, moving toward a multilingual educational system, with Basque as the central pillar, with significant improvements and progress in English education starting with Primary Education and reinforcing activities to improve students’ knowledge of English. To this end, multilingual linguistic projects shall be extended to all learning centres, considering their sociolinguistic reality, with Basque as the central pillar.
Initiative 2. Develop a specific linguistic and methodological educational plan for teachers in foreign languages, specifically in English, to improve their skills in teaching the languages and their integrated use. Particularly, the English Education Extension Plan shall be updated and reinforced, with the aim of beginning at least one subject in English beginning with the 4th year in primary education, and activities shall be reinforced to improve students’ knowledge of English.

Commitment 55. Attain inclusive, fair, and innovative schools that move toward excellence.

Initiative 1. Move toward early school attendance from 0 to 2 years of age, placing special emphasis on children from families in underprivileged social settings.

Initiative 2. Provide incentive for social cohesion with diversity and inter-culturalism, prioritising learning centres in the most underprivileged settings with a high percentage of foreign students.

Initiative 3. Promote equal opportunity for learning all teachings and remove all imbalances and inequalities in access to education.

Initiative 4. Reinforce programmes for early care for difficulties in children, improving the existing protocol and managing how it is applied, as well as extracurricular support programmes for students in situations of vulnerability.

Initiative 5. Update the school map to guarantee access to the educational system in a balanced, fair, and transparent way.

Initiative 6. Drive a plan to improve results based on the Basque educational indicator system, incorporating learning initiatives related to detected areas for improvement.

Initiative 7. Reinforce values education for positive coexistence, favouring coeducation and prevention and eradication of school bullying.

Initiative 8. Develop the educational care plan for high-capacity students.

Initiative 9. Drive adaptation of the educational system to the technological and digital transformation, in order to build an innovative, modern, and creative school. 100% of educational centres will have a digitisation plan to develop their own virtual learning platform, along with a comprehensive training plan on techno-pedagogical aspects.

Initiative 10. Take necessary actions to facilitate effective access to these digital technologies for students with fewer resources.

Initiative 11. Foment scientific-technological vocations STEM during all educational phases, especially with girls and women to reduce the technological and wage gap.

Commitment 56. Grant public centres greater autonomy and reinforce the role of teachers as the main agent for transformation.

Initiative 1. Give greater autonomy to public centres in order to make their own projects possible, adapted to the characteristics of their students, families, and their environment.

Initiative 2. Strengthen pedagogical leadership in management of public centres through training and professionalisation of managerial roles, reducing bureaucratic and administrative tasks for management.

Initiative 3. Encourage networks of centres to share positive leadership experience and establish co-responsibility agreements between the educational centre and the administration, based on the educational project.
Initiative 4. Reinforce the role and protagonism of teachers as the key player for transformation in the entire educational system.

Initiative 5. Promote early and ongoing training for teachers, progressively incorporating dual training, alternating with university education.

Initiative 6. Move forward in evaluating the educator's role, using the educator profile's skills as a reference.

Initiative 7. Evaluate educational support services.

Initiative 8. Reinforce prestige of the educator's role.

Initiative 9. Strengthen teacher and educational staff's stability, moving forward toward the goal of reducing structural temporariness by 10 points.

Initiative 10. Improve teachers' continuity rate at public centres, at more than 80%.

10.2. Vocational Educational Training

Commitment 57. Improve Basque Vocational Educational Training capacities by means of high-performance education.

Initiative 1. Move forward in integrated, high-performance vocational educational training as a springboard for joining the job place and for quality employment. With this goal, the model's implementation shall be extended to high-performance learning cycles for better personal skill development.

Initiative 2. Foment applied technological innovation and the transition toward the smart industry 4.0.

Initiative 3. Reinforce bonds between vocational educational training and the Basque business fabric with the goal of extending dual VET to all educational cycles, bearing the gender perspective in mind.

Initiative 4. Reach the target of 5,000 Basque companies joining the dual system.

Initiative 5. Boost applied innovation projects at companies through TKgune, and the transfer of shared acquired knowledge.

Initiative 6. Reinforce TKNIKA as the Basque Country's Vocational Educational Training Applied Innovation and Research Centre.

Commitment 58. Boost ongoing learning through Vocational Educational Training with a more flexible, integrated learning offer accessible to all.

Initiative 1. Boost blended and online learning, as well as qualifications in this modality.

Initiative 2. Update the offer with new skills and qualifications that meet the needs of the fourth industrial revolution.

Initiative 3. Reinforce ongoing learning with active adults to facilitate professional requalification.

Initiative 4. Drive integrated VET centres to include all vocational educational training (educational and for employment), developing specialities for different production sectors in their areas.
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Commitment 59. Work toward professional educational training in line with sustainable development goals that is inclusive.

Initiative 1. Align vocational educational training with the Basque Country’s smart specialisation strategy so that it can meet new emerging social and healthcare challenges: bioeconomy, sustainable food, the natural and marine environment, bioscience and health, circular economy and smart construction and sustainable construction.

Initiative 2. Increase inclusivity in vocational educational training by providing incentive for incorporating migrants and the differently-abled to facilitate their employability.

Commitment 60. Promote talent, incorporating women and driving the creation of new companies within vocational educational training.

Initiative 1. Foment the transition from "skill concept" to "talent concept," developing creative thought and drawing up a talent map for vocational educational training in the Basque Country.

Initiative 2. Boost ERASMUS scholarships in vocational educational training to improve students' qualification and experience.

Initiative 3. Drive the creation of companies within the scope of vocational educational training, developing the "Urratsbat" programme in collaboration with regional development agencies.

Initiative 4. Develop a specific programme to incorporate women into industrial vocational educational training as an instrument to improve the quality of women's employment and to reduce the wage gap.

Commitment 61. Move toward vocational educational training that anticipates the future.

Initiative 1. Start up a Future Learning Observatory in collaboration with the business fabric.

Initiative 2. Promote progressive transformation of vocational educational training centres into smart organisations, capable of managing innovation and change.

Initiative 3. Within the scope of vocational educational training, promote progress in teaching students in Basque and in multilingualism to achieve linguistic integration and continuity in secondary learning.

Initiative 4. Progressively incorporate English as a reference language in professional education to facilitate students’ access to professional opportunities and the internationalisation of companies.

Commitment 62. Boost the international visibility of Basque Vocational Educational Training and tighten bonds and transfer with the University, and vice-versa.

Initiative 1. Encourage conducting international research projects related to VET in collaboration with European institutions.
Initiative 2. Boost offering learning activities from the Basque VET system in other countries.

Initiative 3. Boost double degrees and dual-direction transfer between vocational educational transfer and the university, progressively implementing different conjoint studies within the context of integrated itineraries.

**Commitment 63. Approve a new Basque Vocational Educational Training Plan that meets the challenges posed by the 4th industrial revolution.**

The new Basque Vocational Educational Training Plan will meet the following challenges and initiatives:

- Initiative 1. Boost sustainable human development, reinforcing education for people in their technological, environmental, and human capabilities.
- Initiative 2. Support the Basque production network, especially SMEs and micro-SMEs, in developing and making progress in applied innovation and smart systems pursuant to the guidelines set forth by the Strategic Science, Technology, and Innovation Plan.
- Initiative 3. Conduct different actions associated with the scopes of intelligence, sustainability, and complexity.

10.3. University and Research

**Commitment 64. Strengthen the Basque university ecosystem.**

- Initiative 1. Reach an agreement in favour of science and the university, using the most advanced European models as a reference and contributing to strengthening the Basque university ecosystem.
- Initiative 2. Work for a university system geared toward excellence and that creates talent and advanced knowledge as springboards to meet the technological-digital challenge and economic and social development in the Basque Country.

**Commitment 65. Approve a new University System Plan to act as the tool for planning and strategic management of the Basque university system.**

- Initiative 1. Approve the New University System Plan, increasing public resources which, in conjunction with increased competitive and private resources, shall place university expenses per student amongst the most advanced European countries, improving resources for training, research, and transfer of knowledge.

**Commitment 66. Promote fairness, equality, and the Basque language in the Basque university ecosystem.**

- Initiative 1. Strengthen our own scholarship system, establishing priority criteria based on the socioeconomic situation of the most underprivileged students and the equal-opportunity policy.
- Initiative 2. Boost strategies to guarantee true equality between men and women in university education and scientific research, collaborating in developing the Basque Country's STEAM strategy through the university.
- Initiative 3. Foment learning and research in Basque.
- Initiative 4. Boost programmes that provide incentive for online learning, both in Basque and Spanish, and in English.
- Initiative 5. Foment the implementation of multilingual qualifications in degrees and post-graduate degrees.
Commitment 67. Reinforce the University+Company Strategy, dual university education and VET+University education.

Initiative 1. Increase the alternating dual learning offer, reaching 50 qualifications.

Initiative 2. Reinforce the 4Gune cluster's work.

Initiative 3. Start up a new university cluster in the field of Cultural and Creative Industries.

Initiative 4. Increase the supply of conjoint VET+University qualifications.

Initiative 5. Boost initial and ongoing education for teachers through dual learning and collaborative research programmes.

Commitment 68. Delve deeper into scientific policy and research of excellence and alignment with Europe and with the Basque RIS3 Euskadi smart specialisation strategy.

Initiative 1. Increase R+D investments in the scientific-university field by 6% on annual average.

Initiative 2. Boost participation of the Basque university system in the New Strategic Science, Technology, and Innovation Plan, through the Basque Council for Science, Technology, and Innovation and the incorporation of European research projects, providing incentive for the activity of research groups of excellence.

Initiative 3. Reinforce pre-doc and post-doc research staff training programmes, adapting them to the Basque scientific policy strategy. Boost hiring research staff of excellence through Ikerbasque, providing incentive for collaboration between research groups of excellence and Basque Excellence Research Centres (BERCS).

Commitment 69. Increase development and hiring of prestigious scientific researcher staff.

Initiative 1. Hire 100 new researchers of excellence through the Ikerbasque Research Fellows programme.

Initiative 2. Boost scientific vocation and participation and leadership for women in research projects and initiatives related to science along the Basque Country’s smart specialisation strategy’s pillars.

Commitment 70. Make progress in internationalising the Basque university ecosystem.

Initiative 1. Foment collaboration between the Basque university system and other excellent university systems, with special emphasis on Euskadi-Navarre-Nouvelle Aquitaine collaboration and, in general, with Europe.

Initiative 2. Boost international mobility for students, reinforcing the current scholarship system.

Initiative 3. Boost conducting doctoral theses with an international mention.

Initiative 4. Increase master's degrees available that are able to attract international students.

Initiative 5. Have an international offer in the Basque university system with at least 40 degrees with international mention at the end of the legislature, and for one-third of teachers to be trained to teach international degrees.
11. Health

The COVID-19 pandemic has made it clear that we must reinforce our healthcare system to adequately tackle the new threats to public health looming over citizens. Health is a fundamental human right. In this regard, public management of the system shall be reinforced, and public ownership over healthcare centres and services shall be maintained. People are at the heart of the healthcare system's action. We advocate for a universal, public, quality, and fair healthcare system, guaranteeing coverage and accessibility to quality healthcare services for everyone who lives in the Basque Country, based on the Healthcare Standards Law, and related to the establishment and reinforcement of healthy habits beginning at childhood.

Commitment 71. Reinforce primary healthcare, moving toward care integration.

Initiative 1. Improve integration between public healthcare workers and healthcare services.


Initiative 3. Approve a Public Healthcare Law to reinforce alert and rapid-response systems for prevention, protection, and detection of risks for community health. The new law shall define Public Health services in accordance with new threats to health, developing the idea of community healthcare and using technology and research as preventive and corrective elements.

Initiative 4. Increase healthcare staff, positions for resident internal nurses and reduce paperwork for doctors and nurses.

Initiative 5. Implement new technologies to detect and monitor COVID-19 infections, following WHO recommendations, reinforcing monitoring testing through primary healthcare services.

Initiative 6. Open new infrastructures and remodel and renovate primary healthcare centres that need it, based on needs detected and plans set forth to this end.

Initiative 7. At the request of the Departments of Health and Equality, Justice and Social Policies, and in collaboration with Provincial Councils and Town Halls, develop instruments to regulate social-healthcare governance.

Commitment 72. Modernise and adapt healthcare facilities and services.

Initiative 1. Approve a general plan to improve and modernise healthcare facilities and equipment for the entire legislature which includes the following activities: renewal of healthcare infrastructures; scaled renewal of X-ray equipment and anaesthetic equipment; modernisation and increase of surgical wings, endoscopy and haemodynamic rooms, radiotherapy, and other medical services and hospital facilities, and construction of a high-resolution centre in the municipality of Tolosa.

Commitment 73. Develop healthcare research’s own ecosystem and promote the business network related to the healthcare field.

Commitment 74. Increase, renew, and strengthen staff and improve training and recognition for healthcare professionals.

Initiative 1. Increase, renew, and stabilise the Osakidetza staff by opening 4,000 positions in public employment tenders during the 2020-2024 period, applying new hiring and/or promotion process models, incorporating measures approved and proposed by the Basque Parliament, geared toward guaranteeing transparency, justice, and fairness.

Initiative 2. Review the current list of Osakidetza work positions to add new professional categories and increase endowments of those that are under-endowed, pursuant to comparative parameters in our region.

Initiative 3. Boost specific training programmes for healthcare and nursing staff, especially in terms of detection, monitoring and treating infectious diseases.

Initiative 4. Create a Permanent Committee for Epidemiological Affairs, coordinated with the Spanish Government and the coordination body established to this end by the European Union.

Initiative 5. Achieve greater integration and coordination between healthcare teams and the ensemble of primary care services.

Initiative 6. Promote an open mobility system and co-responsible life-work balance programmes for healthcare staff, with schedule-flexibility and remote-work measures.

Commitment 75. Inequality-free healthcare, more personal and at the service of people.

Initiative 1. Foment the patient's autonomy, after due information, monitoring, and control protocol by healthcare professionals.

Initiative 2. Develop the Waiting-List Improvement Plan.

Initiative 3. Start up a Health Observatory to incorporate all information on the population's health into clinical practise, considering the gender perspective. This observatory, which shall use existing organisational structures and human resources, shall have a specific department in charge of monitoring, analysing, and studying the realities and data in the Basque Country on suicide as one of the most significant causes of death, geared toward a strategy to prevent it.
Initiative 4. Design and develop a new mental health strategy.


Initiative 6. Develop a recovery plan for the ill who, because of the priority response given to Covid19 and confinement, have been affected in carrying out tests or screening.

Initiative 7. Prevent new addictions and promote their treatment.

Initiative 8. Improve patients' relationship with remote-care and e-health programmes, developing new remote-medicine and artificial intelligence applications to make healthcare increasingly personalised.
12. Social Policies and Youth

The Basque Country has been a pioneering community in implementing policies for social inclusion, fighting poverty, and developing social services. There has been great progress, but it should be noted that the factors influencing inequality and exclusion are still latent and must be addressed at this time, a critical period. There is a commitment to continue to eliminate them and achieve an increasingly fairer and more solidary society, leaving no one behind.

To honour this commitment, we shall guarantee and reinforce social policies, especially those that bear on social inclusion, social services, the elderly, families, and children and migrants. Moreover, special attention shall be paid to youth, to meet the challenge of reducing the youth emancipation age and providing access to an independent life project.

12.1. Social inclusion. Basque Social Service and Social Health Service System

a) Within the scope of inclusion

Commitment 76. Support strengthening of regional networks to care for individuals at risk of exclusion.

Initiative 1. Implement a comprehensive strategy to guarantee care for people at risk of exclusion who require stable support, based on intervention and social inclusion.

Initiative 2. Move forward in deploying the network of social services in each Region in an integrated and coherent manner with the different inclusion itineraries.

Commitment 77. Caring for situations of special vulnerability and helplessness.

Initiative 1. Reinforce prevention and care actions for the homeless, for energy poverty, and other situations of poverty that affect the especially vulnerable (elderly, youth, children, differently-abled, etc.) with special attention to those facing situations of multiple discrimination and/or who lack a social support network (undesired solitude, etc.).

Initiative 2. Drive a child guarantee programme as a key element for a global strategy against child poverty, in line with the European Union’s recommendations, improving the Minimum Guaranteed Income for families with children in their care.

Initiative 3. Start up a Discrimination Observatory.

b) Within the scope of the Basque Social Services and Social-Healthcare System.

Commitment 78. Develop the Basque social service system, focusing on the community and the principles of quality, innovation, a new balance in care and efficiency.

Initiative 1. Draw up the II Strategic Social Services Plan and strengthen the inter-institutional social services fund, in order to guarantee the benefits and services set forth in the Benefits and Social Services Portfolio.
Initiative 2. Evaluate the Portfolio Decree 2015 and move forward in planning, coordination, and regulatory development of the Basque Social Services System catalogue, adopting a sustainable funding model, agreed upon by responsible institutions and endowed by them, based on their competences and resources. Moreover, once inserted into the internal resource allocation model, the current inter-institutional fund for innovation, cohesion, and quality of the Basque Social Services and Social-Healthcare System shall be linked to research, technology, creation of jobs in care, and projects promoted by the European Union.

Initiative 3. Culminate the Benefits and Services Portfolio of the Basque Social Services System, especially in relation to care for the elderly within the scope of their caretaking, assistance service, lodging, and care.

Initiative 4. Adapt the Decree that regulates homes for the elderly, encouraging standards that regulate the system for arranging services, such that ideal conditions are guaranteed when carrying them out and in providing social services under an appropriate and homogeneous framework of stability, access requirements, provision, price, and competition.

Commitment 79. Strengthen social and community development.

Initiative 1. Reinforce benefits and services that are more personal, going further with the community care model and under the European framework of quality volunteers, with the participation of users and based on respect for their rights and a guarantee of quality in the work conducted by industry professionals.

Initiative 2. Start up a comprehensive programme to arrange, improve and guarantee support for inclusion, by means of inclusion agreements and assigning exemplary professionals, based on specific needs for complementation between the income guarantee policy and others (social services, social-professional, social-healthcare, etc.).

Initiative 3. Monitor inversion of the care pyramid and plan a comprehensive strategy, strengthening services for people who reside in their regular residence to guarantee them full life autonomy.

Commitment 80. Promote innovation, evaluation, and quality of social services, with results and public usefulness criteria.

Initiative 1. Start up a social innovation and R+D+i system within the scope of social services.

Initiative 2. Strengthen evaluation of public-responsibility social services, paying special attention to recipients and their families, as well as the systematisation and transfer of knowledge.

Initiative 3. Work toward reducing the digital gap.

Initiative 4. Promote projects that encourage access, development, and implementation of innovative technologies and digital applications related to care in the home and care for users and for caretakers and their families.

12.2. The Elderly

The demographic reality and accelerated ageing of our society is a challenge that must be addressed. It has grown more urgent as a result of the pandemic and has confirmed that we must defend dignified public pensions.
Increased life expectancy is good news, a challenge, and an opportunity for Basque society. The demographic challenge and the emergence of a new life stage, between retirement and 75-80 years as the current horizon for a healthy life expectancy, requires a new way of viewing the elderly as active citizens, the protagonists of their fate. In this regard, preventing situations of dependency and promoting personal independence and the talent of the elderly have become especially relevant for them to continue living the most active and full lives, integrated into their environment, with suitable support for their situation.

**Commitment 81. Give a strategic boost to active ageing and promote personal independence, social participation, and a full and healthy life for the elderly.**


Initiative 2. Integrate the active and healthy ageing strategy into “Euskadi Langunkoia Sustraietatik,” as well as development of the elderly’s talent, incorporating the gender perspective, promoting both a full life (meeting their needs) and active participation in responding to their own or third-party social needs.

Initiative 3. Develop pilot projects to promote active ageing in fields such as digital adaptation and inter-generational actions with youth.

Initiative 4. Assess and empower the elderly population in subjects and fields of their interest, such as basic financial education, inheritances, and wills.

Initiative 5. Approve a Basque active ageing strategy in line with the European active ageing index.

Initiative 6. Boost a new programme to prepare for the transition to old age.

Initiative 7. Guarantee minimum income for pensioners in a situation of greater vulnerability.

Initiative 8. Use and promote the talent of the elderly, supporting their participation in all public policies.

Initiative 9. Provide incentive for programmes and activities that contribute to strengthening the relationship and inter-generational solidarity between the elderly and youth.

Initiative 10. Improve accessibility and energy efficiency in homes of the elderly. To this end, we shall promote specific aid programmes for accessibility actions (lifts and removal of architectural barriers). We shall also conduct works to improve energy efficiency in their homes and, when necessary, to provide enjoyment of a dignified home, suitable for elderly people.

**Commitment 82. Accompany the elderly in situations of solitude.**

Initiative 1. Start up an Inter-Institutional Plan to fight undesired solitude, in collaboration with Provincial Councils, Town Halls and third social-sector organisations, with a broad global perspective of these situations that affect multiple social sectors and that includes, in the case of the elderly, reinforcing home visits.

Initiative 2. Extend the remote-assistance service to all those older than 80 and, progressively, to those older than 65. With this service, start up a specific line of professional care for those who are alone.
Initiative 3. Develop a specific social volunteer and primary solidarity programme, in coordination with social-service professionals, for early detection of situations where social isolation in the elderly is combined with situations of poverty, dependency, and/or illness.

**Commitment 83. Guarantee quality care and reinforce at-home care and care in the immediate environment of the elderly.**

Initiative 1. Boost basic social services to improve care for the elderly in the home.

Initiative 2. Reinforce rest programmes for caretakers.

Initiative 3. Boost a new comprehensive model for social-healthcare, coordinated with the primary healthcare network, for the elderly, whether living in their own home or at homes for the elderly.

Initiative 4. Start up a Basque strategy to support caretakers.

Initiative 5. Approve the caretaker statute, promoting co-responsibility in men in taking care of the elderly, through awareness, work-home balance, and training measures.

Initiative 6. Start up care offices for the elderly in the three historic regions, in coordination with competent regional institutions.

**Commitment 84. Boost economic activity and social innovation at the service of the elderly.**

Initiative 1. Develop a programme to boost the silver economy, along with the three Provincial Councils and Town Halls.

Initiative 2. Strengthen and reinforce social innovation hubs in the field of caring for the elderly. Adinberi in Gipuzkoa, Nagusi Intelligence Center in Biscay and the innovation centre for active ageing in Alava.

Initiative 3. Boost social innovation and business initiatives in the silver economy, strengthening this line with existing contests and aid programmes.

Initiative 4. Foment applied-research projects in products and services related to the elderly, under the framework of the Basque RIS3 Euskadi smart specialisation strategy.

Initiative 5. Foment cultural practices in the elderly to reinforce brain activity, emotional balance, and interaction and to prevent solitude, offering a fuller life.

12.3. **Families and Childhood**

**Commitment 85. Develop a comprehensive support strategy for families with children and foment natality.**

Initiative 1. Boost a family policy that is integrated and coherent for all the Basque Country in collaboration with Provincial Councils and Town Halls.
Initiative 2. Progressively increase benefits per child and aim for administrative simplification, in order to move toward convergence with the European Union, pursuant to provisions in Law 13/2008 of 12 December on Family Support.

Initiative 3. Along with Provincial Councils, open up reflection on increasing tax deductions for children and incorporate elements with greater sliding scales in tax treatment for families.

Initiative 4. Promote equal and non-transferrable paternity and maternity leave with a minimum of 16 weeks in the private sector in collaboration with the Department of Labour and Employment.

Initiative 5. Boost co-responsible work-life balance with measures that provide incentive for balancing a professional life and positive parenthood, in order to move toward fair and equal distribution of household tasks and caretaking between men and women, in collaboration with the Department of Labour and Employment.

Initiative 6. Conduct awareness campaigns that place social prestige on the caretaking economy, raising visibility of caretaking's contribution to economic activity.

Commitment 86. Comprehensive childhood protection, prevention, and promotion plan.

Initiative 1. Approve a Law on Children and Adolescents' Rights, in order to regulate and develop a system for childhood and adolescence protection, prevention and promotion.

Initiative 2. Approve an inter-institutional protocol to ensure early detection of violence toward children, especially in relation to sexual and child abuse and exploitation, guaranteeing protection for the victim and reparations for harm in all cases.


Initiative 4. Address relationship-sexual education in school from an early stage, and prevention and safe use of the internet.

12.4. Migration

Commitment 87. Boost and share a civic culture of welcoming, integration, and co-responsibility for the migratory circumstance.

Initiative 1. Strengthen the integration model for the migrant population.

Initiative 2. Develop Basque society's integrative potential and associative fabric to strengthen adequate civic integration.

Initiative 3. Share and develop the "Basque Social Pact for Migration."

Initiative 4. Boost the "Share Proposal" in the Basque Country, the nation, and in Europe as a mechanism to apply the principle of co-responsibility.

Initiative 5. In collaboration with the Department of Culture and Linguistic Policy, develop cultural welcome plans for migrants through the Basque Country's Public Library Network, offering our own cultural content to the most numerous migrant collectives.
Commitment 88. Strengthen a global welcome strategy for migrants.

Initiative 1. Approve and implement the Basque model for welcoming migrants coming to the Basque Country. This model shall be conducted through the "VI Action Plan on citizens, inter-culturalism and immigration," based on collaboration from the institutions and social agents involved, and through the Forum for Integration and Social Participation of Immigrant Citizens in the Basque Country.

Initiative 2. Promote pilot experiences in the countries of origin of migrants to cooperate in managing migrant flows, including bilateral cooperation projects between institutions and between companies.

Initiative 3. Showcase the contribution of migrants to the job place and the creation of wealth in the Basque Country.

Commitment 89. Define and boost a Basque asylum policy model.

Initiative 1. Enter into an agreement with the Spanish Government, with the goal of the Basque Country being able to take charge over policies to welcome and integrate refugees and applicants for international protection.

Initiative 2. Within the scope of its own competences, define, in collaboration with the Spanish Government, its own welcome and integration model. The community sponsorship model shall have a noteworthy role within this model.

Initiative 3. Strengthen the Inter-Institutional and Social Table that coordinates action within this scope.

Commitment 90. Support and provide coverage and care for migrants in vulnerable situations.

Initiative 1. Boost inter-institutional collaboration to guarantee due protection for migrant children who are alone, such that itineraries of social integration may be conducted, and lack of protection as they reach adult age may be fought against.

Initiative 2. Promote social-professional inclusion for vulnerable migrant minors and youth.

Initiative 3. Present a proposal to the Spanish Government to facilitate work authorisation when the migrant minor reaches 16 years of age, under conditions equal to other adolescents.

Initiative 4. On an annual basis, update the Contingency Plan for humanitarian care for migrants in transit.

Initiative 5. Draw up a polyvalent care infrastructure plan to meet the welcome needs of different migratory realities.
12.5. Youth

Youth is the best social capital. The Basque Country urgently needs to accelerate the generational takeover, since the social, economic, and cultural cost of “not incorporating” youth is huge. We must reach a Social Pact in favour of youth.

Employment and housing are two pillars for priority action upon which we base the youth policy, since these are the main barriers for young people to carry out an independent life project.

**Commitment 91. Develop a comprehensive youth policy.**

Initiative 1. Approve the Youth Law, incorporating the youth perspective into the ensemble of public policies, with the main goals of youth employment, as well as better contribution to the Basque Country’s social capital.

**Commitment 92. Youth emancipation strategy.**

Initiative 1. Define, drive, and coordinate a cross-cutting youth emancipation strategy. This strategy shall materialise in collaboration with responsible Departments, and its fundamental pillars shall be preparing and starting up the Youth Employment Plan, as well as developing measure to facilitate Youth Housing.

Commitment 93. Eradicate gender-based violence and build an egalitarian society free from violence against women in all forms.

Initiative 1. Approve the new Equality Law that specifically includes preventing and fighting against gender-based violence and a new push for equality.

Initiative 2. Suggest a citizen social pact for equality and against gender-based violence.

Initiative 3. Update the inter-institutional agreement to improve care for women who are victims of gender-based violence and guarantee priority, comprehensive, free, and quality care for the victims and their children.

Initiative 4. To detect women who are victims of gender-based violence, foment the introduction of new tools for later action with said women.

Initiative 5. Start up the one-stop-shop for comprehensive management of records for care and protection of gender-based violence that provide for adopting personalised action programmes.


Commitment 94. Promote application of the shock plan against the wage gap.

Initiative 1. Guarantee equality plans in companies with more than 50 employees and foment negotiation of equality plans at companies with fewer than 50 workers, pursuant to agreements reached at the Social Dialogue Table.

Initiative 2. Reinforce equality units in the Basque Country's labour inspection.

Initiative 3. Drive a social and political pact to streamline schedules in collaboration with social agents.

Initiative 4. Encourage implementation of a new company culture that makes it possible to balance personal, professional, and family life.

Initiative 5. Encourage STEM vocations (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) amongst young women in the educational sphere to increase employment quality.

Initiative 6. Facilitate placing women into professions with greater future demand.

Initiative 7. Place caretaking at the centre of equality politics to move forward toward social organisation that is increasingly co-responsible and make the transition from "professional-personal balance toward co-responsibility" a reality.

Commitment 95. Foment changing values and empowering women and girls.

Initiative 1. Reinforce equality and co-education programmes from an early age and, particularly, implementation of the II Plan for Co-Education and the "nahiko programme" with new materials geared toward children younger than four.
Initiative 2.  Foment initiatives of women and the feminist world's associative movement in empowerment projects and changing values.

Initiative 3.  Make progress in intersectionality to provide a better response to all women and their diverse needs.

Initiative 4.  Reinforce the Gizonduz programme to obtain the effective implication of men in favour of equality.

Initiative 5.  Foment job placement for women, in order to guarantee their economic independence, especially in jobs that are traditionally masculine.

**Commitment 96. Promote policies against discrimination based on sexual orientation.**

Initiative 1.  Approve a Comprehensive Equality Law on diversity and the fight against discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Initiative 2.  Promote amendment of Law 14/2012 of 28 June on non-discrimination based on gender identity and the recognition of transsexual individuals, providing continuity to the agreements reached with Associations of Transsexual and Transgender Individuals and families with transsexual minors.

Initiative 3. Provide incentive, within the educational sphere, and in collaboration with the Department of Education, to implement recognition of sexual and family diversity so that children can develop their personality and sexual orientation with freedom and without discrimination.

Initiative 4. Reinforce the "Berdindu programme" to support LGTBI individuals affected by situations of discrimination.

Initiative 5. Conduct programmes to reduce prejudice and other social factors that harm the health of people due to their sexual orientation.
14. Justice

Justice is an essential public service that falls under the UN Sustainable Development Goal 16. It must continue on the path forged until now with the objective of achieving increasingly modern, swift, effective, and digitised Justice, in line with the most advanced justice administration systems in the European Union. Justice that is also more personal, restorative, and focused on people, particularly on the most vulnerable.

Commitment 97. Foment a modern legal system.

Initiative 1. Approve a Strategic Justice Plan that establishes the parameters to build swifter, more effective, digitised, and people-focused justice.

Initiative 2. Promote implementation of a new legal office, subject to assessment of the offices already in motion.

Initiative 3. Execute a comprehensive legal infrastructure programme that considers energy efficiency, sustainable mobility, and universal accessibility.

Initiative 4. Improve conditions for justice administration staff by implementing the IV agreement on labour conditions, in order to conclude assessment of job positions, keep low temporality rates and foment training and compensation plans.

Initiative 5. Modernise the Basque Legal Medicine Institute.

Initiative 6. Promote sharing the legal system through the programme “Educar en justicia (Educate in Justice).”

Commitment 98. Make progress in building swifter, more effective, and digitised justice.

Initiative 1. Approve a new Digital Justice Plan, in order to achieve comprehensive digitisation in courts and tribunals, finish the electronic legal record, develop digital procedures through the electronic legal page, and promote actions through video conferences.

Initiative 2. Reinforce personal justice, increasing material and human resources for justices of the peace.

Initiative 3. Intensify the extension and de-concentration process for “family meeting points” by signing the pertinent agreements with respective town halls.

Initiative 4. Enter into reflection with town halls and other legal operators on the current structure for demarcation and approach in the Basque Country.

Commitment 99. Foment more personal, restorative, and people-focused justice.

Initiative 1. Promote sharing support services for justice and orientation on said services, developing service charters.

Initiative 2. Reinforce the restorative justice service with the implementation of a Plan to Promote and Strengthen Alternative Means to Conflict Resolution.


Initiative 5. Foment intra-judicial mediation in contentious-administrative, social, and civil jurisdictional fields.

Initiative 6. Move forward in the linguistic standardisation plan to make citizens’ right to the use of Basque in justice, as the official language of the Basque Country, effective.

Initiative 7. Approve the V Youth Justice Plan, developing a Basque service for youth justice that aims for mediation, reconciliation, and reparation in conflict resolution, in order to reduce the rate of youth recidivism and bring it to less than 15%.

Initiative 8. Ensure that there are enough positions available to carry out all legally-mandated measures with minors who have entered into conflict with criminal law.

Initiative 9. Have external professionals periodically supervise operational and staff systems at Internment Education Centres for minors who have broken the law.

Initiative 10. Intensify the Prosecution Service and Judicial Police’s action unit for missing persons.


Initiative 12. Take special care of victims of gender-based violence, developing an action plan for violence against women.

Initiative 13. Reinforce action of the comprehensive forensic assessment units and psychosocial teams for early detection of risk and effective assessment of the situation for minors in cases of gender-based violence.

Initiative 14. Adapt all justice services to the definition of violence against women set forth in the Istanbul Convention.

Initiative 15. Start up a specific section in the courts to care for victims of gender-based violence with sufficient staff and material to achieve comprehensive protection for these victims in all forms of expression.

Initiative 16. Develop the Violence Against Women Action Plan to reinforce inter-institutional coordination, training for court staff on violence against women, and to adapt facilities and reinforce information, care, and comprehensive accompaniment services for victims (Zurekin Programme).
15. Coexistence and Human Rights

After the definitive cessation of terrorist activity on 20 October 2011 and the later dissolution of ETA in 2018, the Basque Country closed the door on a past of terrorism, violence, and division.

This is the time to reiterate our shared will to establish fair, peaceful, and inclusive coexistence, based on the memory of the injustice of the harm caused, respect for human rights and pluralism. Within this context, the Basque Government’s coexistence project shall be channelled through a Coexistence and Human Rights Plan structured into two large areas: the Basque agenda for coexistence and the global human rights agenda. Respect, promotion and defence of human dignity and human rights are the guiding principles of this Plan, based on the inalienable ethical principle that there was and is no political reason that can cancel the dignity, integrity, and right to life of human beings.

Commitment 100. Defend the rights of victims.

Initiative 1. Confirm our commitment to rights to truth, justice, memory, reparation, and solidarity held by victims, those caused by ETA, GAL and other groups, and victims of police abuse. All this, without comparisons or exclusions, rejecting any theory that seeks to justify or contextualise terrorism or violence in any way.

Initiative 2. Implement Basque Law 4/2008 on Recognition and Reparation for Victims of Terrorism and promote the Batera Project for union amongst victims and society for coexistence and the future.


Initiative 4. Highlight the reality of cases with incomplete clarification. As long as they remain unclarified, they are worthy of additional efforts to recognise them.

Commitment 101. Promote critical memory of the past of terrorism and violence.

Initiative 1. Commitment to critical memory, which takes concrete shape in the form of rejecting legitimisation, compensation, or minimisation of any kind of terrorism or violence that occurred in the past, and direct opposition to re-edition in the present or the future, geared toward sharing a social project of coexistence based on recognition of the injustice caused by terrorism and other politically-motivated violence.

Initiative 2. Approve the Gogora Action Plan 2021-24 and strengthen its dissemination, research, and management resources.

Initiative 3. Integrate the exhibition projects at Gogora’s headquarters, Gernika Bombing Museum, and victims of the 3 of March.

Initiative 4. Implement a social pact on coexistence, cross-cutting in scope and ethical meaning, based on the premise that (neither before, nor now, nor in the future) no political reason can justify terrorism or any other violation of rights.

Initiative 5. Approve the Historical and Democratic Memory Law of the Basque Country, using the draft introduced in the previous legislature as a reference.
Commitment 102. Management of penitentiary policy and reinsertion of prisoners.

Initiative 1. Develop our commitment to a penitentiary policy based on active promotion of the legal principles of individualisation, humanity, recognition of the harm caused, and reinsertion. One of the consequences of this is support for transfer of prisoners to prisons near their family environment, under the terms set forth by the Constitution and penitentiary law.

Channel this commitment through dialogue and collaboration with the Spanish Government, competent in penitentiary policy, whose fundamental aim is reinsertion, placing priority on the problems with the greatest humanitarian and health consequences, with a preference on bringing prisoners to prisons near their family environment, under the terms set forth by the Constitution and penitentiary law.

Initiative 2. Consider transfer of management of penitentiary centres to the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country, pursuant to comprehensive compliance with the Gernika Statute and its implementation and under the terms set forth by the Report on Updating Pending Transfers to the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country 2017, endorsed by the Government Council in September 2017 and sent to the Basque Parliament's self-governance lectern, pursuant to the illustrative timeline for possible negotiations regarding transfers requested by the Government of the Autonomous Community of the Basque Government, formally sent by the Spanish Government 20 February, 2020, or respective agreed-upon updates.

Commitment 103. Coordinate human rights policies

Initiative 1. Through the Framework Education and Human Rights Programme, implement dissemination initiatives within the scope of education for human rights.


Initiative 6. Roll out the Uztartu socio-educational programme to prevent violent radicalisation.

Initiative 7. Develop a Basque Programme for Contribution to Peace on the international stage.


Initiative 9. Collaborate with the Basque Country's Youth Council under the Etikasi Programme to raise awareness for Human Rights.

Initiative 10. Organise educational visits for youth to European cities scarred by war or other traumatic violent experiences.

With our sights set on the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals Agenda, cooperation policy can no longer be understood only as a scope of specialised action, but rather as part of a global, comprehensive strategy for development which, based on a focus on Human Rights and Policy Coherency for Development, is applicable to all the Basque Government's action. A new legal framework to contend with the current situation is required, and a new way for the Basque Administration to drive its development policies to implement decentralised cooperation for development that contributes to reducing inequality in and between countries.

Commitment 104. Develop an open and shared cooperation policy for development between Basque citizens, its institutions and its agents and social organisations.

Initiative 1. Strengthen capacities of traditional Basque cooperation agents (ONGD) and drive alliances between new agents for development whose role is crucial for the expansion and establishment of cooperation for development of the Basque Country. The goal is to develop new experiences in technical cooperation and agreed-upon cooperation to widen the social foundation upholding support for international cooperation. In this regard, emblematic initiatives (auzolankide) already underway will be used as a reference.

Commitment 105. Foment policy coherence for development in the general scope of Government policies.

Initiative 1. Develop a cross-cutting focus based on human rights, gender fairness and policy coherency for the development of the Basque Government's policies. This commitment shall take shape by preparing and approving a new Basque Law on Cooperation for Development. Moreover, a V Master Plan for Cooperation for Development shall be prepared and approved, with these focuses: strengthening Africa, a decided push toward real coherency in policies for development, fomenting specific actions to incorporate cooperative initiatives related to Departments of the Basque Government's scopes of action, and intra- and inter-institutional coordination into said Departments, especially strengthening the alliance with Euskal Fondoa.

Commitment 106. Promote education for social transformation.

Initiative 1. Strengthen the "HABIAN 2030" Strategy.

Commitment 107. Go further in depth in the quality and impact of cooperation policies for development, and innovation therein.

Initiative 1. Strengthen the active role of the Basque Agency for Cooperation for Development as the driving force behind our own model for decentralised cooperation in Europe.
17. Security

The goal is to continue to reduce crime rates in the Basque Country and to make them some of the lowest in the European Union, lower than 40 criminal infractions per 1,000 inhabitants. To this end, we undertake the commitment to move forward with a renewed security model that fits the following characteristics: Personal security at the service of people, Preventive security, Innovative security, and Comprehensive and interconnected security.

Commitment 108. Foment more personal and transparent security at the service of people.

Initiative 1. Establish a permanent system for meeting with the public to learn their concerns and meet their requests in preventive fashion in terms of security.

Initiative 2. Reinforce stable communication channels with civil society and citizen associations to transfer proven information in real time, avoiding fake news on social media.

Commitment 109. Establish preventive security.

Initiative 1. Establish specific prevention programmes for the most sensitive collectives to avoid security risks, especially in terms of drug consumption and gambling addition or other behavioural addictions in the youth collective.

Initiative 2. Reinforce programmes to prevent all forms of violent radicalisation, including expressions of xenophobia, racism and discrimination motivated by intolerance of different beliefs and opinions, as well as new instruments to recruit and train in the hate that characterises totalitarian fanaticism, paying special heed to collectives most vulnerable to jihadist propaganda.


Initiative 5. Create a preventive system to protect infrastructures sensitive to cybersecurity incidents.

Initiative 6. Adapt the research and training system for specialist groups to respond in preventive fashion to new forms of crime, such as environmental crimes, trafficking networks, and financial crimes online.

Commitment 110. Implement innovative security.

Initiative 1. Implement new technological tools to increase protection for people, updating IT systems and communications, and providing officers with individual cameras to guarantee transparency in their actions and improve provision of evidence when crimes are committed.

Initiative 2. Boost resources for Ertzaintza units in charge of investigating and prosecuting corruption, economic and tax crimes.
Initiative 3. Foment programmes to raise awareness of road safety and improve traffic management under the parameters set by the European Union.

Commitment 111. Attain comprehensive and inter-connected security.

Initiative 1. Approve the New Public Security Plan 2025 as a guide for action and coordination for all bodies involved in security.

Initiative 2. Make progress in inter-connection for the Ertzaintza and the exchange of data and information with other national and international police layers.

Initiative 3. Go further in depth in collaboration mechanisms with local police and the Basque Emergency and Civil Protection System, by implementing an emergency intelligence centre and creating support units for disasters with inter-regional capacity to act, and outside the Autonomous Community, if doing so were required.
18. Culture, Basque and Sport

18.1 Culture

Culture is an identity-building element and an element that strengthens the critical spirit in people and in society. It is also an activity that creates employment and wealth and a factor for cohesion and social integration. The cultural policies to be developed shall be focused on reinforcing, in a balanced way, all these cultural values, based on support for creation and production, democratisation of the cultural offer, and conservation-transfer of culture, with two cross-cutting pillars for action: equality between women and men, and a specific drive for culture created and experienced in Basque.

Commitment 112. Drive cultural creation and production in the Basque Country, supporting Basque cultural creators, artists, and professionals, with an influence on improving their professional conditions and their professionalisation.

Initiative 1. Maintain and update public support for creation and production of culture, especially boosting culture in Basque and empowerment for women within the scope of creation and culture.

Initiative 2. Improve professional conditions for culture professionals, adapting tax regulations to the singularity of cultural work, and applying tax incentives, as well as sponsorship and micro-sponsorship measures that favour this work, in collaboration with Provincial Councils.

Initiative 3. Define, agree on, and implement codes of good practises in hiring culture professionals in collaboration with other co-responsible Basque institutions in cultural policies.

Initiative 4. Promote validation of the professional experience of culture professionals in creation, mediation, and technical aspects, to help with their contribution to regulated education, and especially professional teaching, in collaboration with Departments of Education and Labour and Employment.

Initiative 5. Provide incentive for training in managing self-employed workers and micro-SMEs in the cultural and creative sector, and support entrepreneurship for cultural agents, facilitating their hiring, based on the singularities of their activity, in collaboration with competent Labour and Employment and Economic Development, Sustainability and Environmental departments.

Initiative 6. Foment creative capacities during childhood, adolescence, and youth and early contact with different artistic disciplines, through programmes to discover artistic and cultural creation in the educational system, with consensus between the Department of Education, the educational community, parent associations, and other Basque public institutions.

Initiative 7. Encourage empowering women in cultural creation and production and raise visibility of the importance of their contribution to building the collective imaginary in collaboration with Emakunde and the Department for Equality, Justice and Social Policy.

Initiative 8. Redefine and improve channels for dialogue with public institutions, strengthening HAKOBA Kultura, and with the cultural network, through the Basque Council for Culture, Kultura Auzolanean, CCIs' pilot strategies with the goal of working conjointly to alleviate the pandemic's consequences.
Commitment 113. Strengthen and interconnect the Basque Country’s cultural supply, making it increasingly attractive to Basque society itself and the international public.

Initiative 1. Establish a Basque art system with international reach, intensifying collaboration and complementarity between museums, art centres, training spaces, creation and reflection spaces, galleries, and the creative network.

Initiative 2. Renew the Basque Country's museum network model with the goal of managing its potential in a more effective and coordinated way.

Initiative 3. Define and implement the Basque Plan to Foment Reading and Books, with inter-institutional collaboration, and with educational and social agents.

Initiative 4. Drive internationalisation of cultural theatre, dance, literature and music festivals and circuits, fomenting the presence of local artists therein, in collaboration with Basque capitals.

Initiative 5. Reinforce policies to drive cultural enjoyment and consumption that act as support for local companies and businesses, from cinemas and live music to bookshops, in coordination with the rest of the Basque Country’s public institutions.

Initiative 6. Continue increasing the Basque Country's Public Reading Network and enriching the collective catalogue of Basque libraries.

Commitment 114. Protect the Basque Country’s cultural heritage and promote its showcasing.

Initiative 1. Protect and showcase the Basque Country's Documentary Heritage, approving the Law of Comprehensive Documentary and Documentary Heritage Management of the Basque Country to this end.

Initiative 2. Implement protection and showcasing of immaterial heritage, implementing the Law of Cultural Heritage, with special attention paid to raising visibility and showcasing the legacy of women.

Initiative 3. Move forward in protecting and socialising the Basque Country’s industrial heritage, opening the Centre of Industrial Heritage of the Basque Country in the Orconera (Barakaldo) to the public, and establishing lines of collaboration with other institutions and entities in the Country to make this a hallmark of our country's identity inside and outside the Basque Country.

Commitment 115. Drive innovation and digitisation in culture.

Initiative 1. Drive the digital transition as a priority line of work in cultural policies, such that it favours cultural production and raises its visibility and interconnectivity between public programmers, the creative network and citizen initiatives.

Initiative 2. Strengthen digital abilities and business capabilities in the cultural sector and reinforce the commitment to Cultural and Creative Industries, with the aim of making the Basque Country a role-model region in Europe, strengthening the Basque District of Culture and Creativity and the "Euskadi Creativa" brand.

Initiative 3. Implement and develop, with a project shared by all institutions, cultural services and creative agents in the Basque Country, the Basque Culture Digital Portal (Euskariana) (an innovative National Digital Library model) as a unified platform that provides access to all aspects of Basque culture, related to the European Union Digital Library (Europeana).

Initiative 4. Develop the Digital Loan Library (eLiburutegia), linking it to the Basque Culture Portal and increasing its offer in audio-visual, sound, and educational content.
Commitment 116. Reinforce the international presence of Basque and Basque culture.

Initiative 1. Through the Etxepare Basque Institute, intensify Basque and Basque culture learning programmes by means of the network of professors at universities and the Euskara Munduan programme, the participation of Basque artists in programming and international festivals and production of cultural activities abroad.

Initiative 2. Through the Etxepare Basque Institute, develop bilateral cultural programmes with strategic countries and regions for the Basque Country, boosting cultural exchange and Basque creators being abroad.

Initiative 3. Develop programmes to attract international curators, programmers, publishers, etc. to the Basque Country, to improve their knowledge of the Basque creative network.

Initiative 4. Reinforce cultural diplomacy by coordinating the Etxepare Basque Institute with other international institutes and through its participation in international networks and forums.

Initiative 5. Intensify participation of the Basque Country’s cultural industries in international fairs and markets through the Direction for Promotion of Culture, reinforcing this work with dissemination and cultural promotion actions conducted by the Etxepare Basque Institute.

Commitment 117. Maintain and guarantee the public-service nature of EiTB as a plural media outlet that contributes to linguistic standardisation.

Initiative 1. Strengthen and reinforce EiTB as a leading, role-model, and prestigious media group for all of Basque society, as a public service focused on quality and a broad range of content, committed to the abilities of its professionals, and acting as the driving force behind the Basque audio-visual industry and a guarantee for pluralism.

Initiative 2. Finish reforms necessary to make EiTB a true public, audio-visual, modern service adapted to citizens’ new needs and demands, acting in an objective, competitive and efficient fashion, with one of its basic goals being to meet the sociolinguistic reality and foment standardisation of Basque, respecting the principle of equality and political, religious, and cultural pluralism.

Initiative 3. In order to tackle these reforms, undertake the commitment to continue on the path taken in the specific presentation given with the Basque Parliament of the XI legislature, heeding to the text proposed by the president.

Initiative 4. Sign a new programme contract, adapted to economic circumstances, that defines, with assessable criteria, the goals that the EiTB public service must guarantee.

18.2 Basque

The process to revitalise Basque, an international example for many other minority tongues, has proven that huge strides have been taken regarding the linguistic rights of Basque citizens. The path we have travelled confirms that we are headed in the right direction. The goal is to move toward a full guarantee of these linguistic rights and to make it possible to use Basque in all areas of our lives. In socioeconomic and labour terms, the digital setting and entertainment and family broadcasting are huge challenges for upcoming years as far as standardisation of Basque is concerned. The new Action Plan to Promote Basque (ESEP), which must be approved in 2022, must face these and other challenges, as well as the new Strategic Basque Agenda, which falls on the legislature that has just begun.
Commitment 118. Increase knowledge of Basque, and especially influence its use in sociocultural, economic, digital, and public-sector spheres.

Initiative 1. Assess the current Action Plan for the Promotion of Basque (ESEP) and draw up and agree on the plan that will define linguistic policy in the next period with main social agents.

Initiative 2. Approve and develop the Strategic Basque Agenda for this legislature.

Initiative 3. Intensify the programmes and grants to increase knowledge, making them free of cost up to the accredited B2 level in general and C1 level for the population aged 16 to 30 years of age.

Initiative 4. Promote an offer more adapted to the family-work balance needs of adults through blended learning modalities and the use of virtual platforms, in collaboration with euskaltegis.

Initiative 5. Strengthen and increase funding for the euskaldunization system for adults in order to improve professional conditions for teachers through ordinary calls for funding euskaltegis.

Initiative 6. Intensify Basque learning and reinforcement programmes for migrants, both in socioeconomic and in educational spheres, in order to help with their social and professional integration.

Initiative 7. Reinforce programmes to foment use of Basque, Euskaraldia, amongst others, in both formal and informal areas: leisure and free time, social news media, sport, family life, educational system, culture, etc.

Initiative 8. Approve and develop the Language Technologies Plan and foment the presence of Basque, generation of content in Basque, and its use in the digital setting.


Initiative 10. Based on consensus, work on positive discourse and social activation, making it possible for citizens to use Basque in all spheres of life. To this end, focus will be placed on the cross-cutting nature of Basque and the involvement of all Departments and Areas of Government, of the public sector and of society in general (industry, equality, vocational educational training, university, commerce, tourism, etc.). Work shall be based on inter-institutional collaboration.

Initiative 11. Regarding knowledge and use of the minority tongue, boost research to guarantee analysis of different social spheres and continue feeding the Basque Indicators System.

Commitment 119. Move toward full respect for linguistic rights and toward standardised linguistic coexistence.

Initiative 1. Design and implement the VII Basque Standardisation Plan in public administrations (2023-2027), with the aim of respecting the linguistic rights of citizens in their relation to the administration, guaranteeing in all cases full freedom for individuals to use any of the official languages they desire and make progress in standardising use of the Basque country as a working language in the public sector.

Initiative 2. Approve a Decree to foment the use of Basque in public administrations.

Initiative 3. Start up the Standardisation Plan for Public Companies.
Initiative 4. Foment the BIKAIN Quality Linguistic Management Certificate and undertake necessary adaptations to make it more effective.

Initiative 5. Continue taking steps to guarantee the linguistic rights of citizens through the Elebide service.

Initiative 6. Take measures to guarantee the linguistic rights of consumers and users and reach consensuses with agents from the sector.

Commitment 120. Intensify inter-institutional collaboration with all Basque regions.

Initiative 1. Reinforce inter-institutional coordination and cooperation with private agents in the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country through different coordination bodies (Basque Advisory Council and HAKOBA).

Initiative 2. Strengthen cooperation and collaboration between Basque Regions with the “Hiruko Ituna” Pact, agreed upon in 2017.

Initiative 3. Coordinate linguistic policies between different public and private institutions in geographic areas where the use of Basque is common and majority, in order to strengthen and reinforce this linguistic reality.

Initiative 4. Promote cooperation between different languages internationally by means of participating in international programmes and forums related to multilingualism and coexistence between languages.

18.3 Physical Activity and Sport

Physical activity and sport are elements for citizens’ development and well-being, thanks to their contribution to physical and mental health and improved quality of life.

They are also a channel to move toward a fairer, more equal, and cohesive society. Beyond individual health, physical activity and sport are spaces for interaction between people that overcome individual and collective barriers, developing our identity as a Community. This social capital of sport, and its international visibility, shall be fomented.

Commitment 121. Encourage physical activity and healthy lifestyle habits amongst Basque citizens and make the Basque Country one of the most active societies in Europe.

Initiative 1. Spread the single sport-card model to all the Basque Country as an instrument to promote physical activity for citizens by using public sport facilities.

Initiative 2. Boost programmes whose purpose is to foment sport through the Mugiment project, especially at an early age and for the elderly.

Commitment 122. Exploit the potential of physical activity and sport as an element for equality, social integration, and to promote Basque.

Initiative 1. Intensify programmes to support and raise visibility for women in sport at all levels and in their decision-making and representative bodies and start up an advanced centre to act as a role model for all of Europe in women’s sport policies.

Initiative 2. Develop measures to support inclusive, adapted sport, guaranteeing access for differently-abled individuals to physical-sport activity in all areas.
Initiative 3. Reinforce the presence and use of Basque in sport and physical activity spaces as an area that can link leisure and personal realisation with Basque. We shall also work to defend the linguistic rights of Basque athletes.

Commitment 123. Adapt the Basque sport system to future challenges and improve organisation.

Initiative 1. Reorganise the Basque federative system, in collaboration with Provincial Councils, to achieve greater efficiency in management and a greater impact on the sport aspect.

Initiative 2. Approve and implement the Law on Access and Practise of Sport Professions.

Initiative 3. Approve a new Law on Physical Activity and Sport that meets the sector's challenges and needs.


Commitment 124. Exploit the potential of sport as a way to internationalise the Basque Country.

Initiative 1. Intensify efforts to bring top-rate international sporting events to the Basque Country in coordination with Provincial Councils and Town Halls.

Initiative 2. Boost the "Basque Team" as a role model in top-level Basque sport, with the goal of increasing the presence of athletes in international competitions, as well as in Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Initiative 3. Reinforce support for Basque teams, pursuant to the amendment signed in the Basque Parliament on 22 January 2017, as well as high-level athletes and teams competing internationally as elements to raise visibility for the Euskadi Basque Country brand abroad.

Initiative 4. Promote our native sports (pelota, herri kirolak, rowing) as a way to showcase the traditions and identity of Basque society.
PILLAR III. PLANET:
Fair energy and climate transition.

AREAS OF ACTION:

19. New Energy Strategy

20. Action for the Climate and Circular Economy

21. Preservation of the Natural Environment and Biodiversity
19. New Energy Strategy

We maintain our steadfast decision to move toward decarbonisation and sustainability in the Basque energy system. It is essential that we evolve toward a new economic and energetic model that commits to breaking away from fossil fuels and to neutral greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, pursuant to EU commitments.

We reaffirm the Fracking-Free Basque Country goal, pursuant to the law on additional measures for environmental protection approved by the Basque Parliament in 2015. From this perspective, and in line with the European Climate and Energy Framework, the Basque Country’s Energy Strategy 2030 shall be updated in order to increase energy efficiency, increase the use of renewable energies, and work further on the Basque energy research strategy as key springboards for a fair energy transition.

Commitment 125. Increase energy efficiency by driving self-supply and distributed generation.

Initiative 1. Boost cogeneration and renewable distributed generation projects with benefits that foment individual and collective self-supply.

Initiative 2. Foment electricity generation for self-supply in buildings and homes by means of technologies like sun, wind, and biomass.

Initiative 3. Promote new town developments that use centralised thermal supply systems.

Initiative 4. Progressive incorporation of the energy perspective in regional planning and town planning, with measures for consultation and support for town halls to develop energy efficiency plans.

Initiative 5. Develop a policy to renew the houses already built, especially public housing, with energy efficiency and savings criteria.

Initiative 6. Develop energy efficiency criteria with the public purchase of both works and supplies.

Initiative 7. Specific training on energy rehabilitation in buildings to encourage a fair energy transition and the creation of green jobs.

Initiative 8. In collaboration with Provincial Councils and through the Tax Coordination Body, foment tax incentives for investment in energy efficiency from the industrial sector, commerce, and services.

Commitment 126. Increase the use of renewable energies in end energy consumption.

Initiative 1. Increase the energy generation infrastructure with renewable-source installations, boosting development and implementation of land and sea windfarms, finish solar farms that are already begun, and start up new projects.


Initiative 3. Provide incentive for building plants to collect and generate biogas from organic waste.
Initiative 4. Boost the new hydrogen economy as a green fuel.

Initiative 5. Foment biomass and bioeconomy to encourage reducing fossil fuels and increase the added value of our agricultural and forestry sector.

Initiative 6. In the specific area of public administrations, encourage the purchase of 100% renewable energy, as well as installing alternative energy sources on public buildings. Moreover, a neutral carbon footprint shall be encouraged for public administrations as an exemplary and invigorating role for the private sector.

Initiative 7. In collaboration with the Department of Regional Planning, Housing, and Transport, provide incentive for sustainable transport and mobility by fomenting public transport and renewing the fleet of private vehicles with other more efficient vehicles and with alternative fuels.

Initiative 8. Foment the spread and use of green electric energy in the transport and electric-mobility (electric vehicle) sector, seeking low-emissions vehicles and fomenting the implementation of electroliners to decarbonise the transport sector.

**Commitment 127. Go further in depth in the Basque energy research strategy as a springboard to provide incentive to the business network.**

Initiative 1. Boost areas of research, technological development, and the business network in terms of energy, in line with the strategic priorities defined in the Basque RIS3 Euskadi smart specialisation strategy.

Initiative 2. Boost initiatives that favour Basque industrial and technological positioning in fields such as wave energy, storage, floating off-shore wind, smart networks, and green hydrogen production.

Initiative 3. Promote the energy transition of Basque industries, reinforcing aids for energy saving and efficiency, the use of renewable energies, and reduced CO2 emissions to fight climate change.

**Commitment 128. Guarantee a fair energy transition.**

Initiative 1. Approve a strategic fair energy transition plan to promote the social protection of the most underprivileged and avoid situations of energy poverty.

Initiative 2. Make the Basque Country a region without energy vulnerability and guarantee universal access to affordable, reliable, and modern energy services.
20. Action for the Climate and Circular Economy

20.1. Action for the Climate

The Basque Country is a Community committed to sustainable development and internationally-set climate goals. The Basque Government’s Declaration of Climate Emergency reinforced this commitment and places the Basque Country as a role-model Community in the fight against climate change. A firm commitment has been made to reach a broad Social Consensus for Climate in the Basque Country, the "Basque Green Deal," so that our Region, in line with the Paris Agreement and the European Green Deal, contributes to preventing the average global temperature from rising 2 degrees centigrade, and to be a neutral country in greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

Commitment 129. Take firm steps toward an economy low in carbon as an opportunity to create employment and industrial and technological development.

To this end, and if applicable, in collaboration with competent departments, the following initiatives shall be boosted:

Initiative 1. Progressive decarbonisation of transport, prioritising rail transport.

Initiative 2. Development of regional and municipal sustainable mobility plans.

Initiative 3. Bicycles as a more sustainable means of citizen transport in our villages and cities.

Initiative 4. The Region's resilience with public regional and town planning policies that consider the effects of climate change.

Initiative 5. Innovation and cross-cutting technological development in action for the climate.

Initiative 6. Increasing the Basque list of clean technologies linked to tax reductions.

Initiative 7. Eco-innovation and reforesting projects, increasing the forested surface area by 10,000 hectares, making it possible to absorb 25,000 tonnes of CO2 per year.

Commitment 130. Drive a new model of climate governance.

Initiative 1. Completely roll out the Law on Energy Sustainability for Public Administrations approved in the past legislature.

Initiative 2. Approve the Law on Energy Transition and Climate Change to achieve, amongst others, neutrality in greenhouse gas emissions (carbon neutrality) for 2050, establishing mechanisms and inter-institutional coordination bodies for climate change.

Initiative 3. Work toward the necessary coordination between climate strategy and energy strategy under the parameters set forth.

Initiative 4. Collaborate at a municipal level in developing integrated energy and climate action plans so that they can continue rolling out climate action locally and regionally through the Udalsarea 2030 network.
Initiative 5. Provide incentive for active municipal action in the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy.

20.2. Circular Economy

The fourth industrial revolution is not only a qualitative leap in technological development, but also a need to uncouple economic growth from material consumption.

We undertake the commitment to boost a new circular economy model where the lifecycle of products and materials extends for as long as possible.

Committing to this new economic model means going from "extract, produce, use, and throw away" to "reduce, reuse, and recycle," with reuse and prevention being keywords. This new circular economy model means promoting new green jobs and providing incentive for innovation, which leads to improved competitiveness and sustainable growth in the Basque Country.

The Basque Country Circular Economy Strategy 2030 shall be rolled out.

Commitment 131. Promote green employment and innovation within the scope of circular economy.


Initiative 2. Join the lines of innovation in circular economy in BRTA (Basque-Research Technology Alliance) with the goal of developing new industry and employment.

Initiative 3. Develop a circular economy training programme, in collaboration with the University and vocational educational training centres.


Initiative 5. Start up a specific plan especially targeting the industrial sector to increase material efficiency by 30%, by improving and developing new production models and strengthening the eco-design of industrial products.

Initiative 6. As a pilot project, implement the "environmental footprint" in certain products.

Initiative 7. Boost the Basque Ecodesign Center as a role-model centre in Europe.

Initiative 8. Develop a programme to support SMEs called "Circular SMEs." Initiative 9.


Commitment 132. Reduce waste and increase recycling and reuse.

Initiative 1. Address managing and reusing waste and materials.

Initiative 2. In collaboration with technological centres, conduct research projects to improve reuse of industrial waste.

Initiative 3. Promote starting up a public management centre for selective collection, sorting, storage, and reuse of non-hazardous industrial waste, acting as a cutting-edge role-model centre in Europe.
Initiative 4. Promote a waste strategy that includes the necessary legal regulations, establishing goals shared by the three Historic Regions, laying the foundation for shared governance throughout the entire region and setting forth the specific strategies that will lead us to becoming a zero-waste region as a community.

Initiative 5. Pursuant to the European circular economy strategy, establish an eco-fee, or fee for dumping industrial waste, to provide incentive for the circular economy and reduce non-reusable waste as an element of greater competitiveness for the industrial network.

Initiative 6. Drive legislative initiatives against food waste, with the goal of reducing food waste by 30%.

Initiative 7. Encourage recovery of surplus food, placing priority on human use.

Initiative 8. Reach a rate of 75% recyclability for plastic containers, eliminating one-time-use and non-recyclable plastic bags.

Initiative 9. Strengthen companies so they can develop their activity in the recycling sector.

Initiative 10. Increase recyclability of construction and demolition waste, within the Iceberg Project, driven by the European Union.

Initiative 11. Provide incentive for public green purchase and the use of public tenders for sub-products derived from reusing industrial waste.

Initiative 12. Move toward zero dumping of untreated primary urban waste in collaboration with town halls.
21. Preservation of the Natural Environment and Biodiversity

During the 80s, the Basque Country was facing serious pollution issues that threatened the health of citizens and the general state of the environment. Since then, environmental protection policies have been applied, in line with European policies. This effort improved main environmental indicators in terms of water, soil, and air quality. Progress has also been made in defence and respect of biodiversity. On the 2030 horizon, pursuant to Sustainable Development Goals, a new boost shall be given to making environmental strategy a cross-cutting policy that considers environmental defence as a factor for prosperity and well-being of all species and human beings.

Commitment 133. Guarantee water availability and quality and sustainable management.

Initiative 1. Optimise efficient management of potable water networks, reducing inefficient system losses and promoting transformation of current supply networks into smart networks that provide greater control and safety in the use of potable water.

Initiative 2. Apply new technologies to irrigation systems to optimise water consumption, especially in areas of the Basque Country that will be most affected by climate change.

Initiative 3. Improve wastewater sanitation and treatment services and facilities. The goal is for 100% of the sanitation system to be complete and reduce untreated dumping to practically zero by 2030.

Initiative 4. Reinforce control, regulation, and inspection of pollution caused by wastewater.

Initiative 5. Drive the development of new ecological and sustainable technologies in processing, recycling, and reusing wastewater.

Initiative 6. Foment efficient use of water resources with sustainable rainwater drainage systems, foment the circular economy in the water sector, and boost green procurement that foments reuse of water.

Initiative 7. Improve comprehensive management of water's urban cycle with a homogeneous rate system that follows the European Water Directive and aligns rates with the costs of collection, distribution, and operation, as well as sanitation and treatment.

Initiative 8. Undertake basic sanitation, supply, and defence infrastructures against flooding to improve water quality in water basins.

Commitment 134. Drive an advanced environmental policy and improve the natural and ecosystem environment, promoting the defence of biodiversity and main land and maritime habitats.

Initiative 1. Start up the V Framework Environmental Programme of the Basque Country 2030.

Initiative 2. Approve the Environmental Administration Law as a fundamental tool to improve our industry and its emissions and the evolution of its processes toward an environmentally exemplary industry, simplifying and streamlining the environmental authorisation procedure.

Initiative 3. Approve the Law on Conservation of Natural Heritage with the aim of guaranteeing protection, conservation, management, sustainable use, restoration, and improvement of the Basque Country’s natural heritage.
Initiative 4. Boost the Basque soil protection strategy and recover 400 hectares of polluted land in collaboration with competent departments and institutions.

Initiative 5. Develop a new plan to control atmospheric pollution.


Initiative 8. Promote action plans to reduce noise pollution in municipalities and in regions and boost the Natura 2000 Network.

Initiative 9. Propose a green tax policy, aligned with the European Union, in collaboration with Provincial Councils, through the Tax Coordination Body.

Initiative 10. In collaboration with the Department of Regional Planning, Housing, and Transport, boost integration of the “environmental variable” into regional planning and conduct periodical monitoring reports on regional planning to analyse evolution of environmental indicators.
PILLAR IV: SELF-GOVERNANCE

More and better self-governance.

AREAS OF ACTION:

22. Euskadi Basque Country

23. Social Transition and 2030 Agenda

24. Self-governance

25. Public, Transparent, and Responsible Management
22. Euskadi Basque Country

The Basque Country's visibility abroad requires a clear and well-defined strategy, public and private efforts, and a country brand, Euskadi Basque Country, based on our own values and strengths. This visibility abroad sets its sights on Europe as the priority framework of reference.

Regarding the cross-border aspect, we shall work to strengthen and tighten relationships with the Communauté d'Agglomération du Pays Basque, Iparralde, and boost the "Euskadi-Aquitaine-Navarre" Euroregion to make a space for leadership and drive on the European Atlantic corridor.

As the Basque Country is a nation marked by emigration, our commitment is to continue tightening bonds with the Basque diaspora to create a true global community that includes both the traditional diaspora and new Basque emigration. Lastly, the Basque agenda abroad must be closely linked to the United Nations 2030 Agenda, which we entirely share.

Commitment 135. Promote and drive Basque interests around the world.

Initiative 1. Define the “Framework Strategy for Internationalisation Euskadi Basque Country 2025” with a multi-sectorial and participatory focus. Drive start-up, highlighting coordination and collaboration both within the Basque Government and with the rest of institutions and agents in the Basque internationalisation ecosystem.

Initiative 2. Reinforce the institutional network of the Basque Country’s delegations abroad.

Initiative 3. Strengthen the network of strategic partners, conducting conjoint multi-sectorial and bilateral collaboration projects.

Initiative 4. Intensify relations with institutions from priority countries, diplomatic representations, and leading Think Tanks, and strengthen relations with international bodies and relevant networks. Facilitate roll-out of internationalisation projects through Basque agents.

Commitment 136. Raise visibility for the Euskadi Basque Country brand abroad.

Initiative 1. Approve a plan for promotion abroad of the Euskadi Basque Country brand, aligned with the Basque Country’s framework strategy for internationalisation.

Initiative 2. Execute the action plan in collaboration with the Basque internationalisation system, including financing of multi-sectorial and impactful actions to promote the Euskadi Basque Country brand abroad.

Initiative 3. In collaboration with the Secretary General for Social Transition and Agenda 2030, raise international visibility for the Basque Country’s contribution to the UN 2030 Agenda’s Sustainable Development Goals.

Commitment 137. Promote the Basque Country’s active participation in the European project.

Initiative 1. Advocate for necessary improvements in terms of the Basque Country's participation and representation, as part of the Country Delegation, in European Union councils that affect Basque self-governance, especially matters of its exclusive competency.
Initiative 2. Collaborate with other sub-state governments to promote effective multi-level governance in the EU.

Initiative 3. Actively work to maximise Basque participation in European programmes and projects, particularly Next Generation EU and others related to energy-environmental, technological-digital, and social-healthcare transformations, as well as in the field of research, industrial ecosystems, culture, and both university and VET education.

Initiative 4. Reinforce the Basque Country's active participation in cross-border and interregional collaboration networks, particularly the Atlantic Arc Conference and the Working Community of the Pyrenees, based on the new operational programme POCTEFA.

Commitment 138. Reinforce bonds with the Basque diaspora around the world.

Initiative 1. Extend support programmes for Euskal Etxeak’s projects and initiatives with a specific work plan for youth in order to guarantee the next generation taking over.

Initiative 2. Strengthen and extend the "Basque Global Network" virtual network to form a true global Basque community around the world.

Initiative 3. Establish a map with new Basque emigration to design care and relation policies that are suitable for this new Basque diaspora.

Initiative 4. Care for Basque people abroad in vulnerable situations.

Initiative 5. Provide consulting services to those who decide to return, informing them of the programmes and initiatives available to them.

Commitment 139. Foment the Euskadi-Navarre-Nouvelle Aquitaine Euroregion.


Initiative 3. Intensify collaboration with Navarre and the Communauté d'Agglomération du Pays Basque, Iparralde, in culture, sport, and particularly the Basque language, as a language shared by all the “Euskera regions,” on both sides of the border.

Initiative 4. Support cross-border Euroregional competitiveness and innovation, participating in shared research and industrial projects on smart specialisation, and develop an integrated policy for regional action in the Euroregion.
23. Social Transition and 2030 Agenda

In the past two decades, the paradigm has shifted, moving toward an ecological transition, a digital transition, and also a social transition. Since 2008, this perspective was also struck by a serious economic and financial crisis that highlighted the need for these transformations.

In 2015, the UN approved the Sustainable Development Agenda 2030.

In 2020, we suffered the consequences of the Covid-19 virus. This pandemic globalised the healthcare, economic, and social crisis whose consequences and evolution are still difficult to predict.

These three milestones make for a complex reality that means we must invigorate and coordinate strategies and actions for the three interlinked processes, related to the social transformations that most affect us, within and hand-in-hand with the Basque Government:

- caring for and driving leading social transitions; in our case, and specifically, the demographic challenge, and developing the Basque Social Pact for Migration,
- updating the Bizi Berri Plan to adapt social habits to how the Covid-19 pandemic evolves and its consequences,
- and coordinating and boosting the Agenda 2030 in the Basque Country and a priority programme related thereto.

Commitment 140. Social transition strategy and new "Biziberri Plan."

Initiative 1. Draw up the Inter-Departmental Plan for the Demographic Challenge in the Basque Country, focused on promoting our youth's ability to emancipate and on supporting families and co-responsible natality, in order to create conditions so that people do not feel forced to have fewer children than they would like, and for maternity/paternity to occur simultaneously with other aspects of their life project.

Initiative 2. Drive inter-departmental, inter-institutional and social coordination for the Plan for the Demographic Challenge, promoting a policy-coherence focus, with a comprehensive, systemic, and multi-level collaboration perspective.

Initiative 3. Update and coordinate the Bizi Berri Plan for social-healthcare transition, by adapting its contents and preventive or restrictive provisions or provisions to recover normal standards under evolution of the Covid-19 pandemic and its consequences.

Initiative 4. In agreement with the Department for Equality, Justice and Social Policy, and with an inter-departmental vision, promote and coordinate proposals for action to carry out the expectations in the Basque Social Pact for Migration in collaboration with its signatory institutions.

Commitment 141. Agenda 2030

Initiative 1. Monitor, evaluate, and predict the Basque contribution to compliance with the UN sustainable development goals, rendering an annual account to the Basque Parliament on the degree of compliance with the Sustainable Development Goals.

Initiative 2. Draw up the Basque Agenda 2030 Priorities Programme, based on the Euskadi Basque Country Agenda 2030, and boost inter-departmental, inter-institutional and social coordination and collaboration, with a focus on policy coherency.

Initiative 3. In collaboration with the Secretary General for External Action, promote international alliances and alignment in driving and developing the Agenda 2030.
24. Self-governance

Self-governance is synonymous with greater well-being for citizens as a whole. Self-governance, defending it, and claiming pending competences are fundamental pillars to update the statutory pact, based on work conducted by the self-governance parliamentary group during the last legislature.

Based on these principles, we reaffirm our commitment to broaden and improve the Basque Country's self-governance based on the following commitments: increase legislative implementation of self-governance achieved, "self-governance inward," defend the self-governance achieved by effectively using political, legal and institutional mechanisms in force, strengthen and develop the Basque Country's economic and financial self-governance, and work to fulfill the political and institutional commitments we have undertaken to complete the self-governance recognised in the Gernika Statute, pursuant to the timeline of possible negotiations in relation to the transfers requested by the Government of the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country and its potential updates that may be agreed upon.

Commitment 142. Increase legislative implementation of self-governance.

Initiative 1. Approve the Legislative Programme within the first three months after constitution of the new Government, monitor it, and encourage its compliance.

Commitment 143. Inter-institutional coordination.

Initiative 1. Make progress in coordinating strategic policies with other institutions (Provincial Councils and Town Halls), by implementing established coordination mechanisms and bodies or, if applicable, by supporting the creation of work spaces and inter-institutional collaboration, with the aim of tackling the great challenges we must face as a society.

Commitment 144. Defending the self-governance achieved.

Initiative 1. Ensure defence of the self-governance achieved, promote its development, and denounce actions that act as an interruption, stripping, conditioning, or cutback to public policies that the Parliament or the Basque Government has approved in practising its competencies. We understand that measures that may arise from coordination competences set forth in article 156 of the Constitution on tax and financial policy must follow the Basque Economic Agreement and be agreed upon with respective bilateral bodies. As such, to apply or manifest them, this requires that the bilateral body or the Blended Economic Agreement Commission meet, on time and in due fashion.

Initiative 2. At the request of other departments or ex officio, the department competent for defending self-governance shall draw up reports on the constitutional legality of the State’s regulatory initiatives and their compliance with the Gernika Statute. These reports shall be drawn up by the Department competent for defence of self-governance after consultation with the affected sectorial department. When infringements on Basque self-governance are detected, we shall attempt to seek out preventive solutions to avoid legal conflict through the pertinent “charter on cooperation.” Moreover, preference shall be placed on negotiations with the bilateral cooperation commission, in order to preserve Basque self-governance and avoid its constitutional judicialisation.
Initiative 3. If preventive cooperation measures do not bear a result, the department competent for defending self-governance, subject to consultation with the affected sectorial department, shall bring proposals to initiate constitutional or legal proceedings of all kinds based on defending Basque governance, the competencies attributed to the Basque Country and the institutional organisation of the Autonomous Community to the Government Council.

Initiative 4. Both in processes wherein the Basque Government participates as an actor, and processes that are the result of appeals filed by the State against regulations and acts handed down by the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country, preference shall be placed on negotiations conducted by the department competent for defending self-governance, assisted by the affected sectorial department, before the bilateral cooperation commission, with the aim of preserving Basque self-governance in the best conditions possible and preventing constitutional judicialisation and the risks of leading merely interpretive rulings on self-governance that lay the foundation for a doctrine that would have a reductive effect on our scope of competency.


Initiative 1. Update the Economic Agreement between the Basque Country and the State in order to establish taxation self-governance for Basque institutions, reaching higher degrees of regulatory capacity in agreed-upon taxes and the possibility of establishing new taxes other than those agreed upon.

Initiative 2. Promote pertinent agreements to approve a new five-year-period law on methodology to indicate the number for the 2022-2026 period.


Initiative 4. Within the Basque Council of Public Finances, promote pertinent agreements to approve a text for a new Tax Law, based on institutional consensus and establishment of a resource-distribution model that continues to guarantee financial sufficiency of Basque public administrations.

Initiative 5. Continue constantly updating the Basque Country’s legal system in economic-financial terms (budget system, public grants and aid, financial instruments, and policy, etc.) in order to achieve effective, modern, stable, and transparent regulations for the issues under the authority of the General Treasury of the Basque Country.

Commitment 146. Self-governance pending transfer.

Initiative 1. Work conjointly with the Spanish Government to manifest negotiations on pending competencies, authorities and services that may be transferred, under the terms set forth by the Report on Updating Pending Transfers to the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country 2017, endorsed by the Government Council in September 2017 and sent to the Basque Parliament’s self-governance lectern, pursuant to the illustrative timeline for possible negotiations regarding transfers requested by the Government of the Autonomous Community of the Basque Government, formally sent by the Spanish Government 20 February, 2020, aware that it must be updated by means of mutual agreement due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.
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25. Public, Transparent, and Responsible Management

Beyond merely modernising, we must enter a new stage to drive redesign in the administration to better meet the new requests and demands of citizens. This redesign is based on four pillars that form a new Basque administration: a friendly, simple, and efficient administration that avoids duplication; an open and transparent administration that renders accounts in real time; a renewed and digital administration, with firmly-established and trained human resources, and an administration that responsibly manages public resources.

We must preserve a fair, progressive, and sufficient tax system that guarantees the principles of trust, stability and legal safety in tax and economic-financial terms, as well as optimum balance between revenue and public expenses, blending economic and budgetary rigour with the guarantee of essential public services and the necessary measures for economic recovery after the health and economic crisis caused by COVID-19.

Commitment 147. Make progress in achieving a more friendly, simpler, and efficient administration, avoiding duplications.

Initiative 1. Approve the Public Sector Law, which guarantees the Government's coordinator role within the institutional framework and includes collaboration and coordination mechanisms to avoid possible duplications between different institutional levels.

Initiative 2. Redesign the administration's relationship model with citizens, based on boosting digitisation and the philosophy of innovating to simplify. Services must be available at all times, from any location and on any device. Services shall be conceived and designed with a focus on simplification and proactivity, geared toward citizens, with simple language. The digital channel shall be promoted through the one-stop-shop for relations with citizens and through mobile phones.

Commitment 148. Drive a more open and transparent administration, rendering accounts in real time.

Initiative 1. Approve the Law on Transparency and Citizen Participation, guaranteeing a transparent administration for citizens, stimulating citizen participation in public affairs, and facilitating the rendering of accounts in real time on actions and initiatives conducted in compliance with the Government's programme.

Initiative 2. Address implementing regulations necessary to drive ongoing social dialogue between the public administration and union and business organisations in building and executing public policies.

Initiative 3. In a digital world, data are highly valuable to organisations and citizens. To extract and return the value of data to citizens, a solid foundation for data governance shall be driven. This foundation shall provide for the roll-out of artificial intelligence, implementation of public policies, and establishment of reliable and secure settings for data exchange and reuse.

Initiative 4. Reinforce the open-data and linked-data strategy. Identify data sets demanded by the collective of re-users in the Basque Country and by citizens, and standardise and link said data, developing new inter-institutional services.
Initiative 5. Drive the open-government and international-recognition strategy. Collaboration with the leading international organisation, the Open Government Partnership (OGP), to develop and assess mechanisms to foment more open, responsible governments that are sensitive to citizens.

Initiative 6. Increase participation and active listening of citizen opinions and redesign the indicator system in an ongoing process of information and assessment of public management in real time.

Commitment 149. Promote a renewed and digital administration, with well-established and trained human resources.

Initiative 1. Approve a Basque Public Employment Law that reduces high temporality rates in the Basque public administration, through establishment processes for temporary staff and new public employment tenders that provide for renewal and the next generation taking over for public servants.

Initiative 2. Update and review systems to access public roles to make them more transparent and streamlined, acting to guarantee principles of equality, merit, and capability.

Initiative 3. Drive public innovation through more horizontal public-servant structures that foment employee and public employee participation in decision-making.


Initiative 5. Make progress in modernising and simplifying regulatory and administrative processes, to respond in a faster and more streamlined fashion to citizen demands and drawing up regulations.

Initiative 6. Put a pilot artificial intelligence project in motion in administration as one of the areas of application for the Basque artificial intelligence centre. In this way, we will use new technologies and technological innovation to improve the government’s action and service to citizens.

Commitment 150. Manage public resources responsibly.

Initiative 1. In collaboration with Lehendakaritza, develop economic and strategic planning to tackle the Country's great challenges and the three global transitions: the energy-environmental transition, the technological-digital transition, and the healthcare-social transition.

Initiative 2. Establish a framework for economic and budgetary planning to integrate and inter-link planning of public policies, budgetary programmes, and operational investment and development plans, pushing for their assessment jointly with public policies and their implementing instruments, and ongoing and transparent monitoring of public policies that favour transparency and rendering of accounts.

Initiative 3. Supervise and plan projects for recovery and resilience under the framework of materialisation and management of European funds from the Next Generation EU Programme, as well as the National Recovery and Resilience Plan.

Initiative 4. Continue with a budgetary policy based on rigorous use of public resources and sustainability in public finance, ensuring compliance with deficit and debt limits under a flexible framework to adapt to the situation and economic cycle, agreed upon in the Blended Economic Agreement Commission, in order to guarantee social policies and provide incentive for the response to the economic crisis and employment caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
Initiative 5. Use financial and tax policy in favour of employment, economic recovery, to entrench companies, and for innovation and social cohesion, by means of implementation and, if applicable, increasing the Finkatuz Public Fund to guarantee the entrenchment of large Basque companies and their driving-force effect on the economic fabric, funding SMEs through venture capital funds, strengthening of the Basque Finance Institute as a manager of public-funding instruments, and issuance of sustainable funds to provide incentive for social cohesion and environmental sustainability.

Initiative 6. Within the Tax Coordination Body, promote a review of the tax system in the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country, moving toward more progressive taxation, considering the new economic reality after the health and economic crisis caused by COVID-19, possible evolution of employment, our companies' capacity and competitiveness, as well as extraordinary funding that may arise from funds provided by the Spanish Government and the European Union. With this new scenario, the Government and the parties upholding it commit, along with competent institutions, to carry out a careful review of new taxation to guarantee financial sufficiency, support a job-creating economy and reinforce public services, and move toward convergence with taxation in Europe.

Initiative 7. Promote collaboration and coordination with Provincial Councils to effectively fight tax fraud, drawing up, on an annual basis, through the Tax Coordination Body, a Comprehensive Conjoint Plan to fight tax fraud, and improve and go further in depth in information-exchange systems between Administrations.

Initiative 8. Promote public procurement at the service of social responsibility and quality employment by adding social clauses at the service of quality employment and social and professional integration, environmental clauses, and clauses in favour of wage equality and against the wage gap.

Initiative 9. Reinforce control systems for entities conforming the Basque public sector, mainly public companies and foundations, as well as those that offer semi-private services to public administrations and receive most of their funding by this means.

Initiative 10. Under the framework of a transparency policy and of rendering accounts, intensify the available information on budgetary and economic-financial information from all entities making up the public sector of the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country.

Initiative 11. Make progress in developing the Responsible Government Model, as well as the Integrated Risk Management Framework in terms of economy, in order to improve management of the public sector in the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country and enhance achievement of its goals.