

NEW FACES IN

The next elections of the Basque Parliament will bring about, among other things, a deep renovation of Basque political circles. The main political parties present new faces for this occasion which will presumably open a new age in Basque politics. The politicians that have played the main roles in the institutional and political life of Euskadi for the last few years will not keep their positions. Some of them, like Ardanza, have decided to end their political career. Others, such as Ramón Jauregui or Jaime Mayor Oreja, who were until a short while ago the leaders of PSE and PP, have started a new political career in Madrid. All the new candidates have something in common: their youth. These are the seven candidates presented by the forces with parliamentary representation.

**JUAN JOSÉ IBARRETXE MARKUARTU**

Born in Laudio (Alava) on March 15th, 1957.

A degree in Economic Sciences by the University of the Basque Country.

A member of the Basque Nationalist Party since 1983.

Mayor of Laudio between 1983 and 1987.

President of the General Assembly of Alava between 1986 and 1991.

A member of the Basque Parliament since 1984.

Since 1995 he is the vice-president of the Basque Government, and Consultant of Tax and Public Administration.

A member of the cultural Foundation Sabino Arana, he coordinated in 1994 a multidisciplinary debate on the European Union.

He has been an active member of several cultural, sporting and social associations in Laudio.

**NICOLÁS REDONDO TERREROS**

Born in Vizcaya 40 years ago, he is the son of the UGT union leader, Nicolás Redondo.

He obtained a degree in law in Deusto University.

General Secretary of PSE-EE since October 1998.

He was the Secretary of Organization of the Young Socialists of Spain.

In 1989 he was elected General Secretary of the Bizkaian Socialists, a position he had to leave when he became General Secretary of PSE-EE.

First Lieutenant General Deputy, and Deputy of Transports in Bizkaia in 1987.

He was a member of Basque Parliament, a member of the Assembly of Bizkaia, and a Deputy at the Congress.

**HERRI BATASUNA**

The coalition Herri Batasuna- Popular Unity does not present a candidate for lehendakari and does not regularly take part in the Basque Parliament. They have not officially announced the composition of their candidatures. Several communication media have informed that one of the lists will be headed by Arnaldo Otegi, a member of the National Table of Herri Batasuna, and a member of Parliament during the last legislature.

Arnaldo Otegi is 40 and he was born in Elgoibar.

He has a degree in Philosophy.

All his political activity has been connected with the Abertzale left wing.

Since the election of the new National Table, last year, he has played a leading role in the public activities of Herri Batasuna and he has become the political symbol of the coalition.



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CARLOS ITURGAITZ ANGULO

Born in Santurce (Bizkaia) on October 20th 1965.

Teacher.

Provincial Secretary of the Bizkaian New Generations and a member of the Executive National Committee of New Generations (1990-1993)

Councillor of the City Council of Bilbao (1991-1995).

Representative of the General Assembly of Bizkaia (1991-1993).

General Secretary of the Popular Party of the Basque Country (1993).

A member of Basque Parliament since 1994.

President of the Popular Party of the Basque Country (1996).



CARLOS GARAIKOETXEA URRIZA

Born in Iruña-Pamplona on June the 2nd 1938.

He is a lawyer and has a degree in Economic Sciences by Deusto University.

A member of the Cultural Institution Principe de Viana, he is responsible for several organisms for the defense of Euskera, and he was at the head of the Ikastolas movement in Nafarroa.

He was the president of the Basque General Council (Provisional Government) in 1979.

He was the president of the PNV since April '77 until he left the position because it was not compatible with the position of Lehendakari (1980)

Lehendakari of Euskadi for two legislatures (1980 and 1984).

He is the president of Eusko Alkartasuna since April '87.

A member of the European Parliament of Strasbourg in '87 and '89.

A member of the Basque Parliament in five legislatures and, at present, spokesman of EA in the Basque Chamber.

He has received many distinctions, such as the First Class Order Diego de Losada (Venezuela); a member of honor of the Bolivian Society (Colombia); the Euskaro prize, awarded by the Euskaro Center of Montevideo to the Basque personality of the year, which he received on its first edition (1997).



JAVIER MADRAZO LAVÍN

Born in Santander in 1960. He has lived in Bilbao since the age of one.

A degree in Philosophy by Deusto University.

He teaches philosophy and ethics in the public secondary school of Zurbarambarri, Bilbao.

A member since 1986 of the Communist Party of Euskadi (PCE/EPK) and of United Left/Ezker Batua.

Since October '94 he is spokesman in the Basque Parliament, and since December '95, General Coordinator of IU/EB. Linked since the very beginning to the pacifist movement in Euskadi, he has been spokesman of Gesto por la Paz and Bakea Orain.

He has worked with other social groups, and he declared he was conscientious objector when this right was not yet legal in the Spanish State. He has also taken part in neighbors associations, students groups and religious Christian groups (HOAC)



PABLO A. MOSQUERA MATA

Born in Lugo 51 years ago.

Physician. Specialist in internal medicine by the Autonomous University of Barcelona and in medicine at work by the Central University of Barcelona.

He founded Alavan Unity and he is the General Secretary of the party since December '90.

A member of the Popular Coalition in the Basque Parliament.

A member of the General Assembly of Alava for AP and UA.

At present he is a member of Basque Parliament for Alavan Unity, and he is the spokesman of the Alavan foralist group.

