

Need and  
**opportunity**  
for the world and for people

**2030 Agenda**  
the Basque Country commitment

Structure, priorities and  
first work agenda

# Multi-Stakeholder Forum

for Social Transition and  
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# Introduction

## I. A world in crisis: need and opportunity

At the end of 2021, the world stands at a hitherto unheard-of crossroads of uncertainty. And the same applies to the Basque Country. We are part of profound transformations and uncertain fate at all levels of reality and social relations. Here we must stress three global references that affect us all and set the context for this situation of serious question marks and challenges.

In the first place, throughout the first two decades of the 21st century paradigm shifts have occurred that point towards the need for an energy and environmental transition, a digital and economic transition, and a social transition. These are due, among other reasons, to the climate and sustainability emergency, to the possibilities offered by new technologies and the need to spread and share their potential, and to the new configurations and problems of social reality.

In second place, in 2020 and 2021, we have suffered the consequences of the Sars-CoV-2 virus. A pandemic which has globalised a health, economic and social crisis of consequences that are still difficult to predict. We are currently faced with a double priority: global vaccination and addressing reconstruction based on both sustainability and ecological, economic and social transformation.

In third place, on September 2015, the UN General Assembly approved the document "Transforming our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development". An Agenda defining 17 goals and 169 targets with four areas of critical importance for humanity: People, Planet, Prosperity and Peace. All of the countries belonging to the UN system assume and share a same programme of commitments. The pandemic has made it more urgent and important to raise the ambition of this agenda.

This scenario describes a world in crisis which places us before a pressing need and a magnificent opportunity for transformation. Crisis accompanied by the need and opportunity for transformation. Need and opportunity for the world and for people. Need and opportunity for the Basque Country.

The 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals represent this challenge. They are an appropriate response to the need and opportunity to transform our global and local reality. The 2030 Agenda is a commitment by the Basque Country, its institutions, its social stakeholders, and by Basque society as a whole. A commitment with a solid background.

## II. The background of a commitment

On 10 April 2017, the Basque Government approved the First Euskadi Basque Country 2030 Agenda, with the timeline 2016-2020, for which the corresponding Annual Monitoring Reports were drawn up and presented both to the Basque Government and to the United Nations. That agreement sought to promote an effect of transformative synergy and collaboration. Below are some of its most outstanding examples:

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·The 2050 Climate Change Strategy: A planning instrument providing the focus for action in Basque Country until 2050, with intermediate goals for climate change mitigation and adaptation set at 2020 and 2030.

·The Basque Platform against Food Waste: A forum involving the participation of social institutions, organisations and bodies with the shared aim of halving the more than 350,000 tons of food waste produced every year by 2030.

·The Basque Urban Agenda-Bultzatu 2050: A roadmap to achieving inclusive, safe and resilient cities and towns with territorial and urban planning sustainability indicators. Encourages the participation of provinces, municipalities and social, political and economic stakeholders.

·Local 2030 Agenda-Udalsarea 2030: Multi-Stakeholder Forum coordinating the transition of Basque municipalities and their supporting district organisations from Local Agenda 21 to Local Agenda 2030, in order to align and contribute with their public policies and actions to the SDGs and to the transformation of municipalities towards sustainability.

·Euskadi Open Government Partnership: Inter-institutional Plan for advancing with an open government, selected by the Open Government Partnership (OGP) network, positioning the Basque Country as one of the 20 regions worldwide to participate in its Local Government Programme.

·Education 2030 Agenda and the Vocational Education and Training 2030 Agenda: Transformation of the Education Agenda 21 through the Ingurugela public facilities network aiming to bring the SDGs closer to Primary, Secondary and Vocational Education students.

·The Biodiversity Strategy 2030: Regional instrument with a global outlook to promote the sustainable use of land ecosystems, combat desertification, stop and reverse land degradation and check biological diversity loss in the Basque Country.

·University of the Basque Country 2030 Agenda: University of the Basque Country strategy for specifying, with operational and measurable development, the specific contribution made to the SDGs by education, research and knowledge transfer to society.

We must also add the Technology Park Network which has placed the SDGs at the centre of its Strategy; the Basque Circular Economy Strategy which seeks to reduce waste generation by 30%, and the 2030 Education for Sustainability Strategy with its practical action guide for the transition of our lifestyles.

Special mention must be made of the Sustainable Vouchers initiative. These vouchers have been issued five times, in 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021, for the sum of €3.2bn. Said vouchers expressly promote implementation of the 2030 Agenda in our country. The resources obtained from these vouchers are now being used to finance programmes addressing some of the social and environmental challenges identified in our Agenda. 83% are dedicated to social projects, and some 17% to green projects.

For its part, the Basque Government aligned its budgets with the 2030 Agenda. It compiled a Government Programme indicator system associated to the 17 SDGs. This table of 50 Indicators has served as the basis for drawing up the annual monitoring reports.

### **III. Governance experience of the 2030 Agenda in the Basque Country**

In the period 2015-2020, monitoring of the Euskadi Basque Country 2030 Agenda and the generation of alliances were principally channelled through the forums of the General Secretariat for External Action: Inter-departmental Committee and Inter-institutional Committee, complemented with the sectoral forums attached to the different Ministries.

The Inter-institutional Committee on External Action united the Basque Government, the three Provincial Councils, EUDEL and the Councils of the three Basque capital cities. This framework of inter-institutional alliance and collaboration was embodied in the Euskadi Basque Country Multilevel 2030 Agenda, which selected 50 Targets and 258 Actions through which the Basque Autonomous Community institutions jointly contribute to the 2030 Agenda.

The mechanisms of dialogue and collaboration with local bodies materialised in an alliance with EUDEL. Locally-speaking, the Basque Network of Sustainable Municipalities, Udalsarea 2030, published its contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals together with a methodological guide for development of the 2030 Local Agenda, activating work groups for its implementation.

In the field of private business, the General Secretariat for Foreign Action (Basque Government) and the UN Global Compact launched a project focused on enabling Basque companies to address the SDGs. As a result of this alliance, which had the collaboration of all three Basque employers' associations, ADEGI, CEBEK and SEA, SMEs now have a Practical Guide for developing sustainable development actions in their organisations.

Through the SPRI, work has also been ongoing with the Basque cluster management organisations (CMOs), in the framework of the Cluster Support Programme, to promote the incorporation of the SDGs to their strategy. This entailed the setting in motion in 2019 of a specific training programme and the establishment of a collaboration agreement with the UN Global Compact enabling access to its online SDG training and management platforms by cluster management organisations in the Basque Country and their associates.

Finally, in the scope of public-private-civil society collaboration, the Euskadi 2030 Gunea was configured, a Pilot Work Group made up of 17 Basque organisations from different fields, in order to compile a "Practical Guide for Basque Organisations on how to implement the 2030 Agenda and contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals".

### **IV. A new step**

We have already said that the 2030 Agenda is a commitment of the Basque Country, its institutions, its social stakeholders and of Basque society as a whole. The above background constitutes a faithful reflection of that commitment. Creation of the Multi-Stakeholder Forum for Social Transition and the 2030 Agenda, which is presented in this document, is yet another step forward in the projection of that commitment.

The report on action taken in the Basque Country around the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals describes a positive and constructive outcome, with respect both to

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achievements and to alliances, collaboration and governance. Based on this legacy, we now address the objective of updating and improving the mechanisms of inter-departmental and inter-institutional coordination and of public, private and social collaboration and participation.

The Multi-Stakeholder Forum for Social Transition and the 2030 Agenda has been created to achieve this. This is a meeting place between the different Basque Government Ministries, the three Provincial Councils, EUDDEL and the Councils of the capital cities and bodies representative of collaboration in the public-private sphere and of organised civil society.

It has its regulatory framework in Decree 166/2021, of 6 July, on creation and regulation of the Multi-Stakeholder Forum for Social Transition and the 2030 Agenda in the Basque Country, approved by the Basque Government. In accordance with the functions assigned by that decree to the Multi-Stakeholder Forum, its objectives can be summarised in the following points:

- Analysing the most relevant global tendencies and their impact on the world, with the aim of helping to set a context for the 2030 Agenda in the Basque Country.
- Contributing to establishing and drawing up directives and strategic guidelines for implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals in the Basque Country.
- Analysing, planning, promoting and fostering a coordinated and integrated Basque 2030 Agenda focused on achieving the goals contained therein and collaborating in development of the Basque Programme of Priorities for the 2030 Agenda.
- Analysing and proposing actions to guarantee Basque participation in international forums and bodies.
- Submitting to the Government non-binding initiatives and proposals it considers advisable for improving actions with regard to the SDGs.
- Any other function helping to promote, encourage and develop the 2030 Agenda in the Basque Country, by means of inter-institutional coordination and multilevel cooperation.

Based on the above, this document presents a model of structure and operation, while also defining the priorities of each body and their first work agenda.

# 1. Structure of the Multi-Stakeholder Forum for Social Transition and the 2030 Agenda

The Multi-Stakeholder Forum will be articulated within a structure including the following bodies: Plenary Body, Standing Committee and five Work Groups. As can be seen in the following diagram, these work groups are: Governance, Basque Urban Agenda-Bultzatu 2050, Social Transformation, Energy-Climate Transformation and Economic-Digital Transformation. Each of these work groups will have an associated panel of priorities and a work agenda related to these.



## 1.1. Plenary body

### 1.1.1. Composition

In accordance with the stipulations of Decree 166/2021, the Plenary body is chaired by the Basque President (Lehendakari), while the Forum Vice-Chair – who has the task of coordinating the body – is the person holding the position of General Secretary for Social Transition and the 2030 Agenda. The other members of this body are as follows:

- The person holding the position of Director of Social Innovation.
- The person holding the position of Director of Coordination of the Office of the Presidency.
- One person holding a position in public office related to External Action.
- The person holding the position of Commissioner for Science, Technology and Innovation.
- One person holding a position in public office appointed by each of the ministries making up the Basque Government.
- The person holding the position of Director of the Basque Agency for Development Cooperation.
- Representing each of the Provincial Councils, one person holding a position in public office, appointed by the competent body or authority.

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-Representing the City Councils: one representative of each of the three Basque provincial capitals; and one person acting on behalf of the Association of Basque Municipalities-EUDEL.

-One person for each of three universities making up the Basque university system: University of the Basque Country, University of Deusto and University of Mondragón.

-Three people acting on behalf of the Basque third sector bodies, put forward by Sareen Sarea, the umbrella association for the network of Basque third sector bodies.

-One person acting on behalf of the excellence research centre, the Basque Center for Climate Change (BC3).

-One person acting on behalf of the Basque Research and Technology Alliance (BRTA).

-One person acting on behalf of ACLIMA, the Basque Environment Cluster.

Each of the institutions or bodies represented in the Forum can appoint a substitute for each of the designated members; said substitutes can participate in the Standing Committee if required.

The Forum Chair can authorise the presence of people specialising in the subjects to be dealt with at its meetings. In all cases these people can participate in the deliberations but have no right to vote on the subject or subjects justifying their presence. The Forum Plenary body will hold an ordinary meeting at least twice a year.

### 1.1.2. Priorities

**-Defining the strategy.** Planning and designing the strategic guidelines for implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the Basque Country, with the focus on policy coherence, gender equality and human rights.

**-Promoting shared actions.** Approving initiatives and proposals of inter-institutional action and public, private and social collaboration in order to go more deeply into the ambition of achievements with regard to the Sustainable Development Goals.

**-Monitoring and assessing the Forum results.** Continuously monitoring and assessing development of the Basque commitments with regard to the 2030 Agenda.

### 1.1.3. First Work Agenda

| Plenary body meeting dates  | Objectives and agenda   |
|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Meeting of 9 November 2021</li> </ul> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Constitution of the Forum and its Plenary body.</li> <li>2. Presentation of the first statement issued by the Chair of the Multi-Stakeholder Forum for Social Transition and the 2030 Agenda.</li> <li>3. Approval of the Forum governance model.</li> <li>4. Considerations, contributions and suggestions.</li> <li>5. Presentation of the communication campaign.</li> <li>6. Any other business.</li> </ol> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Meeting of 29 March 2022</li> </ul>   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Presentation of the 2021 Monitoring Report.</li> <li>2. Review of activity since the last meeting.</li> <li>3. Approval of the Management Plan 2022.</li> <li>4. Urban Agenda. Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities.</li> <li>5. Second statement by the Chair of the Multi-Stakeholder Forum for Social Transition and the 2030 Agenda.</li> <li>6. Others.</li> </ol>                                  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Meeting of October 2022</li> </ul>    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review of activity since the last meeting.</li> <li>2. Explanation of the activity developed by the Work Groups.</li> <li>3. General criteria and lines of the Management Plan 2023.</li> <li>4. The specific SDG corresponding to this meeting.</li> <li>5. Third statement by the Chair of the Multi-Stakeholder Forum for Social Transition and the 2030 Agenda.</li> <li>6. Others.</li> </ol>              |

## **1.2. Standing Committee**

### **1.2.1. Composition**

The Standing Committee is chaired by the person holding the position of General Secretary for Social Transition and the 2030 Agenda, who is responsible for its coordination. The other members of this body are as follows:

- One person acting on behalf of the Office of Coordination of the Office of the Presidency.
- One person acting on behalf of each of the Provincial Councils.
- One person acting on behalf of the Association of Basque Municipalities-EUDEL.
- The Work Group coordinators.
- One person acting on behalf of the three universities making up the Basque university system.
- One person acting on behalf of the Basque third sector bodies, put forward by Sareen Sarea.
- One person acting on behalf of the Basque Center for Climate Change (BC3) excellence research centre, the Basque Research and Technology Alliance (BRTA) and ACLIMA, the Basque Environment Cluster.

The Chair of the Standing Committee can authorise the presence at its sessions of other people or bodies represented in the plenary body, and of people specialising in the subjects to be discussed at said sessions. The Standing Committee will hold ordinary meetings every two months.

Similarly, when agreed to by its members, the Standing Committee can add other people or bodies to each Work Group, either permanently or to participate in one or several meetings.

### **1.2.2. Priorities**

- Planning proposal.** Analysing, promoting, fostering and proposing the planning of a coordinated and integrated Basque 2030 Agenda by means of promoting specific plans and actions in each area of the Multi-Stakeholder Forum.
- Promoting coordination.** Establishing the necessary coordination and harmonisation between the Multi-Stakeholder Forum Plenary body, its five Work Groups and all of the institutions and bodies represented within the body.
- Establishing assessment.** Articulating mechanisms to monitor and assess the work of the Multi-Stakeholder Forum by means of annually drawing up reports and new work plans.

### 1.2.3. First Work Agenda

| First meeting dates of the Standing Committee | Objectives and agenda  |
|---|--|
| •Meeting of 29 November 2021                  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Constitution of the Standing Committee.</li><li>2. First draft of the Management Plan 2022.</li><li>3. Articulation of Work Groups.</li><li>4. Others.</li></ol>  |
| •Meeting of February 2022                     | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Approval of the proposed Management Plan 2022.</li><li>2. Monitoring Report 2021.</li><li>3. Information on the Work Groups.</li><li>4. Preparation of the agenda and content for the March Plenary session.</li><li>5. Definition of tasks for the Standing Committee in April.</li><li>6. Others.</li></ol> |
| •Meeting of April 2022                        | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Appraisal of the March Plenary session.</li><li>2. Review of tasks: information and coordination of Work Groups.</li><li>3. Definition of tasks for the Standing Committee in June.</li><li>4. Others.</li></ol>  |

## **1.3. Governance Work Group**

### **1.3.1. Initial composition**

The Governance Work Group is coordinated by one person acting on behalf of the General Secretariat for Social Transition and the 2030 Agenda.

The initial composition of this body is as follows:

- One person acting on behalf of the Office of Coordination of the Office of the Presidency.
- One person acting on behalf of the General Secretariat for External Action.
- The person holding the position of Director of the Basque Agency for Development Cooperation.
- One person acting on behalf of the Ministry of Public Governance and Self-Government.
- One person acting on behalf of Eustat.
- One person acting on behalf of each of the Provincial Councils.
- One person acting on behalf of each of the three Basque provincial capital cities.
- One person acting on behalf of the Association of Basque Municipalities-EUDEL.

On agreement by its members, each Work Group can add other people or bodies, whether permanently or to participate in one or several meetings.

### **1.3.2. Priorities**

**-Promoting inter-institutional coordination.** Sharing action criteria and plans; also, optimising inter-institutional coordination and cooperation based on respect for the autonomy of each institution with regard to the 2030 Agenda.

**-Sharing monitoring and assessment methods.** Aligning public policies on the 2030 Agenda, sharing monitoring indicators and methods enabling periodical identification of shortcomings and areas for improvement.

**-Pooling international action.** Coordinating international action for global positioning of the Basque Country with regard to the 2030 Agenda, coordinating participation in networks, events and activities of joint interest.

Each Work Group can decide how to proceed based on the distribution of tasks between Specific Topic Teams who work to achieve the objectives envisaged in the periods between Group meetings.

### 1.3.3. First Work Agenda

| <b>First meeting dates of the Governance Work Group</b> | <b>Objectives and agenda</b>   |
|---|--|
| •Meeting of January 2022                                | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Constitution of the Work Group.</li><li>2. Definition of the work objectives and plan for 2022 with regard to inter-institutional coordination, an indicator system and international positioning.</li><li>3. Operating model.</li><li>4. Others.</li></ol> |
| •Meeting of March 2022                                  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Inter-institutional coordination.</li><li>2. Indicator system.</li><li>3. International positioning.</li><li>4. Next steps.</li><li>5. Contribution sheet for the March Plenary session.</li><li>6. Others.</li></ol>                                       |

## **1.4. Basque Urban Agenda-Bultzatu 2050 Work Group**

### **1.4.1. Initial composition**

The Basque Urban Agenda-Bultzatu 2050 Work Group Agenda is coordinated by one person acting on behalf of the Ministry of Land Use Planning, Housing and Transport.

The initial composition of this body is as follows:

- One person acting on behalf of the following Basque Government areas:
  - 2030 Agenda.
  - Work and Employment.
  - Public Governance and Self-Government.
  - Economic Development, Sustainability and Environment.
  - Land Use Planning, Housing and Transport.
- One person acting on behalf of each of the three Provincial Councils.
- One person acting on behalf of each of the three Basque provincial capitals; and one person acting on behalf of the Association of Basque Municipalities-EUDEL.
- One person acting on behalf of Udalsarea 2030.
- Two experts from the field of academia.
- Four people from the field of business.
- Five people acting on behalf of the most representative social stakeholders.
- One person acting on behalf of the following organisations: Innobasque, IHOBE, EVE, BRTA and Bilbao Metropoli-30.

On agreement by its members, each Work Group can add other people or bodies, whether permanently or to participate in one or several meetings.

### **1.4.2. Priorities**

The priorities of this Work Group fall within a global concept of social, environmental, technological and economic challenge, and are summarised in the following lines:

- Promoting local employment.** Local agreements on employment (commerce/tourism); development of actions related with the structuring of local and urban employment.
- Renewing the city model.** Integrated urban regeneration, including extensive building renovation, action in public spaces, facilities and social measures.
- Promoting sustainable mobility.** Sustainable urban and inter-urban mobility.
- Sharing plans and actions for community development.** Community development plans and other Urban Agenda and 2030 Agenda localisation actions.

Each Work Group can decide how to proceed based on the distribution of tasks between Specific Topic Teams who work to achieve the objectives envisaged in the periods between Group meetings. Specifically, the Basque Urban Agenda-Bultzatu 2050 Work Group establishes the following Specific Topic Teams:

- Urban housing and facilities, mobility and planning.
- Urban innovation, employment and competitiveness.
- Sustainability.
- Quality of life and social cohesion.

### 1.4.3. First Work Agenda

| <b>First meeting dates of the Basque Urban Agenda-Bultzatu 2050 Work Group</b> | <b>Objectives and agenda</b>   |
|--|--|
| •Meeting of 30 November 2021   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Constitution and terms of reference of the Work Group.</li><li>2. Proposal for implementation of the Basque Urban Agenda-Bultzatu 2050: background report on all of the work carried out and the next steps.</li><li>3. Proposal of (potential) Urban Agenda tractor projects.</li><li>4. Table of management indicators.</li><li>5. Proposed contents of the first urban report.</li></ol> |
| •Meeting of March 2022   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Monitoring of agreements appearing in the previous minutes.</li><li>2. Status of the Urban Agenda implementing projects.</li><li>3. Approval of the first draft of the urban report 2022.</li><li>4. Others.</li></ol>  |

## **1.5. Social Transformation Work Group**

### **1.5.1. Initial composition**

The Social Transformation Work Group is coordinated by one person acting on behalf of the Ministry of Equality, Justice and Social Policies.

The initial composition of this body is as follows:

- One person acting on behalf of the Ministry of Labour and Employment.
- One person acting on behalf of the General Secretariat for Social Transition and the 2030 Agenda.
- One person acting on behalf of the three Provincial Councils.
- One person acting on behalf of the Association of Basque Municipalities-EUDEL.
- One person acting on behalf of Emakunde.
- One person acting on behalf of the Basque Government Office of Migration.
- One person acting on behalf of the Ministry of Health.
- One person acting on behalf of the Ministry of Education.
- One person acting on behalf of Jakiunde.
- One person acting on behalf of SIIS.
- One person acting on behalf of EGK.
- One person acting on behalf of Ikuspegi-Basque Immigration Observatory.
- One person acting on behalf of EITB.
- One person acting on behalf of BBK Kuna.
- One person acting on behalf of Sareen Sarea.

On agreement by its members, each Work Group can add other people or bodies, whether permanently or to participate in one or several meetings.

### **1.5.2. Priorities**

The gender perspective is ubiquitous in the general action plan of the Multi-Stakeholder Forum for Social Transition and the 2030 Agenda and in each of the seven priorities established by this Work Group. The commitment to equality must have its express reflection in all their actions.

- Reinforcing strategies for equity.** Contributing to reinforcing and fostering strategies and actions focused on promoting inclusion and equity and on fighting poverty and exclusion.
- Contributing to sharing responses to the demographic challenge.** Contributing to articulating a shared Basque strategy to meet the demographic challenge in line with the Sustainable Development Goals and the 2030 Agenda.
- Supporting inclusive initiatives in the field of migration.** Defining specific strategies and actions contributing to wider development of the contents of the Basque Social Pact on Migration.
- Supporting commitments and projects in the field of global health.** Promoting cooperation initiatives in the field of health and the training of health workers with the countries of the South in addition to involvement in the global vaccination process.

**-Promoting integrated and integrative coexistence.** Protecting and promoting coexistence, fostering education and the values of human dignity, peace, equality, human rights and respect for political, cultural and religious pluralism.

**-Promoting collaboration in the field of health.** Defining specific strategies and actions in the area of the 2030 Agenda referring to young people and collaboration with the Basque Youth Council.

**-Supporting inclusive education commitments and projects.** Promoting initiatives and projects going deeper into inclusive education in order to promote a more cohesive, supportive and sustainable society.

**-Promoting social dissemination.** Sharing strategies and actions on social information, education and dissemination related with the 2030 Agenda.

**-Promoting the Guneak participation experiences.** Promoting multi-stakeholder collaboration and social participation initiatives, based on the Guneak experience.

Each Work Group can decide how to proceed based on the distribution of tasks between Specific Topic Teams who work to achieve the objectives envisaged in the periods between Group meetings.

### 1.5.3. First Work Agenda

| First meeting dates of the Social Transformation Work Group                | Objectives and agenda  |
|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Meeting of January 2022</li> </ul> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Constitution of the Work Group.</li> <li>2. Definition of the objectives and work plan for 2022.</li> <li>3. Operating model.</li> <li>4. Proposals for development of the Guneak initiative.</li> <li>5. Others.</li> </ol>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Meeting of March 2022</li> </ul>   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Information on actions since the previous meeting.</li> <li>2. Monitoring the work plan for 2022:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Equity.</li> <li>-Demographic Challenge.</li> <li>-Migration.</li> <li>-Coexistence.</li> <li>-Youth.</li> <li>-Education and social dissemination</li> <li>-Guneak initiative.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Others.</li> </ol> |

## **1.6. Energy-Climate Transformation Work Group**

### **1.6.1. Initial composition**

The Energy-Climate Transformation Work Group is coordinated by one person acting on behalf of the Ministry of Economic Development, Sustainability and Environment.

The initial composition of this body is as follows:

- One person acting on behalf of the Ministry of Industry and Energy Transition.
- One person acting on behalf of the General Secretariat for Social Transition and the 2030 Agenda.
- The person holding the position of Commissioner for Science, Technology and Innovation.
- One person acting on behalf of the three Provincial Councils.
- One person acting on behalf of the Association of Basque Municipalities-EUDEL.
- One person acting on behalf of EVE.
- One person acting on behalf of IHOBE.
- One person acting on behalf of BC3.
- One person acting on behalf of BRTA.
- One person acting on behalf of ACLIMA.
- One person acting on behalf of the Basque Institute of Competitiveness-Orkestra.
- One person acting on behalf of the Mondragón Corporation.

On agreement by its members, each Work Group can add other people or bodies, whether permanently or to participate in one or several meetings.

### **1.6.2. Priorities**

Given that the 2024 Objectives of the Energy Transition and Climate Change Plan 2021-2024 are to achieve a reduction of 30% in greenhouse gases with respect to 2005, to ensure that 20% of final energy consumption comes from renewable sources and to guarantee territorial resilience, the priorities of this Work Group will focus on:

- Identifying initiatives for decarbonisation.** Identifying projects and initiatives focused on promoting decarbonisation and the climate change adaptation of our natural and social environment.
- Reinforcing strategies for the energy-climate transition.** Contributing to reinforcing and fostering energy-climate transition strategies and actions focused on promoting an inclusive transformation, with particular attention to matters of gender and climate cooperation.
- Promoting information on this subject.** Sharing strategies and actions on information and dissemination in all social and economic fields with a view to enabling and streamlining the energy-climate transformation process.
- Promoting the Guneak participation experiences.** Promoting multi-stakeholder collaboration and social participation initiatives, based on the Guneak experience.

Each Work Group can decide how to proceed based on the distribution of tasks between Specific Topic Teams who work to achieve the objectives envisaged in the periods between Group meetings.

### 1.6.3. First Work Agenda

| <b>First meeting dates of the Energy-Climate Transformation Work Group</b> | <b>Objectives and agenda</b>   |
|--|--|
| •Meeting of January 2022   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Constitution of the Work Group.</li><li>2. Definition of the objectives and work plan for 2022.</li><li>3. Operating model.</li><li>4. Proposals for developing the Guneak initiative.</li><li>5. Others.</li></ol>   |
| •Meeting of March 2022   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Information on actions since the last meeting.</li><li>2. Monitoring of the work plan for 2022:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Decarbonisation.</li><li>-Energy-Climate Transition.</li><li>-Information and dissemination.</li><li>-Guneak Initiative.</li></ul></li><li>3. Others.</li></ol> |

## **1.7. Economic-Digital Transformation Work Group**

### **1.7.1. Initial composition**

The Economic-Digital Transformation Work Group is coordinated by one person acting on behalf of the Ministry of Economic Development, Sustainability and Environment.

The proposed initial composition of this body is as follows:

- One person acting on behalf of the Office of Digital Transformation and Entrepreneurship.
- One person acting on behalf of the General Secretariat for Social Transition and the 2030 Agenda.
- The person holding the position of Commissioner for Science, Technology and Innovation.
- One person acting on behalf of the three Provincial Councils.
- One person acting on behalf of the Association of Basque Municipalities-EUDEL.
- One person acting on behalf of EJIE.
- One person acting on behalf of SPRI.
- One person acting on behalf of Basque Cybersecurity Center.
- One person acting on behalf of BRTA.
- One person acting on behalf of BAIC.
- One person acting on behalf of the GAIA Cluster.

On agreement by its members, each Work Group can add other people or bodies, whether permanently or to participate in one or several meetings.

### **1.7.2. Priorities**

Companies are called to play a central role in the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) established by the United Nations. This constitutes both a responsibility and an unprecedented opportunity to bring the objectives of a business into line with those of equity and sustainability. This Agenda also represents an opportunity to develop and introduce solutions and technologies making it possible to meet the world's biggest challenges with regard to sustainable development. In fact, digital technologies, and the public policy plans and roadmaps that establish them as a lever, help to move towards the targets established by the SDGs. The priorities of this Work Group will specifically focus on:

- Identifying responses to the economic-digital transition challenge.** Identifying technological projects and initiatives that provide solutions to the challenges of economic-digital transition.
- Promoting equity in digitalisation.** Helping to reinforce and promote strategies and actions focused on promoting inclusive digitalisation.
- Sharing information in the field of business.** Sharing strategies and actions on business information and dissemination with regard to the 2030 Agenda.
- Promoting the Guneak participation experiences.** Promotion of multi-stakeholder social participation and collaboration initiatives, based on the Guneak experience.

Each Work Group can decide how to proceed based on the distribution of tasks between Specific Topic Teams who work to achieve the objectives envisaged in the periods between Group meetings.

### 1.7.3. First Work Agenda

| First meeting dates of the Economic-Digital Transformation Work Group | Objectives and agenda   |
|---|---|
| •Meeting of January 2022  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Constitution of the Work Group.</li><li>2. Definition of the objectives and work plan for 2022.</li><li>3. Operating model.</li><li>4. Proposals for developing the Guneak initiative.</li><li>5. Others.</li></ol>  |
| •Meeting of March 2022  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Information on actions since the last meeting.</li><li>2. Monitoring the work plan for 2022:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Economic-Digital Transition.</li><li>-Digitalisation and equity.</li><li>-Information in the business field.</li><li>-Guneak initiative.</li></ul></li><li>3. Others.</li></ol> |

