

2025 Ihobe Report



A YEAR
OF ACTION
TO TRANSFORM
THE BASQUE COUNTRY

“Working together to speed up the green transition”

Ihobe's activity has been significantly boosted, thus consolidating our role as a leading environmental agency. In 2025, we worked even more closely with companies, administrations and stakeholders of the territory to speed up the green transition, bolstering the strategic nature of our lines of work and enabling us to respond to the environmental challenges in the coming decisive decade.

The year's most important milestones include the hosting of the Basque Circular Summit 2025 last April, which has become the largest business meeting on the circular economy in southern Europe. The event was the chance to showcase the transformative capacity of the Basque industrial fabric and open up new circular innovation opportunities. Furthermore, 2025 was the year when we issued the first Environmental Outlook for the Basque Country; this groundbreaking instrument provides up-to-date and easy-to-understand information on the performance of the territory's main environmental indicators, thus contributing transparency, rigour and capacity to anticipate public policies.

Finally, the opening of the new Ekoetxea Añana-Sobrón environmental centre has strengthened our commitment to education and environmental awareness, by expanding the network of top-tier centres in dissemination and citizen outreach. This new space has become part of Ihobe's endeavour to drive an accessible and robust environmental culture that is in line with current challenges. Thanks to these advances, and the joint work of all the teams and stakeholders involved, 2025 ended as a year of significant progress which laid down the foundations for public environmental action in the Basque Country to continue to go from strength to strength.

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MISSION

PROTECT AND IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT, ALONG WITH
UNDERTAKING THE CLIMATE-GREEN TRANSITION OF THE
BASQUE COUNTRY

PURPOSE

To **inspire** and **rally** Basque society
and its stakeholders towards a **just**
climate-green transition

VISION

TO BE THE PUBLIC ENTITY OF THE BASQUE
GOVERNMENT DRIVING THE BASQUE COUNTRY'S
CLIMATE-GREEN TRANSITION IN LINE WITH THE
2030 AGENDA

HOW WE ARE DOING IT

- Coherence
- Collaboration
- Cohesion
- Resilience

OUR CHALLENGES

1. To **bolster** Ihobe's position as a key public stakeholder to lead the climate-green transition and the sustainable economic development of the Basque Country

2. To **effectively contribute** to meeting the regulatory requirements by supporting and facilitating the rolling out of environmental policy planning in the Basque Country and the mainstreaming of the environment to other sectoral policies

3. To **work** with a wide range of stakeholders to drive a just climate and green transition in the Basque Country

4. To **ensure excellence** in Ihobe by ensuring the human team and the organisation itself have the appropriate skills and capacities to offer a quality public service that contributes value to the territory

POLICY AREAS



Climate Action



Circular Economy



Eco-Innovation



Citizen Action



Contaminated Soils



Waste



Local Sustainability



639
actions

IN MUNICIPALITIES AND
PUBLIC ENTITIES

638



companies

USED THE
CLIMATE&CIRCULARITY
CALCULATOR

21



CONTAMINATED SOIL
projects
IN WHICH IHOBE TOOK
PART



3.986
people

TOOK PART IN ASTEKLIMA
EVENTS



2.267
companies

MOBILISED

Ihobe
2025
IN FIGURES



1.087
people

ATTENDED THE BASQUE
CIRCULAR SUMMIT



2.670
professionals

TRAINED BY IHOBE



92%
IHOBÉ CUSTOMER
satisfaction



15,22%
of
expenditure

ON INNOVATION

EKOETXEA NETWORK

Ekoetxea, the **Basque Country's Network of Environmental Centres** and managed by Ihobe, seeks to be a **driving force for environmental education and the eco-social transformation of citizens.**

In 2025, the network added a new environmental centre, the **Añana-Sobrón Ekoetxea in Álava**. It will have two sites, one in Sobron and the other in the Añana Salt Valley, whose construction is expected to get underway in 2026.

This new Ekoetxea means that the network brings **the number of centres up to 5, along with the Ekoetxea centres of Urdaibai and Meatzaldea in Bizkaia, and Azpeitia and Txingudi in Gipuzkoa.**

⊕ Be part of the change



132.611
in-person visits



337
experiences offered



20.141
students
in the School Programme



9,3
satisfaction index

UDALSAREA 2030

Ihobe is the **Technical Secretariat of Udalsarea 2030, the Basque Network of Sustainable Municipalities**. This network seeks to **mentor and support Basque municipalities as regards integrating sustainability in their local policies**, by facilitating spaces, resources and tools and **advances towards sustainable local development, in line with the 2030 Agenda**.

It therefore **gives fresh impetus to the coordination between the different levels of the public administration of the Basque Country**, i.e., the Basque Government, public entities, provincial governments, and municipal and district authorities.



226
local councils



23
district authorities



11
supramunicipal
authorities



56
MUNICIPALITIES SIGNED
UP TO THE COMPACT OF
MAYORS



127
HAVE AN ENERGY AND
CLIMATE PLAN



31
NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS
IMPLEMENTED IN 23
MUNICIPALITIES

MILESTONES



(01) The Basque Country's environment in figures

In 2025, Ihobe published the first environmental outlook report for the Basque Country; it compiles and analyses the different environmental indicators that help to provide a visual and concise idea of the quality of the environment in Basque territory. The analysis is divided into 9 environmental thematic areas, which were selected based on the environmental vectors defined by the European Environment Agency and adapted to the socioeconomic context of the Basque Country.



(02) Opening of the Ekoetxea, Sobron-Añana

On World Water Day, the Ekoetxea Network opened a new Ekoetxea environmental centre in Añana-Sobrón (Alava). This centre, whose main theme will be water given its location in the former Water Museum, joins the four centres of the Ekoetxea Network in the Basque Country, which are the Ekoetxeas of Urdaibai and Metzalde in Bizkaia; and Azpeitia and Txingudi in Gipuzkoa.



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Nature-based solutions taskforce

Ihobe has set up a trailblazing taskforce to foster nature-based solutions (NBS) in the Basque Country. The members of the group include representatives of local councils such as those of Bilbao, Donostia, Getxo and Legazpi; public authorities beyond municipal level such as Bizkaia Provincial Council and Naturklima; innovation centres and universities including Tecnalia, BC3 and UPV/EHU; associations and clusters such as Aclima and Bilbao Urban; architecture and design companies including Krean, AECOM and Lur Studio; and NBS installers such as Tekura, ZinCo Cubiertas Ajardinadas and Cementos Hanson-Rezola.



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Basque Circular Summit

The Basque Circular Summit 2025, the largest circular economy event in southern Europe, was held in April. Seven hundred companies from all over the Spanish state were involved in this event, along with 150 speakers – specialists in areas related to circularity; over 1,300 professionals from 25 countries attended the Summit.



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Presentation of the State of the Climate Report

Ihobe, in conjunction with the Basque Meteorological Agency - Euskalmet, published the first 'State of the Climate in the Basque Country' report; it provides a detailed analysis of how the climate has evolved in the territory from 1970 to 2023, the year with the latest available data. The report summarises regional and international scientific data, providing a comprehensive view of the changes in climate observed in the territory up to that date; it fleshes out the analysis of future climate projections, which results in more precise data and adapted to the local reality.



(06)

An instrument with clear tax and environmental benefits

The Basque List of Clean Technologies (LVTE), driven by Ihobe, EVE and SPRI, sets out the equipment available on the market, with a low degree of implementation in productive sectors and whose application is more advantageous from an environmental perspective compared to other conventional technologies used for the same purpose. The technologies included in the Basque List of Clean Technologies provide the company with tax and environmental benefits, as purchasing any of the technologies on the list results in 35% of the investment cost of the equipment being tax deductible for corporation tax purposes. Information events to disseminate this instrument were organised in Bizkaia and Gipuzkoa, with nearly 300 companies attending.



MILESTONES



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ASTEKLIMA, Basque Climate and Energy Week

ASTEKLIMA 2025 - the Basque Climate and Energy Week, which is held in the last week of October every year, once again attracted thousands of people who took part in the broad programme of activities organised by this citizen action initiative to learn about and prevent the effects of climate change. The 2025 Week combined dissemination, awareness-raising and practical experiences, in the form of the 138 activities organised by 87 entities. The result was over 2,700 people committed to climate action.



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Forum of the Autonomous Communities on Contaminated Soil

In October, the Basque Country will host the XV Forum of the Autonomous Communities on Contaminated Soil, a technical meeting that gathered together experts from other autonomous communities to share progress, challenges and experiences in soil conservation. It is the third time that the forum was held in the Basque Country; its goal is to foster cooperation between autonomous communities in the field of soil contamination.



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BasquESG Presentation

As part of the Basque Industry Plan 2030, the Basque Government launched the BasquESG initiative, as one of its transformative projects. This trailblazing measure in the Spanish State is designed to provide the industrial SMEs of the Basque Country with a standardised tool to measure and report their environmental, social and governance (ESG) performance, which helps them to access financing and international supply chains.



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Basque Country Environmental Profile 2025. Municipal solid waste

In 2025, Ihobe released the Basque Country Environmental Profile 2025 focused on the situation regarding municipal solid waste. This annual report describes the evolution of the state of the environment in the territory, offering a vision based on environmental indicators on the situation, progress and challenges to do with public policies. According to the latest Basque Country Environmental Profile 2025, the BAC (Basque Autonomous Region) is under the European average in terms of generating municipal waste per person: 503 kg per inhabitant, compared to 513 kg in the EU-27.



2025 IN PUBLICATIONS



STATE OF THE CLIMATE IN THE BASQUE COUNTRY



BASQUE COUNTRY ENVIRONMENTAL OUTLOOK 2024



CIRCULAR ECONOMY STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL WATCH REPORT. 10 KEYS FOR 2025

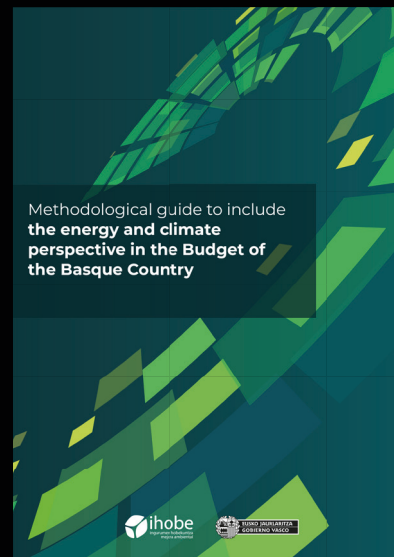


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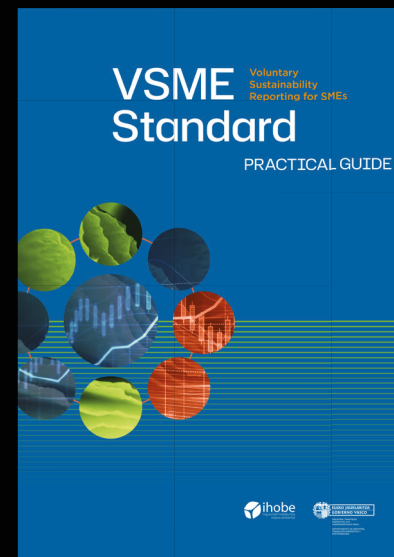
2025 IN PUBLICATIONS



BASQUE COUNTRY CARBON
FOOTPRINT CALCULATOR



METHODOLOGICAL GUIDE TO INCLUDE
THE CLIMATE AND ENERGY PERSPECTIVE
IN THE BUDGET OF THE BASQUE
COUNTRY



VSME STANDARD: VOLUNTARY
SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING FOR
SMES



BASQUE LIST OF CLEAN TECHNOLOGIES 2024

SUMMER SCHOOLS 2025

Ihobe, in conjunction with the University of the Basque Country and UIK as part of their summer courses, organises **the Environmental Communication Schools, the Advanced Environmental Measurement School and the Educating for Sustainability School**, which address the major sustainability challenges from three key approaches.

They are designed to **foster the acquisition of knowledge, habits and behaviours that impact on the care and improving of the environmental setting.**

		
IV Escuela de Educación para la Sostenibilidad 2030	Escuela de Medición Ambiental Avanzada	Escuela de Comunicación Ambiental 2025: Conversaciones Km0 para conectar con la ciudadanía
 	 	 
3 Y 4 DE JULIO DE 2025	4 DE SEPTIEMBRE DE 2025	11 DE SEPTIEMBRE DE 2025

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

Ihobe takes part in European international projects to develop innovative solutions; the transfer of replicable experiences in areas such as climate change adaptation; budget sustainability; environmental governance; and public innovation and for knowledge sharing.

Furthermore, such projects allow European good practices and advanced approaches to be incorporated into the Basque Country's environmental policies, thus bolstering its leadership and capacity to anticipate when facing global environmental challenges.

- URBAN KLIMA 2050 
- OCTOPUSS 
- REGIONS4CLIMATE 
- PYRENEES4CLIMA 
- NEXT GENERATION BUDGETS

PARTNERS

Ihobe's work is clearly based on a **strong network of partners that bolsters its capacity to drive the green transition in the Basque Country**. Throughout 2025, the environmental agency has worked closely **with companies, public administrations, local authorities, social stakeholders and knowledge agents, along with European and Spanish networks and forums**, to foster a cohered and shared approach to environmental action.

These partners **allow Ihobe to multiply the impact of their actions, generate applied knowledge, share good practices and make coordinated progress** in key areas such as the circular economy, climate action, local sustainability and environmental education; **thus consolidating a governance model based on cooperation and joint responsibility**.



PEOPLE AT IHOBE



55

people
44 men
11 women



50

years
old average age



85%

have completed
higher education



7,22%

satisfaction with
working at Ihobe

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chair

MIKEL JAUREGI LETEMENDIA

The Basque Government's Minister for Industry,
the Energy Transition and Sustainability

Deputy chair

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Deputy Minister for the Environment

Member

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Member

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Technology and Innovation Director

Member

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Member

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Non-executive secretary

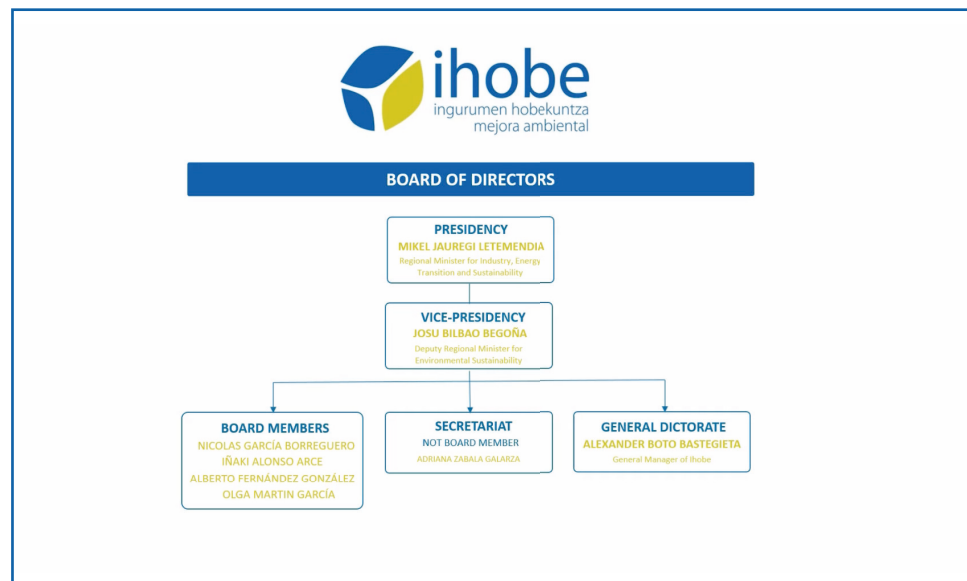
ADRIANA ZABALA GALARZA

Ihobe legal technician

General Management

ALEXANDER BOTO BASTEGIETA

Ihobe General manager



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ORGANISATIONAL CHART

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Strategy and Innovation Manager
MARÍA GARCÍA FLECHA

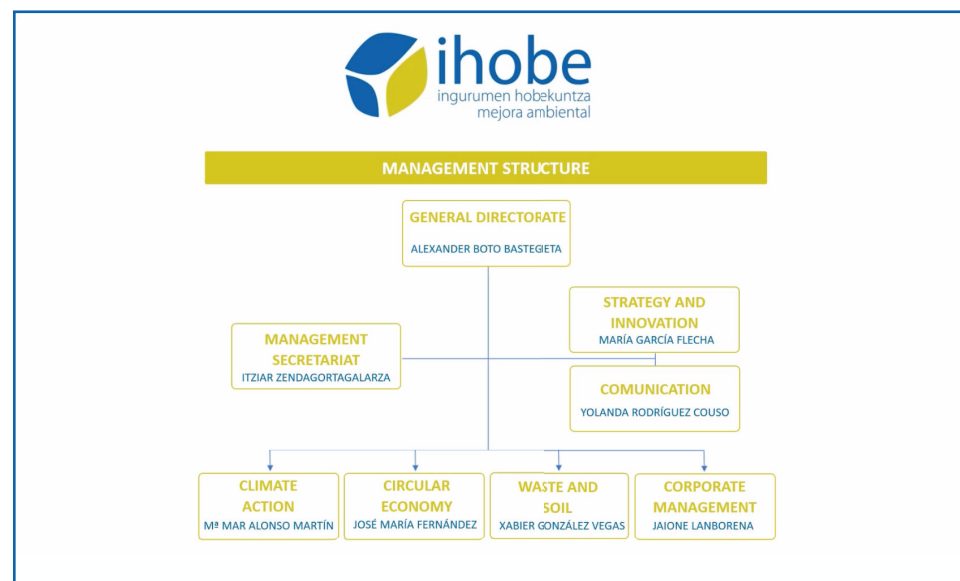
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XABIER GONZÁLEZ VEGAS



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TRANSPARENCY



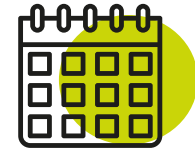
€16,3
millions
operating budget in 2025



100%
budget
implementation in
2025



0%
financial
indebtedness
in 2025



14
days
average payment
period of invoices to
suppliers in 2025

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