

Policies for developing a knowledge-intensive economy in San Sebastian

Event: *Leading industrial transformation*
6th November

Donostia San Sebastian

About the city

<25km

Border with
France

189,073

Inhabitants

328,000

Including the
metropolitan area

7,4%

Unemployment rate
(Basque County: 9,8% / Spain
12,1% / EU: 6,4%)



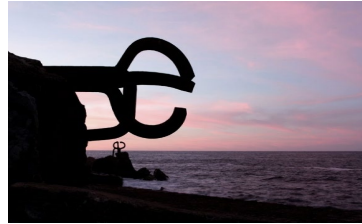
Culture



Good standard of living



Natural beauty



Gastronomy



An emerging city

Business and
innovation ecosystem



Science and
Knowledge



Human Capital



A 30 years trip towards an economic model based on Knowledge, science and Innovation



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1994

Foundation of the Technological Park

1997

- CIDETEC
- DIPC

1999

- CFM
- POLYMAT

2001

- Vicomtech
- Kutxaespazioa

2002

- Matia
- CIC biomaGUNE

2005

- IK4

2006

- CIC nanoGUNE

2008

- BioDonostia
- BCBL
- Cita-Alzheimer

2019

- BRTA

2017

- Nature ranks SS the most collaborative science ciity worldwide

2014

- WeekINN

2012

- Tecnalía Ventures

2011

- Basque Culinary Center
- Talent House

2010

- Passion for knowledge
- Tecnalía (sede en Donostia)
- City of Science and Innovation (Ministry award)

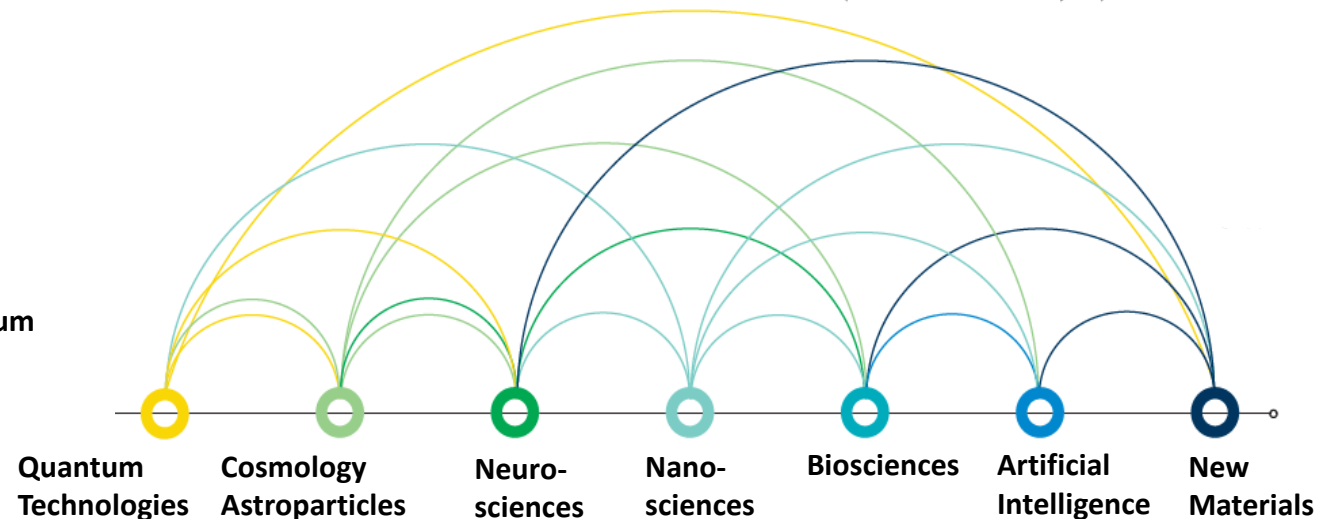
2020

- B3N (Basque Nano Neuro Network)

2022

2024

Basque Quantum EKINN



Fomento San Sebastian

1902

Strategic lines



Who we are

Municipal public company devoted to promoting and developing innovative projects that boost the economy and employment in the city, with a focus on people through its collaborative model

Strategic lines 2023 - 2027



**Fostering
municipal
public
innovation**



**Positioning the city
as a hub for
innovative
entrepreneurship**



**Promoting San
Sebastian as a
city of science
and a platform
for innovation**



**Creating job
opportunities for
disadvantaged
groups**



**Professional
development of
young local
talent**



**International
Positioning as
Innovation Hub**

Goals

- ❖ To **increase the number of innovative projects**, energising the agents of the ecosystem and promoting the city as a space of opportunities.
- ❖ To **increase the number of initiatives linked to science and innovation** by generating spaces for collaboration and connection between key agents.

Means

TALENT

- ↓ Awareness raising and **entrepreneurial culture**
- ↓ **EKINN Reception Plan**: Attraction of Entrepreneurs, Accommodation & soft landing

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

- ↓ **Acceleration** and growth of innovative projects
- ↓ **Technology Transfer** and Innovation towards SMEs
- ↓ Development of **new sectors** linked to enabling technologies (AI, Quantum, etc.)
- ↓ Promote the growth of the Biosciences/Biotechnology sector

ECOSYSTEM

- ↓ Development of a **collaboration model** / platform with key agents linked to innovation and entrepreneurship

Acceleration and scalability of innovative projects

01 EKINN + SCALE-UP

10-month program to launch or accelerate your project. Includes advice, financial aid (up to **25,000 euros** for new hires, intellectual property protection, product or service development, etc.), **access to housing**, **support for financing** and becoming part of the Ekinn+ community.

02 FINANCIAL SUPPORT

- **Talent Attraction Fund** – up to 20.000 euro
- **Strategic expenses** for your start-up
- **Tech Transfer**-up to 15.000 euro

03 FINANCIAL TOOLS

Support in **access to financing** for innovative business projects with growth potential:

- **Matching service** with the investment field.
- **Microcredits.**
- **Guarantee fund**

04 INFRASTRUCTURES

- 7 business centers.
- **WORKING SPACES** (meeting rooms, event venues).
- **CO-WORKING EKINN**
- **Talent House**
- **EKINN and EKINN Academia (Upskilling and Reskilling)**

05 CONNECTION WITH THE ECOSYSTEM

- **Connection services** with the city's R&D ecosystem.
- **Tech Transfer programmes:** technological Vouchers
- **Access to FSS institutional knowledge** (calls, programs, etc.).
- **Relationship with the network of international contacts** of Fomento San Sebastián.

EKINN

A new boost for KIBS

EKINN is an open space to push **forward advanced innovation and entrepreneurship** in San Sebastian

An open space to help young people, start-ups and businesses with innovative projects find inspiration as well as support to develop their talent and speed up their ideas

An open space that connects key agents of the local and international ecosystem to multiply opportunities and make San Sebastian a city where innovative projects are born and developed.



The pillars of the project.

EKINN

Aims to create innovative projects with high growing potential and impact based in San Sebastian

WE INSPIRE

Inspiring open space to develop and train local talent

- Programmes to promote entrepreneurial culture
- Advanced training for entrepreneurs
- Training in innovation: re-skilling / upskilling.

WE PUSH FORWARD

Advanced entrepreneurship centre to accelerate projects

- Entrepreneurial and innovative project acceleration programmes.
- Tools to support growth and development

WE CONNECT

Hub that facilitates collaboration and connections between key agents of the ecosystem

- Local advisory council for entrepreneurship.
- Community-Platform for innovation
- Invest SS, investment attraction line
- Connections/alliances hub.
- Investment attraction department/office

Transversal

WE SUPPORT

Fomento San Sebastian provides resources to ensure quality mentoring from early years and suggests itineraries for professional growth

WE PROVIDE RESOURCES

A building that enables access to affordable and quality housing in the city centre

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