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Open Government Partnership

Aidan Eyakuze, Executive Director

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Dear Mr. Eyakuze

It is my pleasure to send you the III Action Plan in the Basque Country for the Open Government in the Basque Country for the period 2025-2028.

The Basque Country is a small one, but possesses a strong identity. With longer than 5.000 years of history, the Basque Country boasts both a unique culture and a language that is unique in the world. The Basque Country is nowadays a modern country that has mastered its adaptation to each time, attaining a forward position in Europe in the fields of economic development, quality of life and social cohesion.

The Basque Country counts on both a Parliament and Government, enjoying a high degree of autonomy regarding policies such as education, industry, culture, health care, security and social services. Thanks to the management of these policies, the Basque Country has reached high indexes of human, sustainable development.

The Basque Country is made up by 3 historical territories, namely: Alava, Biscay and Guipuzcoa. The institutional architecture of each of them is settled in the executive bodies called Provincial Councils and the legislative chamber called "General Assemblies" . These institutions date back to the fifteenth century and were an early form of democratic institutions.

The commitment of the Basque Country with the Open Government shows a long haul, but its most remarkable aspect may be that part of it has been developed from the public-private-social cooperation and hand in hand with the initiative Open Government Partnership (OGP).

Having acquired the experience of having previously implemented in a successful way 2 plans of action (2018-2020 and 2021-2024), we present this III Action Plan 2025-2028, which is the fruit of an extensive process of co-creation with the citizenship and the different stakeholders. More than 800 people individually and 18 stakeholders have participated in the elaboration of the New Action Plan OGP Basque Country.

This III Action Plan has been designed in accordance with the principles of the Open Government Partnership, which are also the principles that we are going to be used for its implementation.

We are absolutely certain that this III Action Plan will keep on contributing to the development of the Open Government in the Basque Country at every administrative and institutional level and also within the social sphere. A goal we are willing to share with other regions and countries of the world.

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