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1 Proposal introduction

The EuroPython will be organized by the Asociación de Ciencias de la Programación Python San Sebastián (short ACPySS ¹) and the Computational Intelligence Group (GIC) from the University of the Basque Country. We will have the cooperation of the Spanish Python community, PyLadies Spain, the University of the Basque Country both as an institution and as community of students. It is a legal entity and registered society in Spain able to sign the agreement with the EPS, can sign contracts with suppliers (venue, etc.), and can emit proper invoices for ticket registrations. It was founded in September, 2014. Twice a month the members meet for talks and sprints on scientific and data analysis tools. The ACPySS is still young but growing with new student members.

The team is supported by the company InBasque DMC S.L.². This company is owned by Nicolas Foit, an specialist in the organization of big events in Madrid and is currently organizing events in the Basque Country.

2 On-site team description

The on-site team comes from a university research group, the Computational Intelligence Group (GIC) from the University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU). Some of its members have recently created a Python users group society, the ACPySS, and are organizing events to spread the Python and create a local scientific community around it. In sub-section 2.1 we briefly describe the Python San Sebastián Society. In sub-section 2.2 we present the DMC company which will be in charge of organizing and executing the partner programme and the social event.

2.1 Python San Sebastian Society

The Asociación de Ciencias de la Programación Python San Sebastián (http://www.pyss.org) or Python San Sebastian Society (henceforward ACPySS from its Spanish acronym) is a Spanish non-profit organization holding the rights to the Python San Sebastian conference series. ACPySS society was founded in 2014 with the goal of being a meeting point for all Python users living or passing by San Sebastián. To do so, one of its first objectives is to promote an annual conference (PySS - Python San Sebastian) bringing Python enthusiasts and professional developers from all over Spain and Europe.

ACPySS is on close contact with several local institutions to organize conferences and meetings.

2.2 Inbasque DMC S.L.

Inbasque DMC was born out of love and passion for the Basque Country and the Tourism Industry. The Basque Country, it's people, the culture, traditions and nature are a unique place on our world and worth to be discovered, enjoyed and shared. Our goal is to share all those traditions and secrets with YOU and make it possible for you to experience them first hand. Let us take you on a journey to discover this ancient and mysterious people and land, rich of tastes, colours, aromas, feelings and sensations!

The founder of InBasque, Nicolas Foit, studied Tourism and Event-management in Munich, Germany and also holds a Bachelor in Business Administration at the University of Sunderland, England. Before founding Inbasque DMC, he worked for several years within the tourism industry and especially within the destination management sector for well-known DMCs in cities like New York, Madrid and Barcelona. His passion for the Basque Country made him follow the idea of starting an own business, dedicated to delivering high standard service to international clients who come to the Basque Country for Conferences, Congresses, Incentives, Events and Leisure Trips.

Inbasque DMC operates in three different areas consulting, events and gastronomy. It will join the EP organization team to help organizing social events and partner program.

3 Key members short biography

- Alexandre Manhães Savio
 - PhD in computer science.
 - Spokesperson of Python San Sebastian Society.

 $^{^{1}\}mathrm{http://pyss.org}$

 $^{^2}$ http://www.inbasque.com

- Local organizing committee member of the Python San Sebastian Conference (PySS), Spain, 2014.
- Speaker and lightning talk assistant at PySS 2014.
- Attended EuroPython (Berlin, Germany) and Pycones (Zaragoza, Spain), 2014.
- Local organizing committee member of the 5th International Conference on Hybrid Artificial Intelligence Systems in San Sebastian, Spain, 2010.
- Local organizing committee member of the 16th International Conference on Knowledge-Based and Intelligent Information & Engineering Systems in San Sebastian, Spain, 2014.
- Programme committee member of the Conference on Hybrid Artificial Intelligence Systems (HAIS-2012, HAIS-2013), Conference on Extreme Learning Machine (ELM-2013), International Work Conference on Artificial Neural Networks (IWAN 2013).
- Co-organizer of Week of Science 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 with stand "Your brain connection" and "Virtual world", San Sebastian, Spain.
- Session chair on Section "Signal Processing and Biomedical applications" on International Conference on Hybrid Artificial Intelligence Systems in San Sebastian, Spain, 2010.

• Oier Etxaniz Beneitez

- PhD Student in computer science.
- Chairman of Python San Sebastian Society.
- Local organizing committee member of the Python San Sebastian Conference (PySS), Spain, 2014.
- Workshop speaker at PySS 2014.
- Attended EuroPython (Berlin, Germany), 2014.

• Borja Ayerdi Vilches

- PhD Student in computer science.
- Treasurer of Python San Sebastian Society.
- Local organizing committee member of the Python San Sebastian Conference (PySS), Spain, 2014.
- Attended EuroPython (Berlin, Germany), 2014.
- Local organizing committee member of the KES International Conference on Innovation in Medicine and Healthcare - (INMED 2014) 7, 8 & 9 July 2014, San Sebastian, Spain.
- Local organizing committee member of the 16th International Conference on Knowledge-Based and Intelligent Information & Engineering Systems - (KES 2012) 10, 11 & 12 September 2012, San Sebastian, Spain.
- Co-organized of Week of Science 2011, 2012 with stand "Virtual world", San Sebastian, Spain.

Manuel Graña Romay

- Vice Chairman of Python San Sebastian Society.
- Local organizing committee member of the Python San Sebastian Conference, Spain, 2014.
- Keynote speaker at PySS 2014.
- Invited Keynote speaker of "Review on methodological aspects of machine learning application to remote sensing data" International Workshop on Multi-Sensor Data Fusion for Remote Sensing Image Analysis, 2014, Sun-Yat Sen University, Guangzhou P. R. China.
- Keynote speaker on International Conference on Computational Intelligence, Cyber Security and Computational Models, India, December 2013.
- Keynote speaker of "Towards subconscious social intelligent computing slides", International Conference on Soft Computing Models in Industrial and Environmental Applications, 2013, Spain.
- Keynote speaker of "Instances of subconscious social intelligent computing", CASON 2013, Fargo, ND.
- Local organizing committee member of the KES International Conference on Innovation in Medicine and Healthcare (InMed), 2014, San Sebastian, Spain.

- Local organizing committee member of the 16th International Conference on Knowledge-Based and Intelligent Information & Engineering Systems (KES) 2012, San Sebastian, Spain.
- Organizing member of Special session on Lattice Computing at WCCI 2014.
- Systems, Man, & Cybernetics Workshop, 2010, Salamanca, Spain.

Darya Chyzhyk

- PhD in computer science.
- Board member of Python San Sebastian Society.
- Local organizing committee member of the Python San Sebastian Conference (PySS), Spain, 2014.
- Attended Pycones 2014, Zaragoza, Spain.
- Local organizing committee member of the KES International Conference on Innovation in Medicine and Healthcare (InMed), 2014, San Sebastian, Spain.
- Local organizing committee member of the 16th International Conference on Knowledge-Based and Intelligent Information & Engineering Systems (KES) 2012, San Sebastian, Spain.
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- Programme committee member of the Conference on Hybrid Artificial Intelligence Systems (HAIS-2012, HAIS-2013), Conference on Extreme Learning Machine (ELM-2013), The International Conference on Computational Aspects of Social Networks (CaSon 2012).
- Co-organizer of Week of Science 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 with stand "Your brain connection" and "Virtual world", San Sebastian, Spain.
- Session chair on Section "Signal Processing and Biomedical applications" on International Conference on Hybrid Artificial Intelligence Systems in San Sebastian, Spain, 2010.
- Participant in more than 10 international science conference (WCCI, HAIS, KES, ELM, IWINAC, HIS) and trainings (course on FSL, Statistical Parametric Mapping, International Summer Course on Medical Imaging using Bio-inspired and Soft Computing)

• Miren Urteaga Aldalur

- PhD student in neurolinguistics.
- Polyglot: speaks fluent Spanish, Basque, English, Catalan, German and Italian.
- Local organizing committee member of the Python San Sebastian Conference (PySS), Spain, 2014.
- Project manager in research projects in a local research center.

• José David Nuñez

- PhD student in computer science
- Assistant in Advances in Machine Learning for Social Media Analysis 2014, Wroclaw, Poland, 2014
- Board member of Python San Sebastian Society.

• Luis Javier Salvatierra

- Graduate student in computer science.
- Member of the organizing committee of the Python San Sebastián 14 conference.
- Attended Business and Tecnologies Conference, LibreCon, Bilbao (Euskalduna), Spain, 2014.
- Board member of Python San Sebastian Society.

• Ion Marqués

- PhD in computer science
- Co-organized KES, Spain, 2012.
- Board member of Python San Sebastian Society.
- Session chair at International Symposium on Extreme Learning Machines (ELM), Hangzhou, China, 2011
- Attended CISIS (2010), HAIS (2010 and 2012), IWINAC (2011 and 2013), SOCO (2013), KES (2012), in Spain; ELM (2011 and 2013) in China; ELM (2012) in Singapore; Future Internet Assembly (2013) in Ireland.

4 Previous conference organization experience

- Python San Sebastian 2014
 - Budget: 10.600 €
 - Registrations: 403 days conference
- International Conference on Innovation in Medicine and Healthcare 2014
 - Budget: 21.000 €
 - Registrations: 60
 - 3 days conference
- International Conference on Knowledge-Based and Intelligent Information & Engineering Systems 2012
 - Budget: 200.000 €
 - Registrations: 250
 - 3 days conference
- International Workshop on Hybrid Artificial Intelligence Systems 2010
 - Budget: 100.000 €
 - Registrations: 200
 - 3 days conference
- International Work-Conference on Artificial Neural Networks 2007
 - Budget: 125.000 €
 - Registrations: 250
 - 3 days conference

5 Team members position

5.1 Chairperson

- Manuel Graña Romay (Professor @ UPV/EHU, ACPySS, Neurita)
 - Alexandre Manhães Savio (Post-doc @ UPV/EHU, ACPySS, Neurita)
 - Borja Ayerdi Vilches (PhD. Student @ UPV/EHU, ACPySS, Neurita)
 - Darya Chyzhyk (Post-doc @ UPV/EHU, ACPySS, Neurita)
 - Oier Etxaniz Beneitez (PhD. Student @ UPV/EHU, ACPySS, Asmatu Intelligent Solutions)

5.2 Sponsor manager

- Borja Ayerdi Vilches
 - Oier Etxaniz Beneitez (PhD. Student @ UPV/EHU, ACPySS, Asmatu Intelligent Solutions)

5.3 Venue Manager

- Miren Urteaga Aldalur (PhD. Student @ UPV/EHU, ACPySS)
 - Borja Ayerdi Vilches
 - Alexandre Manhães Savio

5.4 Logistic Manager

- Darya Chyzhyk (Post-doc @ UPV/EHU, ACPySS, Neurita)
 - Luis Javier Salvatierra (Msc. Student @ UPV/EHU, ACPySS)

5.5 Conference desk manager

- Alexandre Manhães Savio
 - José David Nuñez (PhD. Student @ UPV/EHU, ACPySS)
 - Ion Marqués (Post-doc @ UPV/EHU, ACPySS)
 - Miren Urteaga Aldalur

6 All members list (including volunteers)

Apart from the members mentioned in Section 3 many colleagues from the Computer Science Faculties in San Sebastián and Vitoria have shown their interest on helping at the organization of the conference. Among others, we are counting with the help of Borja Fernández, Israel Rebollo, José Manuel Lopez Guede, Leire Ozaeta, Julian Estevez and Dioni Coronado, colleges of the GIC research group.

The following colleagues have also confirmed their willingness to help at the organization of the conference:

- Juan Alonso, engineer and Python developer from Oviedo, who already attended to the PySS 14, PyCon ES and EuroPython 2014,
- Alejandro García and Sergio Martínez, Msc. students, computer scientists from Vitoria, Python game developers, who attended both PyCon ES and PySS 14,
- Javier Domingo C., engineer and Msc. student from Bilbao who attended both PyCon ES and Europython 2014.

For the actual conference-days, a social call for volunteers could be made among the students of the University of the Basque Country and other local Universities. The University of the Basque Country has about 45.000 students, and Python is being introduced in the initial programming courses of many undergraduate studies. We expect that a call for volunteers among local students could attract the attention of many students from the city.

7 Potential local sponsors

While EPS will handle international sponsors, Europython will also be funded through local sponsors, which are usually smaller companies and institutions with a more local reach.

We have spotted several local groups and institutions that could be very interested on sponsoring the Europython conference in Bilbao. From our previous experiences and projects, we are in close contact with some of the local institutions and have had a very positive support at the organization of different initiatives and projects. Among potential sponsors we have spotted public institutions and research-related foundations as well as local companies.

Public institutions: Basque public institutions openly support research and industry-related initiatives such as this one. Some of the following institutions have already started negotiating collaboration and support for the conference:

- Diputación de Bizkaia
- Ayuntamiento de Bilbao
- Basque Government
- SPRI

Research-related institutions: Local research foundations play an essential role on cutting-edge technology and local economy. These type of organizations may be very interested on supporting events such as the EuroPython:

- University of the Basque Country
- IK4 Ikerlan
- Tecnalia
- Orona
- Indra

Companies: Local companies of various areas (telecommunications, tourism, energy, local banks, IT-related companies, etc.) could also be interested at supporting the Europython 2015 in Bilbao. We have already planned some kind of collaboration for the conference with some of them, but a very miscellaneous list of potential sponsors has been spotted:

- Fon
- Rumbo
- Pukas
- Telefónica I+D
- Euskaltel
- Panda Security
- Iberdrola
- Kutxabank
- Caja Laboral
- Ibermática
- Sher.pa
- QDQ media
- Scrapinghub

- Ticketea
- Buguroo
- e-Frontiers
- CodeSyntax
- ShuttleCloud
- Produban
- BitYviP
- Kaleidos
- Paradigma
- strsistemas
- Deiser
- ticjob
- Infojobs
- Autentia
- MacheteCoders
- Xeridia

8 Proposed dates

- The proposed conference dates in the Euskalduna Conference Center are: July 20-26th, 2015.
- The proposed conference dates in the Bilbao Exhibition Center are: July 13-19th, 2015.

During this time, there are no religious holidays and no other major events. Also we found no possible conflict with other major conferences related to Python.

Tentatively, we propose the following organization deadlines:

- Call for talks: February 7th, 2015
- Talk acceptance deadline: March 15th, 2015
- Start ticket sale: March 21st, 2015
- Talks schedule proposal: April 1st, 2015

8.1 Other events during July in the area

8.1.1 In Bilbao

- The Euskal Encounter
 - 24-26th July in the Bilbao Exhibition Center
 - a 5000 people event related to computer games, technology and hacks.
- BBK Live Music Festival
 - 9-11th July in Bilbao
 - around 100k (35k per day) people go to this music festival

8.1.2 Nearby cities

- San Fermín
 - 7th-14th July in Pamplona (1.5 hours by car from Bilbao)
 - Pamplona's local festivity
 - the population of Pamplona raises from 200k to 1.2m during this week.
- Jazz Music Festival Jazzaldia
 - 23-27th July in San Sebastián
 - an important international Jazz music festival with many free concerts in the city and in the beach.

9 Conference events

Social Event The student and personal tickets won't include the social event. We will offer it as an optional complement to the conference available to any ticket option and partners. There are many different options for the social event/gala-dinner:

1. A visit to typical Basque cider-house for dinner. Cider-houses offer a traditional dinner based on high-quality products and self-made cider that is served directly from their barrels. Even if the traditional menu is based on fish and meat products, there are also vegetarian options. Few known cider-houses have capacity for 200 to 600 diners, also with a disco option. Therefore, the proper destination for this purpose is a town close to the city (1.5 hour by bus). A bus service will be provided for the attendees to go from the conference center to the cider-house and return.



Figure 1: Serving cider from the barrel (left). Grilled steak, typical main dish at a cider-house (right).

2. A gala dinner or cocktail party in the Guggenheim Bilbao Museum. The Museum, one of Frank Gehry's masterpieces located minutes away from the conference centre, offers its central atrium and galleries for selected events and dinners. There is place either for a 400 people seating-dinner or a 800 people cocktail-party. After the dinner a disco-party would be organized in another venue.



Figure 2: Cocktail-party in Guggenheim Bilbao Museum (left). Guggenheim Bilbao Museum (right).

3. A gala-dinner or cocktail-party in the Euskalduna Conference Centre (same venue as the conference). The conference centre has a restaurant for a 500 people seating-dinner. There are also two other options in exhibition hall: 1) putting dining tables in for 800 people seating-dinner or 2) a 1200 people cocktail-party. After the dinner a disco-party would be organized in the same place or in another venue. For this option we must take into account the position of the sponsors stands as, depending on the numbers, we have to avoid them to be in the same place.



Figure 3: Gala-dinner in the Euskalduna Conference Centre exhibition hall.

4. A gala-dinner or cocktail-party in the Azurmendi Restaurant: http://www.azurmendi.biz/?idioma=en. Azurmendi's facilities are housed within an impressive and eclectic architecture, which is a medley of industrial aesthetics and the traditional style of local farmhouses. Azurmendi counts on a large, 650 square metre, multi-use Reception Room with a capacity for 600 seated people and for 800 people in a cocktail mode. It also counts on various meeting rooms and facilities that adapt to all requirements. This is a 3 Michelin-star restaurant but has a variety of different menus negotiable in the range of 60 euros to 150 euros. Moreover, it is located 15 minutes drive from Bilbao city and 10 minutes drive from the Loiu international airport.

In the cocktail parties the food consist of pintxos, which is an specialty in the Basque Country and one of the main tourism attractions of the area.

Visiting program In addition to the social events, a visiting program will be organized, which will include guided Bilbao city tour and a river-boat trip (Bilbaots).

We can also contact local surfboard companies, i.e. Pukas and Moor, which have surfing schools in the nearby beaches to ask for discounts and transport support to offer surfing courses to the attendees and partners.

Partner program

- Monday: Touristic visit about Bilbao old-town (one beer and two pintxos included).
- Tuesday: Visit to the Bilbao Guggenheim Museum (ticket included)
- Wednesday: Visit to the Plentzia beach (adaptable to the weather).
- Thursday: Boat trip by Bilbao statuary
- Friday: Visit to San Sebastián (bus ticket included)

10 Venue proposal

There are two venues for the 5 days of talks, training and catering of the EuroPython Bilbao: the Euskalduna Conference Centre and the Bibao Exhibitions Center.

The sprints weekend would take place at the Bizkaia Aretoa building which belongs to the University of the Basque Country. It is located in a the city centre, has exceptional rooms of different sizes and can also host a satellite event of up to 400 people. As employees of the University, we could get a very convenient price for this venue.

The venues proposed in this document have been marked in Fig. 4. In the satellite visualization mode of Google Maps the Bizkaia Aretoa is not visible since it was built after these images were taken (we guarantee it

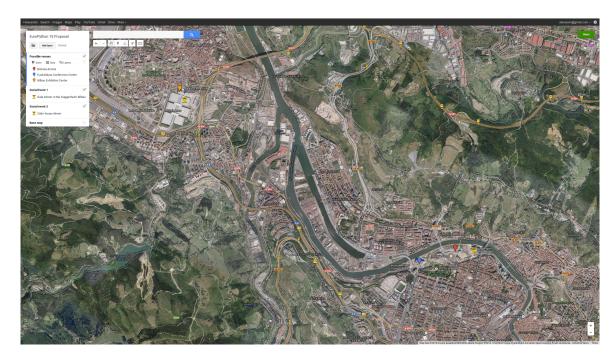


Figure 4: Map with main locations

exists, we have been there and it is brand new). The whole surrounding area has been recently landscaped and offers many green spots as well as services (see section 10.3).

Euskalduna agreed to keep the proposed dates until another event which overlaps the same dates is offered to them. The same is valid for the Bizkaia Aretoa. On the other hand, BEC agreed to keep our dates booked until February 1st. Once that occurs they will call us and ask to sign the contract if we are interested, otherwise they will cancel our booking.

10.1 Euskalduna Conference Center

The Euskalduna Conference Centre and Concert Hall is one of the flagships of the modern Bilbao. This venue received the Apex Award to "The Best Conference Centre in 2003" from the International Association of Conference Centres (AIPC) featuring 50 member countries.

The building offers a perfect co-ordination of areas open to the public such as its Auditorium, numerous halls, meeting and board rooms, offices, foyers, exhibition lobbies and services areas featuring warehouses, workshops, changing rooms, dressing rooms, rehearsal rooms, etc.

The building was designed by the architects Federico Soriano and Dolores Palacios. It stands on the shore of the Nervion River where the former Euskalduna Shipbuilding and Repair Company used to stand, which is the reason why it has the shape of a vessel under construction.

This concept pays tribute to Bilbao's metalworking and shipbuilding tradition and to the shipyards that operated along the Bilbao estuary for decades.

 $^{^3\}mathrm{Map\ on\ Figure 4\ available\ at\ https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=z3RGiOKmaE0E.klZ1xvCbdGuQlamedelmonths.}$





Figure 5: Euskalduna Conference Centre

10.1.1 Location, reachability by car, train, plane

• The Euskalduna Conference Centre is located in the heart of the city, at walking distance to many hotels, restaurants and transport (sea ports, motorways, train stations and underground). and services. 4 minutes away from the airport and boasts wonderful connections as regards motorways, railways and sea ports.

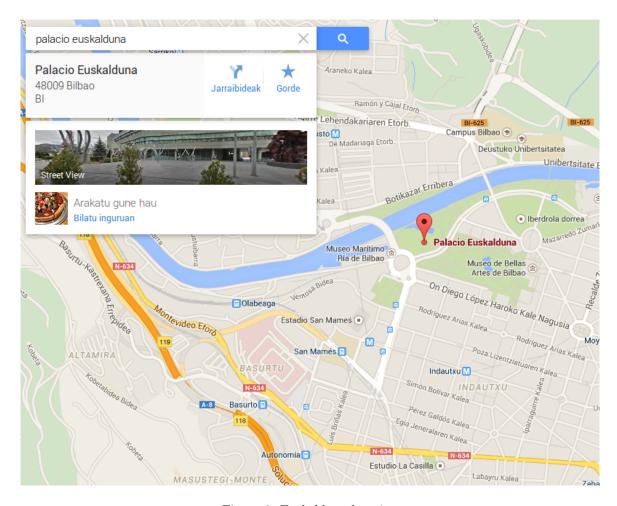


Figure 6: Euskalduna location

• GPS:

North Entrance
N 43 16.014 ^o
W 2 56.634 ^o

10.1.2 Venue floor plans, catering floor plans (if different from venue)

The Euskalduna Centre covers 53,000m2 distributed in a huge auditorium with capacity for 2,164 spectators and a 1,770m2 stage, and 18 separate halls for simultaneous performances or activities. Overall, it has up to 4,200 seats. Its versatility makes the Euskalduna an ideal place for any kind of event: conferences, meetings, presentations, exhibitions, concerts, opera plays, etc.

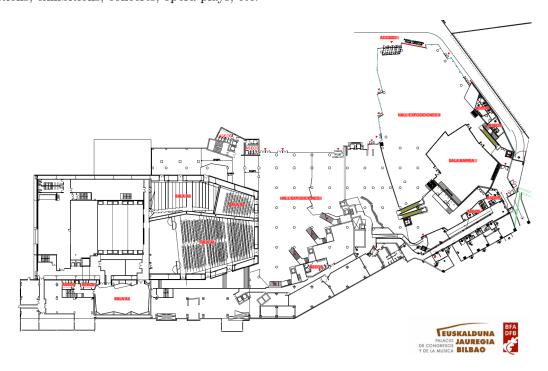


Figure 7: Floor plans

10.1.3 Total capacity for talk rooms, training rooms, plenary sessions, booth space and catering/restaurants; if possible, including room plans

Plenary sessions

The Euskalduna Conference Centre offers a flexible and unique space. Its different conference halls and meeting rooms range from a meeting-room for 10 attendees up to a big conference hall for 2,100 people ⁴:

- 2 break out rooms for up to 500 attendees each
- 1 break out rooms for up to 300 attendees each
- 6 break out rooms for up to 80 attendees each
- 5 break out rooms for up to 40 attendees each

The auditorium on the 2nd floor. It seats 2.164 people in chairs with book-arms.

	Maximum capacity	Surface area in m ²
AUDITORIUM	2.164	
ROOMS		
A1 THEATRE	613	
A2	103	
A3	305	
A4	150	
B level 1	90	
B level 3	90	
B Terrace	100	
C level 1	45	
C level 3	45	
D1	25	
D2	25	
D3	25	
E	230	
R1	70	
R2	70	
R3	70	
Office space		
VIP MEETING ROOM	22	
BOARD ROOM	12	
EXHIBITION HALL		2.000
FOYERS/VESTIBULES		6.000
BUSINESS CENTER		
Warehouse for congress delegates		

Figure 8: Euskalduna capacity

	Max. Capacity
Barria 1	108
Barria 2	260

Table 1: Capacity of Rooms Barria 1 and Barria 2 (also inside the Euskalduna). It can be joined in one room for $435~\rm pp.$

Training rooms. Rooms A4 and E are specially designed for training-sessions with tables and chairs disposed in classroom style. They have capacity for 122 and 184 people respectively.

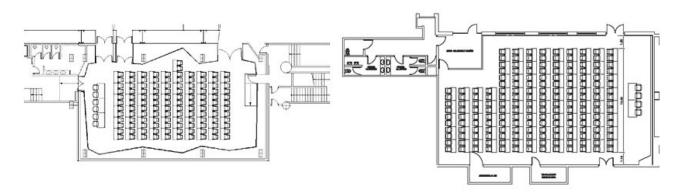
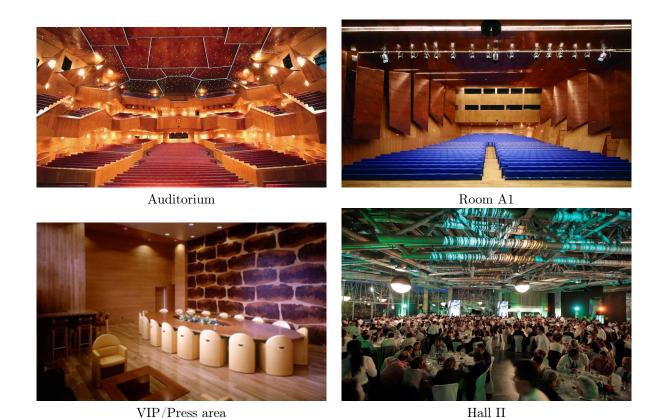


Figure 9: Rooms A4 and E

Booth space. Plenty of multipurpose space ready to be set up as desired.



The catering facilities should not be overlooked among the different services available. Apart from the coffee shops and bars at the centre, two first rate restaurants will satisfy the needs of even the most demanding customers.

- The Jauregia Restaurante has served a great many events, such as congresses, presentations, galas, business or social lunches and dinners. It was the first restaurant in the Basque Country to receive the Tourist Sector's Quality Certificate.
- The Etxanobe Restaurant showcases the gastronomic creations of Fernando Canales, one of chefs with the best technique and most cultured in the scene today. One of the centre's panoramic lift takes the diner up the restaurant, which is a splendid experience in itself, prior to the delights to be enjoyed in one of the great gastronomic sanctuaries of Bilbao and the Basque Country. The restaurant holds a Michelin star.

Lunches and coffee breaks can be served in both the exhibition halls and the Jauregia restaurant for the same price. There are options for continuous coffee, drinks and snacks service. For lunch there are three main options: served buffet, pintxos and lunch packs; these options could be changed each day to offer better variety.

10.1.4 A/V equipment

We plan to record video and audio for all regular talks as well as for all events in the main auditorium (lightning talks, keynotes etc.). The video production will be done shortly after the talks, either by volunteers or by students hired by the University of the Basque Country. In order to publish the data, we plan to use either dedicated web space (e.g., at europython.org) or a public video portal (e.g., YouTube). The recorded videos will be put under a CC-BY license, so that EPS can maintain an archive of conference videos for it. There is detailed information about the A/V equipment for each room and we can provide it if necessary.

10.1.5 Video recording, availability of on-site support for A/V recordings, possibly even including live- or post-editing

Video and Audio recording is possible in every room as well as post-event editing. The venue also offers the following services:

• Online live-streaming

- CCTV
- Networks

10.1.6 Lightning equipment, availability of on-site support for lighting

Special lighting equipment is available at rooms A1 and A3 as well as at the Barria Room. Minor rooms such as E, A2 and A4 do not have special lighting facilities, but they all have conventional lighting on speakers table, lectern and light intensity graduation control.

10.1.7 Upstream internet connection (at least 100Mbit/s up and downstream)

The Internet connection provided by the venue is 40 Mbit/s up and downstream. This connection can easily be upgraded permanently or on-demand until 100 Mbit/s or even 1 Gbit/s if necessary. The networking infrastructure at Euskalduna is ready to provide and support that speed. The provided Internet connection bandwith is always symmetrical and 100% guaranteed. Euskaltel, the local telecommunications company, is the building internet provider and could provide the needed connection upgrade.

10.1.8 WLAN structure, service provider, their experience with similar events (WLAN has to be able to handle more than 1000 devices without problems)

The WLAN infrastructure at Euskalduna is based on wireless equipment (Access Points and Controller) from Aruba Networks. Gartner independent research firm has certified Aruba's ability for execution, references and completeness of vision.

Since 2011, Euskalduna's Wireless Network is fully based on 802.11n wireless technology and before the end of 2014 will be introducing the latest 802.11ac technology as well. The wired LAN network infrastructure that supports the wireless network and the Internet Connection is based on Cisco switching technology, leader in networking infrastructure.

Both wired and wireless technology enables the WLAN at Euskalduna to manage more than 1000 devices without problems. In the past Euskalduna has successfully hosted international events like Sherpa Summit or W3C Summit where Internet-connectivity requirements were successfully met. Nevertheless, it is possible to hire additional WiFi antennas from Euskaltel. We have already contacted them and they are willing to sponsor the event through the conference Internet upgrade.

10.1.9 Available space for conference desk, sponsor booths, posters, social event, etc., planned locations of these on the floor plans

The Euskalduna Conference Centre has different rooms and venues designs for different purposes. Given the size, capabilities and services of each room, we have made a preliminary selection of the needed facilities and potential usability during the Europython:

HALL 1 & II (3,400m2) offer plenty of space for sponsor booths, poster areas and social events. Their open-space concept with no fixed furniture allows to manage them according to the needs.

The available conference rooms (A1, A2, A3, A4, BARRIA1 and BARRIA2 and E) have the needed infrastructure for all the talks. All rooms have basic conference-infrastructure (projectors, microphones, video-recording, etc.); nevertheless, each room is distinct in size and extra-features (individual power-plugs, tables, retractable audience-seats, divisions, etc.).



Figure 10: Available space

There are two terraces in the Euskalduna 5 conference center with a surface area of $1150m^2$. There is enough place for 400-500 people.

10.2 Bilbao Exhibition Centre (BEC)

The Bilbao Exhibition Centre is one of the most modern trade-show complexes in the world in terms of design and amenities. It is constructed to a highly innovative design that enables it to offer the best possible attention to all users, and to provide a convenient, comfortable setting for all the different events in its calendar ⁶.





Figure 11: BEC!

10.2.1 Location, reachability by car, train, plane

It is located near a subway station (Ansio on Line 2 between Etxebarri and Sestao), connecting with the center of Bilbao in just 15 minutes. To arrive here from the Bilbao Loiu airport you can take a bus to the city centre and then the subway. There is also direct connection with the main highway and a private parking as well as plenty of parking areas outside the building.

 $^{^5} http://www.euskalduna.net/espacios/espacios_terrazas.asp?idioma=en$

 $^{^6}$ You can find a 3D view of the whole building here: http://bilbaoexhibitioncentre.com/quienes-somos/recinto/bec-vista-dedron/

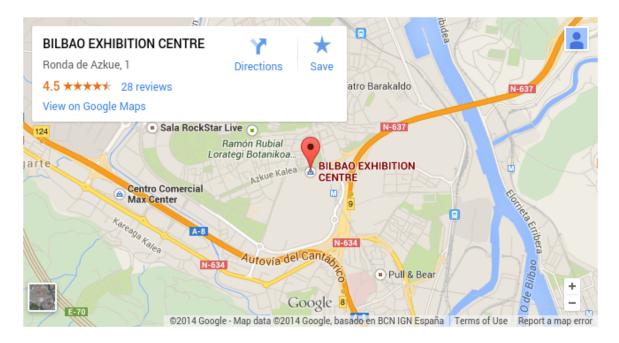


Figure 12: BEC location

• GPS:

North Entrance	Parking	South Entrance (goods)
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10.2.2 Venue floor plans, catering floor plans (if different from venue)

The BEC offers 150,000 m2 of exhibition space distributed between 6 halls, all without columns. The 18,000 m2 congress centre is the perfect venue for conventions, seminars, presentations, celebrations, gala dinners, etc. This great complex is supplemented by other facilities such as the Bizkaia ARENA, a multi-purpose arena that can be turned into a theater seating over 10,000, a sports hall seating 18,000, a cinema for 13,000 and a concert hall for 20,000.



Bizkaia Arena Common Areas

General information on the BEC.

• Exhibition space: 150.000 m2.

• Congress centre: 18.000 m2.

• Interior access: 6.500 m2.

• Office space: 6.500 m2.

• Atrium and restaurants: 41.500 m2.

• Open areas: 100.000 m2 (gardens and paved areas) 4.000 parking spaces.

10.2.3 Total capacity for talk rooms, training rooms, plenary sessions, booth space and catering/restaurants; if possible, including room plans

BEC Conventions offers a flexible and unique space adaptable to any event, any need. It has different conference halls and meeting rooms available, ranging from a meeting for 10 attendees to a big conference for more than 2,500 people 7 :

- 5 break out rooms for up to 500 attendees each
- $\bullet\,$ 2 break out rooms for up to 300 attendees each
- 5 break out rooms for up to 80 attendees each
- 8 break out rooms for up to 40 attendees each



Figure 13: Auditorium configuration example

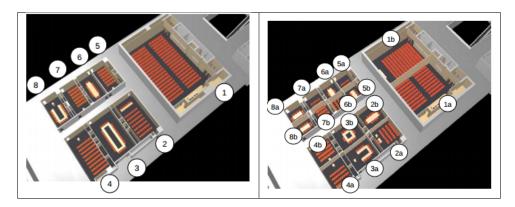


Figure 14: Training room configuration example of Room 1

Booth space. Plenty of multipurpose space ready to be set up as desired. Every space close to each other in a compact venue. Hall (Luxua 4) has 600 m2 as exibition area





Training room



Luxua



VIP/Press area

Rooms

Talk and Training rooms proposal For this proposal we chose the following room set-up:

- Rooms Luxua 1, 2 and 3 on level 3
 - for 300 people each.
- Auditorium on level 4
 - it seats 800-1000 people in chairs with book-arms or 450 people in class-room style.
- \bullet Rooms 1A and 1B on level 5
 - 150 people each.

BEC Catering

BEC has one self-service restaurant with space for 1000 people and one a la carte restaurant. BEC also has a catering service that can provide a range of options anywhere in the complex. From the Convention Centre to the exhibition halls, from coffee for 20 people to meals for 3,500. BEC offeres wide variety of menu types: coffee, lunch and coctails. Lunch could be self-service, buffet or including fixed lunch.

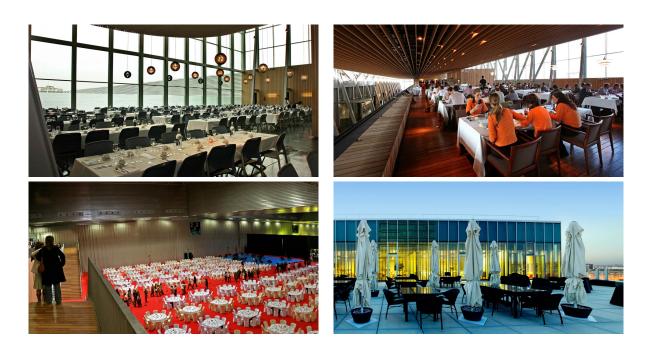


Figure 15: Catering in BEC!

10.2.4 A/V equipment

The screen, projector and loudspeakers: 3 microphono, 1 microphone lectern, 1 wireless handheld is availiable in all auditoriums.

10.2.5 Video recording, availability of on-site support for A/V recordings, possibly even including live- or post-editing

Video recording and audio in all rooms is performed with DVC-PRO ENG camera with tripod. The auditorium has 5 simultaneous translation booths, a central projector booth, WiFi and CCTV. It can be divided into two 450-seater auditorium equipped with independent audio-visual and simultaneous translation facilities.

10.2.6 Lightning equipment, availability of on-site support for lighting

The success of your event is guaranteed thanks to the excellent lighting, provided by eight lighting grids, and the audiovisual equipment, operated from a central booth.

10.2.7 Upstream internet connection (at least 100Mbit/s up and downstream)

200Mbit/s upstream and downstream for free. If we need more bandwith we would have to pay. BEC provides Wifi service in any point of the building

10.2.8 WLAN structure, service provider, their experience with similar events (WLAN has to be able to handle more than 1000 devices without problems)

BEC Bizkaia Arena has Local Area Network (LAN), WAN links (via LAN), Internet /Intranet, Public information points

10.2.9 Available space for conference desk, sponsor booths, posters, social event, etc., planned locations of these on the floor plans

BEC provides several services and common areas that can be used in the celebration of any type of event. The atrium acts as a distribution area for the 6 exhibition halls set on either side of a thoroughfare 30 m wide and 500 m long, running north to south through the complex. BEC offers Press room (40 pax), Organizing Committee room, VIP room.

There are no specific terraces for the people in the conference in this venue, although, the entrance of the building has a very wide walking area with public seats. There is a cafeteria in the last floor of the building but we don't know if it is open the whole year.

The exhibition hall for sponsor booths 8 is in the wide corridor in the entrance of the building. It is indicated in yellow in Figure 16.

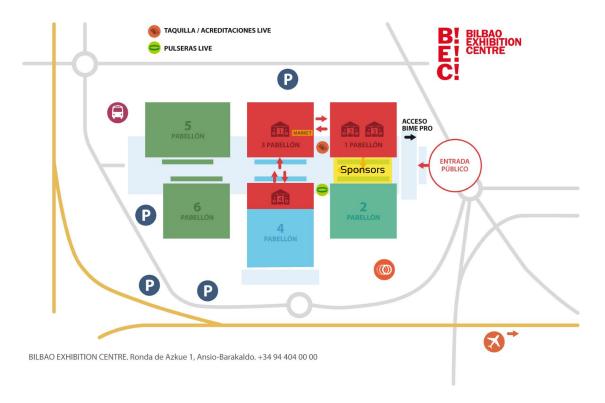


Figure 16: Sponsors area (yellow).

10.3 Sprints venue: Bizkaia Aretoa

The Bizkaia Aretoa is a new building of the University of the Basque Country in Bilbao.

It is an emblematic building designed by the architect Álvaro Siza, who has given priority to "maintaining the scale of the place, respecting cornices and placing the ground floor at the service of the pedestrian, open and permeable, offering views inside with huge wings that integrate the private space in the public area and vice versa".

It has a mixed structure of wrought steel and concrete and its northern and eastern facades, which will form the main entrance to the building, are set with huge rectangular windows. The facades leading to the library, to the Deusto bridge and the Plaza Euskadi are clad in white marble, which is also found on the stairs and between the gray handmade tiles covering the main wall.

⁸ http://www.becconvenciones.com/portal/page/portal/CONVENCIONES/P CONV INSTAL/P CONV CENTRO CONV/P CONV H

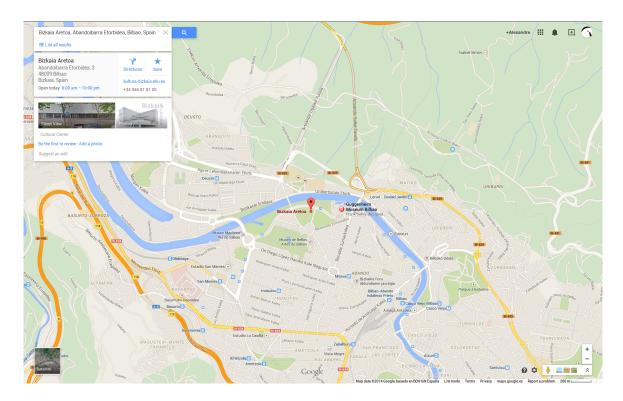


Figure 18: The Bizkaia Aretoa on Google Maps



Figure 17: The Bizkaia Aretoa Center

http://www.ehu.es/en/web/bizkaia-aretoa/entzunaretoak

10.3.1 Location

The building is located in one of the most emblematic parts of Bilbao. L-shaped, it opens out onto the estuary and the Guggenheim Museum, right in the centre of Avenida Abandoibarra, between the Padre Arrupe footbridge and the bridge known as the Puente de Deusto.

This location is about 5 minutes by walk from the Euskalduna Conference Center and 10 minutes by subway from the Bilbao Exhibition Center.

10.3.2 Venue floor plans, catering floor plans (if different from venue)

Breakfast, lunch and coffee breaks will be included in the sprints. It is possible to deliver catering from external services to this location.

10.3.3 Total capacity for talk rooms, training rooms, plenary sessions, booth space and catering/restaurants; if possible, including room plans

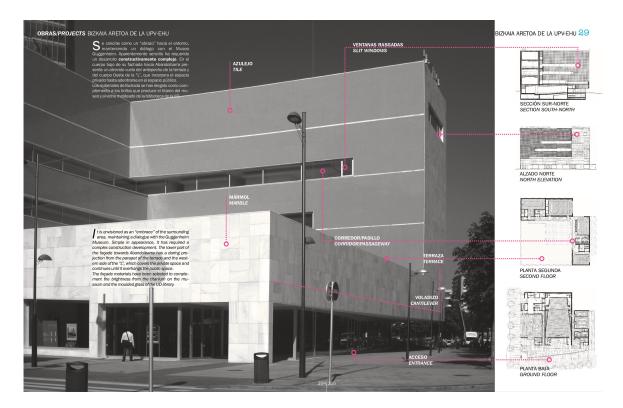


Figure 19: Bizkaia Aretoa room distribution

It has a constructed surface area of over 9,000 square meters, spread over six floors. The 2,300 m2 ground floor provides a space for the building's main auditorium, Mitxelena, with room for 441 people, a large 400 m2 foyer, two meeting rooms and a spacious gift shop. The first, second and third floors have an area of just over 1000 m2 and will house the offices of the Vice-Chancellor and the Governing Council, two conference rooms for 161 and 66 people, five exhibition areas and offices for several services of the university. In addition, the building has in its first floor a 400 m2 terrace with amazing views. In the basement there is a car park and several storage rooms.

Auditoriums are the perfect rooms for talks and plenary sessions. Bilbao Aretoa has four Auditoriums of different sizes Mitxelena (441p), Baroja (161p), Arriaga (63p), Oteiza (93p). These rooms are fully equipped with projections systems and audio devices (several microphones) and some of them have also extra equipment for light or video conference. All of them have chairs with writing tablet and places for people in wheelchairs.

The exhibition galleries of the second floor are a perfect environment for team works with open spaces. The galleries are open-plan areas of different sizes (220, 110, and 80m2) where we can perfectly host more than 20 sprint-projects or even workshops.

The terrace of the second floor is an spectacular area with really excellent view. Here we can give another ambiance to the sprints and it can be an interesting area to share moments and ideas to keep developing projects.

10.3.4 A/V equipment

Each of the auditoriums have a HiFi projection system and are fully equipped with microphones for speakers and hand microphones.

10.3.5 Video recording, availability of on-site support for A/V recordings, possibly even including live- or post-editing

There are not video recording services expected for sprints and weekend events for EuroPython. But if needed there is support for video recording in the main auditoriums. For other rooms this service has to be hired.

10.3.6 Lightning equipment, availability of on-site support for lighting

Mitxelena and Baroja are equipped with a spotlight system.

10.3.7 Upstream internet connection (at least 100Mbit/s up and downstream)

Buildings Internet connection is provided actually by Euskaltel and is prepared to support at least 100Mbit/s for each access point.

10.3.8 WLAN structure, service provider, their experience with similar events (WLAN has to be able to handle more than 1000 devices without problems)

Buildings WLAN service is provided actually by Euskaltel and is prepared to support the requirements of 1000 simultaneous connections.

10.3.9 Available space for conference desk, sponsor booths, posters, social event, etc., planned locations of these on the floor plans

• Conference desk and sponsor booths

Ground Floor. The room is appropriate for accreditation and the sponsor area. The 2300 m2 can accommodate many booths and guests.

• Poster area

If needed any exhibition room can be a good place for posters.

• Social Event etc.

Social Events are going to be in different venues, but the terrace of this venue can handle any social stuff.

11 Accommodation

11.1 Rates for the hotels/hostels and, optionally, special rates which can be made available to attendees

11.1.1 5* hotels

	Single room (1n)	Double room (1n)
Hotel Carlton	110€	110€
Silken Gran Hotel Domine Bilbao	122€	122€
Meliá Bilbao	119€	119€
Ercilla López de Haro	83€	83€

11.1.2 4* hotels

	Single room (1n)	Double room (1n)
Ercilla	72€	72€
Silken Indautxu	72€	72€
Hotel Miró	123€	123€
NH Collection Villa de Bilbao	88€	98€
Zenit Bilbao	69€	69€
Novotel BEC	74€	77€

11.1.3 3* and student residences

	Single room (1n)	Double room (1n)
Hotel Abba Parque	63€	63€
NH Deusto	57€	57€
Colegio Mayor Deusto	38€	38€
Colegio Mayor Miguel de Unamuno y Jugo	34€	34€

11.1.4 Hostels

	Single	Double room	Quadruple Room	>4 people room
Botxo Gallery	-	-	-	15€
Moon Hostel Bio	19.95€	29.95€	14.95€	8.95€
Bilbao Central Hostel	-	-	-	28€
Hostal Begoña	57.2€	66€	150€ (family room)	-

11.2 Available hotels/hostels near the conference venues, their distance from the conference venue, city center, airport and train station

11.2.1 5* hotels

Meliá Bilbao

Lehendakari Leizaola, 29

48001 BILBAO

Tel.: + 34 94 428 00 00 Fax: + 34 94 428 00 01

e-mail: melia.bilbao@melia.com http://www.melia-bilbao.com

Distance to Euskalduna: 3 minutes walk

Distance to BEC: 28 minutes: subway + walking

Number of rooms: 211

Hotel Carlton

Plaza de Federico Moyúa, 2

48009 BILBAO

Tel.: +34 944 162 200 Fax: +34 944 164 628

e-mail: carlton@aranzazu-hoteles.com

http://www.hotelcarlton.es

Distance to Euskalduna: 13 minutes walk Distance to BEC: 21 minutes: subway + walking

Number of rooms: 48

Silken Gran Hotel Domine Bilbao

Alameda de Mazarredo, 61

48009 BILBAO

Tel.: +34 944 253 300 Fax: +34 944 253 301

e-mail: recepcion.domine@hoteles-silken.com http://www.granhoteldominebilbao.com Distance to Euskalduna: 12 minutes walk

Distance to BEC: 28 minutes: subway + walking

Number of rooms: 145

Ercilla López de Haro

Obispo Orueta, 2 - 4 48009 BILBAO

Tel.: +34 94 423 55 00 Fax: +34 94 423 45 00

e-mail: lh@hotellopezdeharo.com http://www.ercillahoteles.com

Distance to Euskalduna: 17 minutes walk/15 minutes bus

Distance to BEC: 25 minutes: subway + walking

Number of rooms: 53

11.2.2 4* hotels

Ercilla

Ercilla, 37-39 48011 Bilbao

Tel: +34 94 470 57 00 Fax: +34 94 443 93 35 e-mail: ercilla@hotelercilla.es http: //www.ercillahoteles.com

Distance to Euskalduna: 13 minutes walk/13 minutes underground

Distance to BEC: 21 minutes: subway + walking

Number of rooms: 345

Silken Indautxu

Plaza Bombero Etxaniz, s/n

48010 Bilbao

Tel: +34 94 444 00 04 Fax: +34 94 421 13 31

e-mail: reservas.indautxu@hoteles-silken.com

http://www.hotelindautxu.com

Distance to Euskalduna: 17 minutes walk/16 minutes bus or underground

Distance to BEC: 21 minutes: subway + walking

Number of rooms: 184

Hotel Miró

Alameda Mazarredo, 77

48009 Bilbao

Tel.: +34 94 661 18 80 Fax: +34 94 425 51 82

Distance to Euskalduna: 9 minutes walk/12 minutes bus

Distance to BEC: 28 minutes: subway + walking

Number of rooms: 50

NH Collection Villa de Bilbao

Gran Vía, 87 48011 Bilbao

Tel.: +34 94 441 60 00 Fax: +34 94 441 65 29

e-mail: nhvilladebilbao@nh-hotels.com

 $http: \ //www.nh-hotels.com$

Distance to Euskalduna: 3 minutes walk

Distance to BEC: 22 minutes: subway + walking

Number of rooms: 142

Zenit Bilbao

Autonomía, 58 48012 Bilbao

Tel: +34 94 410 81 08Fax: +34 94 410 91 09

e-mail: bilbao@zenithoteles.com http://www.zenithoteles.com

Distance to Euskalduna: 16 minutes walk/17 minutes bus or underground

Distance to BEC: 23 minutes: subway + walking

Number of rooms: 65

Novotel Bilbao Exhibition Center

Río Castaños, 2, 48903 Barakaldo

Tel: (+34)94/4184700Fax: (+34)94/4373743e-mail: H5218@accor.com

http://www.novotel.com/es/hotel-5218-novotel-bilbao-exhibition-center

Distance to Euskalduna: 36 minutes: subway + walking

Distance to BEC: 15 minutes walking

Number of rooms: 203

11.2.3 3*

Hotel Abba Parque

Rodríguez Arias, 66

48013 Bilbao

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e-mail: parque@abbahoteles.com http://www.abbahoteles.com

Distance to Euskalduna: 5 minutes walk

Distance to BEC: 21 minutes: subway+ walking

Number of rooms: 176

NH Deusto

Francesc Macia, 9 48014 Bilbao

Tel.: +34 94 476 00 06

Fax: +34 94 476 21 90 e-mail: nhdeusto@nh-hotels.com

http://www.nh-hotels.com Distance to Euskalduna: 11 minutes walk or bus

Distance to Euskalduna: 11 minutes walk or bus Distance to BEC: 24 minutes: subway + walking

Number of rooms: 71

11.2.4 Student residence

Colegio Mayor Deusto

Camino Ugasko 7 48014 Bilbao

Tlf.: +34 94 475 92 00

Fax: +34 94 476 29 56 e-mail: colegio.mayor@deusto.es

http://www.colegiomayordeusto.es

Distance to Euskalduna: 12 minutes walk or bus Distance to BEC: 24 minutes: subway + walking

Number of rooms: 302

Colegio Mayor Miguel de Unamuno y Jugo

Avda. Lehendakari Aguirre, 140

48015 Bilbao

Tlf.: +34 94 601 74 99 Fax: +34 94 601 74 94 e-mail: unamuno@lg.ehu.es http://www.ehu.es/unamuno

Distance to Euskalduna: 16 minutes underground or 18 minutes bus

Distance to BEC: 17 minutes: subway + walking

Number of rooms: 201

11.2.5 Hostels

Botxo Gallery Hostel

Avenida de las Universidades, 5

Bilbao

Tlf.: +34 94 413 48 49 Fax: +34 94 609 07 95

e-mail: info@botxogallery.com

http://botxogallery.com/en/booking Distance to Euskalduna: 14 minutes walk

Distance to BEC: 34 minutes: subway + walking

Moon Hostel Bio

Luzarra, 7 48014 Bilbao

Tlf.: +34 944 750 848 Fax: +34 944 757 097

e-mail: info@moonhostelbio.com/ $\label{locom} $$ $ $ \text{http://moonhostelbio.com/} $$$

Distance to Euskalduna: 14 minutes underground or 15 minutes walk

Distance to BEC: 19 minutes: subway + walking

Bilbao Central Hostel

Fernández del Campo, 24

 $48010 \\ Bilbao$

Tlf.: $+34\ 946\ 526\ 057$ Fax: $+34\ 946\ 526\ 057$

Distance to Euskalduna: 18 minutes underground or 20 minutes walk

Distance to BEC: 26 minutes: subway + walking

Hostal Begoña

Amistad, 2 48001 Bilbao

Tlf.: +34 94 423 01 34 Fax: +34 94 423 01 33 e-mail: info@actioturis.com http://www.hostalbegona.com/

Distance to Euskalduna: 25 minutes bus or 51 minutes walk

Distance to BEC: 23 minutes: subway + walking

11.3 The above for three different categories: high end, average and low end

- High end: 5^* and 4^* hotels.
 - 80-120€ each night.
- Average: 4* hotels.
 - -60-80€ each night.
- Low end: 3* hotels, student residence and hostels.
 - 9-60€ each night.

11.4 Optionally, a "main" hotel that serves as default choice for conference attendees and serves as social hub

• High end social hub: Meliá Bilbao

• Average social hub: Ercilla

• Low end social hub: Colegio Mayor Deusto

12 City tourist information

12.1 General information

12.1.1 Touristic Information

Bilbao is the capital of Vizcaya in the Basque Country, Spain. The city is situated on the banks of the Nervión, a tidal river. The climate in Bilbao is milder than in most other parts of the peninsula, rarely falling below freezing in winter, or rising above 35°C in summer. There is also more rain, which is a mixed blessing. The green hills of Bilbao are a welcome relief after an extended stay in the dry plains in the south, but planning a day at the beach is more risky. The population of Bilbao proper is just over 372,000, but within the metropolitan area there are over 1,000,000 inhabitants. Bilbao is divided into eight district areas: Deusto, Uribarri, Otxarkoaga/Txurdinaga, Begoña, Ibaiondo, Abando, Rekalde and Basurto/Zorroza.



Figure 20: Bilbao Museums: (A) Guggenheim (B) Fine Art museum (C) Maritime Museum (D) Basque Museum (E) Sacred Art Museum

Museums

Guggenheim Museum Abandoibarra etorbidea, 2. Tue-Sun, 10:00 to 20:00; Jul and Aug: Mon-Sun, 10:00 to 20:00. Closed Jan 1 and Dec 25. Frank Gehry's spectacular twisting titanium-clad modern art museum is perhaps the most celebrated building of the 1990s. The graceful, sensuous curves, evocative of the ships that used to be ubiquitous along the docks of Bilbao, are covered in titanium squares, which resemble the scales of a fish and shimmer in the sunlight. In keeping with the maritime theme, appropriate for the setting, the skylights of the largest gallery (formerly known as the Fish gallery) are designed to look like the fins of fish. Many parts of the building are purely decorative, and don't serve any purpose. The permanent collection is not particularly impressive, but the museum always hosts at least one interesting temporary exhibit, frequently comprised of masterpieces from the other Guggenheim collections. Adults €13.00; students under 26: €7.50; children under 12: free.

Museo de Bellas Artes (Museum of Fine Art) Plaza del Museo, 2. Tue-Sat, 10AM-8PM; Sun and public holidays 10AM-2PM; Mon: closed. 1 Jan and 25 December: closed. The Museum of Fine Art's remarkable collection currently boasts more than six thousand works dating from the 12th century to the present day, and includes paintings, sculptures, drawings, engravings and decorative objects. General: €6.00; groups, students, senior citizens and unemployed: €4.50. Free of charge on Wed, and for children under 12. Artean

Package, €13.50 (tickets for both the Guggenheim Museum and the Fine Arts Museum). Prices change for special exhibitions.

Basque Museum Plaza Unamuno, 4. Tue-Sat: 11AM-5PM, Sun 11AM-2PM. Mondays and public holidays: closed. Established in 1921 to focus on the prehistory, archaeology, ethnography and history of Euskadi (Basque homeland). Not a particularly well laid out museum. It will be of passing interest to people who study Basque culture. Adults: €3; students and groups €1.50. Children under 10 and seniors: free. Thu: free.

La Ría Maritime Museum Muelle Ramón de la Sota, 1. Located in what used to be the Euskalduna shipyard, next to the current Euskalduna Performing Arts Center. The Museum covers an area of 27,000 square metres, 7,000 for indoor exhibitions and 20,000 for outdoor exhibitions, the three docks, the walkway surrounding them and the estuary.

- Adults: €5; Students, people over 65: €3.50.
- Children under 6: free of charge.
- Winter: Tue-Fri, 10AM-2PM, 4-6PM. Sat-Sun, 10AM-2PM, 4-8PM. Summer: call to check.

Museo Taurino (Bullfighting Museum) Martín Agüero, 1, Plaza de Toros de Vista Alegre, (Near Plaza Zabalburu), tel. 94-444-8698. Next to a bullring, the Museo Taurino highlights the role bullfighting has played in Euskadi. €3.

Museo Diocesano de Arte Sacro (Museum of Sacred Art) Plaza de la Encarnación, 9-B, Atxuri, tel. 94-432-0125. A former convent founded in 1515 by Dominican nuns. General: €2. Students, seniors, and under 18: €1. Free on Thursdays.

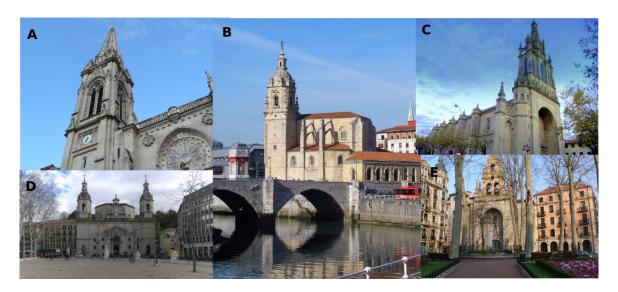


Figure 21: (A) Cathedral of St. James (B) Iglesia de San Antón (C) Basílica de Begoña (D) Iglesia de San Nicolás (E) Iglesia de San Vicente Martir

Churches

Cathedral of St. James (Santiago) Gothic Style 14th century Cathedral, named after Bilbao's official patron saint. Three naves and small Gothic cloisters. The building was designated a cathedral in 1949. Its Neogothic tower and main façade were designed by Severino de Achúcarro in the 1800s. The adjoining square (Plaza de Santiago) bosts a fountain designed by Luis Paret during the reign of Carlos III with the inscription Por el bien público (For the good of the people).

Iglesia de San Antón Gothic style church from the first half of the 15th century (1422). Dedicated to San Anton in the 16th century, the building is a mixture of styles including a renaissance portico and baroque tower which was built in 1777. The church was constructed on the ruins of a former alcazar, and is shown on Bilbao's shield.

Basílica de Begoña Overlooking Bilbao, this is perhaps the most symbolic religious building in the city. Built in the 16th Century by Sancho Martinez de Arego, who was also responsible for the Iglesia San Anton. It is a basilica of three naves. During the first Carlista War, in 1835, the façade and the tower were destroyed. The present ones were designed Jose Maria Basterra and constructed between 1902 and 1907.

Iglesia de San Nicolás Esperanza, 1 (Arenal, Casco Viejo), 94 416 1424. The Iglesia de San Nicolás, finished in the 19th century, is dedicated to the patron saint of sailors. One of the best examples of Baroque architecture in Vizcaya.

Iglesia de San Vicente Martir Plaza de San Vicente, (Near: Abando), 94-423-1296. Gothic church built in the 16th century.



Figure 22: Others thing to do: (A) Alhondiga (B) City Hall (C) Mercado de la Ribera (D) Palacio de la diputacion (E) Arriaga theatre (F) Moyua and Gran via (G) Parque Etxeberria (H) Pintxos

Other Places of Interest

Alhondiga An amazing building which has recently modernized. It is an amazing complex containing a library, several bars and restaurants, a cinema and even a roof swimming pool with a glass floor! A must visit!

A flower puppy Just in the front of the Guggenheim Museum, created by Jeff Koons, it's one of the most famous symbols of modern Bilbao.



Figure 23: Puppy

Birthplace of Miguel Unamuno C/ La Ronda 16, next to Plaza Unamuno (Metro station: Casco Viejo). Spanish author born on the 29th of September 1864. His works include the novels Niebla and San Manuel Bueno, Martir, which are both read in AP Spanish Literature classes in the United States. Unamuno died on the 31st of December 1936 in Salamanca.

Teatro Arriaga Originally inaugurated on the 31st of May 1890, on the site of several former theaters, the first Teatro Arriaga burnt down on the 22nd of December 1914. The second Teatro Arriaga opened on the 5th of June 1919. Evocative of the Opera House in Paris, the theater has an ornate facade and beautiful interior. The theater, and the square in front of it, were named after Juan Crosótomo de Arriaga, a composer from Bilbao. There is a tourist information office in the theater building: the entrance is on the left side as you face the theater.

Mercado de la Ribera Another emblem next to the Iglesia de San Antón is the Mercado de la Rivera. One of the biggest covered markets in Europe. It was built in 1929 on the site of the original Rivera Street market. Produce fish and meat are sold in the market every morning, except Sundays.

Plaza Nueva Bilbao's Plaza Nueva was originally named Plaza de Fernando VII. Construction began on the plaza on December 31, 1829 and finished exactly 20 years later on December 31, 1849. This plaza was the seat of the Diputación de Vizcaya until July 1900 when the Diputación moved to its new home on the Gran Vía. The Academy of the Basque Language (Euskaltzaindia) currently occupies the old Diputación building in the Plaza Nueva. There is a market of used books, stamps, coins, and other small items in the plaza every Sunday morning. The Plaza Nueva is surrounded by buildings and only has entrances on some sides.

Palacio de la Diputación Ornately decorated palace situated on the Grand Vía. Baroque-style monument designed by Luis Aladrén in 1897 to serve as the seat of the Diputación Foral de Bizkaia (Vizcaya) and inaugurated on July 31, 1900. The interior is just as lavish as the exterior, with beautiful stained glass windows.

Plaza Moyua and Gran Vía On the stretch of the Gran Vía between Plaza Abando and Plaza Moyua is the main shopping and fashion district of Bilbao. On this short stretch you can find tons of clothes shops (For, Zara, Mango, H&M) as well as department store El Corte Ingles. This is a must-walk street.

Parque Etxebarria The site of a former steel factory, this park was created in the 1980s as the first step of reorienting Bilbao from the industrial sector to the service sector. Wonderful views of the Casco Viejo and

the Teatro Arriaga. There is a prominent chimney in the park, left over from the site's time as a factory. The park hosts a fun fair in August.

Ayuntamiento (City Hall) Plaza Ernesto Erkoreka. The city hall opened in 1892. Designed by architect Jaquin Rucoba in neo-baroque style. Don't miss the main reception area, called Arab Salon

12.1.2 Restaurants

Basque cooking enjoys a reputation for being one of the best cuisines in the world. This statement is corroborated by everyone who visits this region and eats at a bar, restaurant, steakhouse or cider farm - the food is very good in the Basque Country. Traditional cooking based on the quality of its products and their simple preparation, with roots in public tradition and in which seafood plays a special part, although we should not forget our tasty meats and local products such as beans, cheese and junket. These and other products complete the extensive repertoire of our traditional gastronomy. In the seventies, after researching, innovating and extending the repertoire of traditional Basque cooking and after a first contact with French cuisine, a group of young chefs came up with the idea of the so-called New Basque Cuisine, and today some of the leading chefs in this movement are household names.

As a result of their experimentation and research, the group came up with new ingredients, new ways of preparing food, new aromas and combinations, creating an exquisite and creative cuisine. Speaking of the Basque gastronomy, it would be impossible not to mention the Popular Gastronomic Societies, which can be found all over the region. These masculine redoubts represent a unique phenomenon and maintain the attachment to local culinary traditions very much alive. Without them, it would be difficult to explain the deep-rooted popularity of Basque cuisine. In these Societies, men cook for their friends and relatives, making gastronomy the basis for their social relations. Another of the curiosities of Basque cooking are the "pintxos" or "tapas", small portions served in most bars and restaurants and which represent another opportunity to try the delicacies of our cuisine. The Basque Country offers a wide range of restaurants, steakhouses, seafood restaurants, cider farms, etc., for all tastes and pockets.

The Aizian restaurant in the Meliá Hotel near the Euskalduna Conference Center has been awarded this year 1 Michelin-star.

Pintxos People from Bilbao, like the rest of the Basque people, cherish two passions: food and friendship. They nurture them at the same time otherwise they lose some of their allure. All of this is conducive to the fact that the Villa understands snacking as an informal get-together without prior arrangement. In other words, there are groups of friends who do not need to arrange to meet because they know that at a certain time every day of the year, they will come across someone having a pintxo in the bar they regularly go to. Each area has its clientele and each person from Bilbao has his/her friends. This is the way it is. However, for the visitor, Bilbao offers an excellent opportunity to savour the pintxo food culture to the full in seven different areas. You can get more information about Pintxo routes ⁹.

12.1.3 Mobility

If you are going to take more than one or two journeys on public transit, a **CreditTrans** card would be a good investment. It can save you up to 50% over buying single tickets. It is valid on all the municipal transit systems in Bilbao, and most (soon to be all) of the provincial transit systems in Vizcaya. It is a pay per ride card available at all Metro and Tram stations in denominations of $\mathfrak{C}5$, $\mathfrak{C}10$, and $\mathfrak{C}15$. It is also available at many newspaper stands. Individual tickets cost from $\mathfrak{C}1.20$ upward.

• MetroBilbaoConvenient, Norman Foster designed Metro. Single line within Bilbao, splitting into two lines after San Inazio station. Line one runs from Etxebarri to Plentzia; line two from Etxebarri to Santurtzi. Trains run every couple of minutes at peak hours. Tickets cost from €1.40-1.60, depending on how many zones your journey covers, or a daily card is available for €4.

⁹Pintxos route: http://www.bilbaoturismo.net/BilbaoTurismo/en/rutas 2



Figure 24: Metro Bilbao

- Bilbobus City bus service.
- EuskoTrenA green tram from Atxuri Station to Basurto. The single line runs along the river passing the Bilbao Guggenheim Museum. Single tickets cost €1.15, and are sold from machines at tram stops. Don't forget to validate the ticket before boarding.
- BizkaiBus For buses which operate outside Bilbao city limits. BizkaiBus runs a service between the bus terminal and the airport, with several stops in between and one in Plaza Moyua (Hacienda building). Other Bizkaibus destinations are Mundaka, Bakio, Gernika,...
- Artxanda Funicular Spectacular views of Bilbao.

12.2 Travel information. How to get there?

By plane Bilbao Airport (IATA: BIO) is served by Lufthansa, Air France, Air Berlin, TuiFly, AerLingus, Iberia, Air Europa, Vueling, Norwegian and several other airlines. Easy Jet flies from London Stansted and Manchester to Bilbao airport. To get to downtown from the airport, take Bizkaibus A3247 from the arrivals sidewalk: there is no arrivals hall. The bus leaves every half hour at :15 and :45 past the hour from the airport to Bilbao bus terminal and takes about 25 minutes. The reverse journey is at :25 and :55 past the hour from the bus terminal to the airport, stopping three times on the way at Gran Via 79 Viajes Ecuador, Plaza Moyua and Almeda Recalde 11. A single ticket costs €1.40.

Taxis to downtown Bilbao from the airport cost about €25-30.

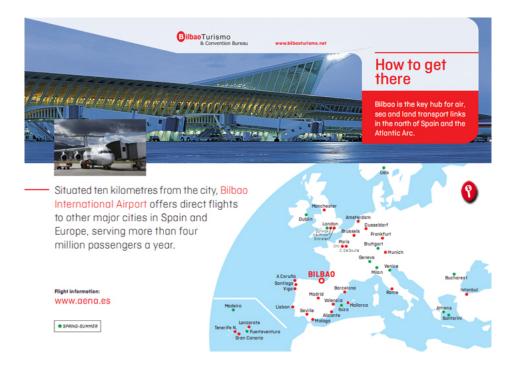


Figure 25: How to get there by plane

You can also fly with Ryanair to Santander (IATA: SDR) which is 1 hour by car from Bilbao (104 km). There is a direct bus from Santander Airport to Bilbao for €12.71 one way ticket with ALSA company.

Biarritz Airport (IATA: BIQ) Is about an hour and half drive (146 km) to the east of the city and is a popular airport for visitors from France. There are buses between Biarritz and San Sebastian and train that involve at least one change. Once in San Sebastian you can take a PESA bus to Bilbao. For more convenient travel use Biarritz Airport Transfers for private transfers from Biarritz to Bilbao.

By train

- RENFE runs intercity trains to Madrid, Barcelona, Vigo (Galicia). All Renfe trains leave from Abando Station.
- **FEVE** runs regional trains to Santander (3 daily), and Leon (1 Daily). They are very slow, and make a stop in almost every single town they pass through. From Santander you can continue to Oviedo (Asturias), and La Coruña (Galicia). This journey has three legs, but it is only possible to do 2 legs in any one day. FEVE trains leave from Santander Station (next to Abando Station)
- EuskoTren runs a local service to San Sebastian, with connection there for Irun (on the Spanish-French border). It takes two hours to reach San Sebastian. Trains leave from Atxuri Station.

By bus All buses to other provinces leave from the **TermiBus terminal**. There are regular connections to Santander (75 minutes) San Sebastián (60 minutes) and Madrid (arriving at Avenida de Las Americas bus station, 4-5 hours) among others.

To get in from San Sebastián, the PESA and ALSA buses take off from the main bus station. In Google maps you can type in 'Estación de Autobuses de San Sebastián, San Sebastian, Espana' to see where it is. You also need to buy a ticket from the PESA or ALSA ticket office before you board as you can't buy tickets walking onto the bus.

The bus companies connect Bilbao with many cities in Spain more cheaply and frequently than the rail companies.

The company linking Bilbao to Santander is ALSA. It's usually better to buy the ticket the day before or print your ticket on the company's website. Instead of printing, you can also use the text message they send to your mobile as proof of purchase.

For Vitoria-Gasteiz, take La Unión Alavesa buses.

By boat A direct car ferry is available between Bilbao and Portsmouth, England. It is best to book early, since the ferry is often booked out in summer.

12.3 Travel costs from the previous mentioned travel hubs to the conference venue

Included in the previous subsection.

13 Visa

EU nationals do not require a visa to enter Spain. Generally speaking, all other foreigners require a visa for stays in Spain. A visa is not required for semi-annual visits of up to 90 days for nationals of those countries for which the European Community has abolished the visa requirement. A Shengen visa allows to stay for less than 3 months in Spain.

A table of countries whose citizens require/do not require visas to enter Spain or any other European country you can find here: link

14 Proposed local budget

The plan for this EuroPython is to do the 5 days of talks, trainings, coffee breaks and lunches in the **Euskalduna** Conference Centre or in the Bilbao Exhibition Centre (BEC) and the sprints weekend in the Bizkaia Aretoa Centre.

The gala-dinner price is not included in the students and personal ticket prices, we want to offer it as an additional option in the ticket. This way, we can offer a better approximation of the number of people who will attend this event and offer a better event as less people would be attending.

We are offering a starting lot of 300 early-bird tickets distributed for 80 student, 160 personal and 60 business tickets. Once the early-bird tickets are sold we will release another lot of tickets to reach up to 800 attendees in the following proportion: 20% for student, 70% for personal and 10% for business. Of course, this whole schema could be previously discussed.

All ticket modalities will have access to the same talks and training sessions. We think it is interesting to ask the attendees what training sessions they will be going not as a "booking system" but to allow us to know in advance the expected number of attendees for each training session. Therefore trying to optimize the training session rooms by the number of attendees. We think it is too much work checking if the attendees have permission to go to a training session or not, also taking into account that it is easily cheatable.

We have also included in the budget the transport and accommodation expenses of the keynote speakers and a discount for trainers and speakers. Please note that these discounts are fixed for all scenarios but could be adapted to the number of talks, training sessions and parallel tracks in each case.

For the case that we have less than 600 attendees we would organize the whole event in the Bizkaia Aretoa center which costs 20000 euros for the whole week.

In order to increase the total income and be able to reduce the ticket price, offer free public transport passes, other free social events apart from the gala dinner (visits to museums, boat trips, ...) we are contacting local companies and government authorities for sponsorship and expense discounts. In addition, we are contacting a local telecom company, Euskaltel, to offer a discount in the price of updating the WiFi infrastructure.

14.1 Venue payment cashflow

14.1.1 Euskalduna

Venue:	10% when signing contract
venue.	90% just before the event
Catering:	50% 2 days before the event
Catering.	50% after the event

Table 2: Cashflow for Euskalduna

14.1.2 BEC

Venue:	20% when signing contract
venue. 80% just before the event	
Catering:	50% 10 days before the event
Catering.	50% after the event

Table 3: Cashflow for BEC

14.1.3 Biskaia Aretoa

Venue:	100% after the event
Catering:	to be decided (pizza?)

Table 4: Cashflow for Bizkaia Aretoa

14.2 Euskalduna Conference Center

14.2.1 Different scenarios

The scenarios in Tables and are based in the ticket price in Table 5:

	Student	Personal	Business
Early	90	240	450
Standard	120	320	600
On Desk	150	400	750

Table 5: Ticket prices.

In Table 6 we present the budget for the worst-case scenario which has been calculated for 600 attendees.

EXPENSES	euros
Design	4000
Banner	3000
Printing	2500
Bookkeeping	1000
Legal Support	1000
Guidebook	1500
Stands	6000
Video recording	10000
Other expenses	2000
Keynote Speakers	7500
Speakers	6480
Trainers	1920
Venue: Euskalduna (6 rooms)	76569
Venue: Bizkaia Aretoa	900
Bizkaia Aretoa Sprint Expenses	3450
Breakfast	9600
Coffee break	19200
Lunch	44880
Booklet	4320
Gift	3600
Bag	3240
Lanyard	1440
Business gala dinner	4500
TOTAL	218599

INCOME	euros
EPS Sponsors	60000
Tickets Sale	165000
TOTAL	225000

Table 6: Worst case in the Euskalduna Conference Center. Balance: +6401 euros

In Tables 7, 8 and 9 we present different budgets for 800, 1000 and 1200 attendees. For each case we gradually improve the conference: better WiFi coverage, better quality lunches, more social events and continuous coffee break. We also considered that in more suitable cases we will also have more sponsors, including more interest from the local authorities.

EXPENSES	euros
WiFi Update	3000
Design	4000
Banner	3000
Printing	2500
Bookkeeping	1000
Legal Support	1000
Guidebook	1500
Stands	6000
Video recording	10000
Other expenses	2000
Keynote Speakers	7500
Speakers	6480
Trainers	1920
Venue: Euskalduna (7 rooms)	108733
Venue: Bizkaia Aretoa	900
Bizkaia Aretoa Sprint Expenses	4600
Breakfast	12800
Coffee break	25600
Lunch	59840
Booklet	5760
Gift	4800
Bag	4320
Lanyard	1920
Business gala dinner	5500
TOTAL	284673

euros
60000
5000
226600
291600

Table 7: Case of 800 attendees in the Euskalduna Conference Center. Balance: +6927 euros. This case we offer a WiFi update and we include room A1 in the venue price.

EXPENSES	euros
WiFi Update	4000
Design	4000
Banner	3000
Printing	2500
Bookkeeping	1000
Legal Support	1000
Guidebook	1500
Stands	6000
Video recording	10000
Other expenses	2000
Boat trip	2400
Keynote Speakers	7500
Speakers	6480
Trainers	1920
Venue: Euskalduna (7 rooms)	108733
Venue: Bizkaia Aretoa	900
Bizkaia Aretoa Sprint Expenses	5750
Breakfast	20000
Coffee break	40000
Lunch	88000
Booklet	7200
Gift	6000
Bag	5400
Lanyard	2400
Business gala dinner	6500
Local team organisation expenses	5000
TOTAL	349183

INCOME	euros
EPS Sponsors	60000
Local Sponsors	10000
Tickets Sale	288200
TOTAL	358200

Table 8: Case of 1000 attendees in the Euskalduna Conference Center. Balance: +9017 euros. In this case we improve the catering (buffet lunch $22\mathfrak{C}$ pp), improve WiFi, added a boat trip and organization expenses.

EXPENSES	euros
WiFi Update	6000
Design	4000
Banner	3000
Printing	2500
Bookkeeping	1000
Legal Support	1000
Guidebook	1500
Stands	8000
Video recording	10000
Other expenses	2000
Boat trip	4000
Keynote Speakers	7500
Speakers	6480
Trainers	1920
Venue: Euskalduna (7 rooms)	108733
Venue: Bizkaia Aretoa	900
Bizkaia Aretoa Sprint Expenses	6900
Breakfast	24000
Coffee break	48000
Lunch	134400
Booklet	8640
Gift	7200
Bag	6480
Lanyard	2880
Local team organisation expenses	10000
Business gala dinner	7500
TOTAL	424533

INCOME	euros
EPS Sponsors	70000
Local Sponsors	10000
Government Sponsors	10000
Tickets Sale	349800
TOTAL	439800

Table 9: Case of 1200 attendees in the Euskalduna Conference Center. Balance: +15267 euros. Improve WiFi, add another social event, improve the catering, add some Pintxo's lunch $(28\mathfrak{C}\ pp)$ and add organisation expenses.

14.3 Bilbao Exhibition Centre

14.3.1 Different scenarios

The scenarios in Tables and are based in the ticket price in Table 10:

	Student	Personal	Business
Early	90	240	450
Standard	120	320	600
On Desk	150	400	750

Table 10: Ticket prices.

In Table 11 we present the budget for the worst case scenario which has been calculated for 600 attendees.

EXPENSES	euros
Design	4000
Banner	3000
Printing	2500
Bookkeeping	1000
Legal Support	1000
Guidebook	1500
Stands	6000
Video recording	10000
Other expenses	2000
Keynote Speakers	7500
Speakers	6480
Trainers	1920
Venue: BEC (7 rooms)	66792
Venue: Bizkaia Aretoa	900
Bizkaia Aretoa Sprint Expenses	3450
Breakfast	13200
Coffee break	26400
Lunch	44640
Booklet	4320
Gift	3600
Bag	3240
Lanyard	1440
Business gala dinner	4500
TOTAL	219382

INCOME	euros
EPS Sponsors	60000
Tickets Sale	165000
TOTAL	225000

Table 11: Worst case in the Bilbao Exhibition Centre. Balance: +5618 euros

In Tables 12, 13 and 14 we present different budgets for 800, 1000 and 1200 attendees. For each case we gradually improve the conference: better WiFi coverage, better quality lunches, more social events and continuous coffee break. We also considered that in more suitable cases we will also have more sponsors, including more interest from the local authorities.

EXPENSES	euros
WiFi Update	3000
Design	4000
Banner	3000
Printing	2500
Bookkeeping	1000
Legal Support	1000
Guidebook	1500
Stands	6000
Video recording	10000
Organizers expenses	5000
Other expenses	2000
Boat trip	2400
Keynote Speakers	7500
Speakers	6480
Trainers	1920
Venue: BEC (7 rooms)	66792
Venue: Bizkaia Aretoa	900
Bizkaia Aretoa Sprint Expenses	4600
Breakfast	21120
Coffee break	42240
Lunch	70400
Booklet	5760
Gift	4800
Bag	4320
Lanyard	1920
Business gala dinner	5500
TOTAL	285652

TOTAL	291600
Tickets Sale	226600
Local Sponsors	5000
EPS Sponsors	60000
INCOME	euros

Table 12: Case of 800 attendees in the Bilbao Exhibition Centre. Balance: +7668 euros. This case we offer a WiFi update and better food quality catering, improving lunches and coffe breaks. Also include a boat trip.

EXPENSES	euros
WiFi Update	4000
Design	4000
Banner	3000
Printing	2500
Bookkeeping	1000
Legal Support	1000
Guidebook	1500
Stands	6000
Video recording	10000
Local team organisation expenses	10000
Other expenses	2000
Boat trip	2400
Keynote Speakers	7500
Speakers	6480
Trainers	1920
Venue: BEC (7 rooms)	66792
Venue: Bizkaia Aretoa	900
Bizkaia Aretoa Sprint Expenses	5750
Breakfast	32000
Coffee break	64000
Lunch	88000
Booklet	7200
Gift	6000
Bag	5400
Lanyard	2400
Business gala dinner	6500
TOTAL	348242

INCOME	euros
EPS Sponsors	60000
Local Sponsors	10000
Tickets Sale	288200
TOTAL	358200

Table 13: Case of 1000 attendees in the Bilbao Exhibition Centre. Balance: +9958 euros. In this case we improve even more the coffe breaks, improve WiFi and added some organizer expenses.

EXPENSES	euros
WiFi Update	6000
Design	4000
Banner	3000
Printing	2500
Bookkeeping	1000
Legal Support	1000
Guidebook	1500
Stands	8000
Video recording	10000
Local team organisation expenses	10000
Other expenses	2000
Boat trip	4000
Keynote Speakers	7500
Speakers	6480
Trainers	1920
Venue: BEC (7 rooms)	66792
Venue: Bizkaia Aretoa	900
Bizkaia Aretoa Sprint Expenses	6900
Breakfast	38400
Coffee break	76800
Lunch	124800
Booklet	8640
Gift	7200
Bag	6480
Lanyard	2880
Business gala dinner	7500
TOTAL	416192

INCOME	euros
EPS Sponsors	70000
Local Sponsors	10000
Tickets Sale	349800
TOTAL	429800

Table 14: Case of 1200 attendees in the Bilbao Exhibition Centre. Balance: +13608 euros. Improve WiFi, catering lunches (26 $\mathfrak C$ pp) and add another social event.

$15 \quad Taxes/Legal$

- There are no special requirements for a foreign company contract Spanish services in Spain.
- $\bullet\,$ Paying VAT is mandatory for any local or for eign company.
- The VAT for food is 10%, VAT for everything else 21%. Travel agencies have a special VAT of 6%.
- $\bullet\,$ The Python San Sebastián Society can charge 0% VAT for events.