

Bioregions Facility Launch Event: Connecting knowledge for regional action

Excursion, 9 March 2020, 14:30 – 19:00

Innovation in Euskadi: a taste of current bioeconomy initiatives in the Basque country

Planned itinerary

14:30 Departure from Euskaldana Palace

Stop 1 Public forests

Barazar, Bizkaia

The public forests of Barazar comprise of Lapur-Erreka (Dima) and Zubizabala (Zeanuri). They were established in the 1920s during major trials for the introduction of productive species and their adaption to local soils and climate.

The forest, altitude 600 -750 m, is located in an area of smooth orography that extends to the south, bordering to the west with the Gorbeia massif and to the east with the Urkiola Mountains. A well-marked itinerary runs along the orderly forest of Zubizabala, which has been managed by the Provincial Council of Bizkaia since 1929. Important for its productive trees and species variety, the itinerary includes various visitor information panels.

Stop 2 Egoin, wood construction company

Legutiano, Bizkaia

Established in the mid-70s, Egoin is currently one of the most important wood construction companies in the state. One of its lines of innovation is based on the use of local wood to replace steel and cement in the construction of buildings, something that has allowed this SME to become an international benchmark.

Stop 3 Smurfitt Kappa, paper company

Iurreta, Bizkaia

Smurfitt Kappa is the perfect example of how a paper company is reinventing itself, diversifying some of its business lines towards the bioeconomy in order to obtain products with high added value. Among many other projects, it is currently developing a sustainable alternative, based on cellulose, to replace petroleum-based plastics used in agriculture.

19:00 Return to Bilbao

To the Ilunion Hotel

Limited places: [registrations](#) until 29 February

