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EUROPEAN YOUTH SUMMIT

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BILBAO BIZKAIA, SEPTEMBER 2022



01 CONTEXT



INTRODUCTION

Youth is an inexhaustible source of **energy, ideas and motivation**. We live in a pandemic context where the mental health of the young and not-so-young population has been compromised for the greater good; combating COVID-19. This led the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, to recognise our efforts and to announce last September that 2022 would be the **European Year of Youth**.

We believe that 2022 will be our year. A year in which society feels close to the **European Union**, and vice versa. A year in which young people speak out and leave their mark on cities. A year in which we, the young people, **lead the future**.

We must count on young people to **build the present and decide the future** of the European Union.



02 THE SUMMIT

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THE GOAL

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The main objective is to organise the **1st European Youth Summit** in Euskadi and Spain by and for young people. A summit that will bring together young people from different countries and regions of the EU in 2022; the European Year of Youth.

For 4 days, the city of Bilbao (Basque Country, Spain) will host this meeting in which 150 young people will have the opportunity to **present, debate and co-create** based on current issues together with experts.

The 6 chosen topics are mainly framed within the European Youth Strategy and are present in many of the current youth plans. The Summit will result in **new contributions** that will enrich the **youth plans and strategies** of cities, councils and governments, offering them a young and European approach.

THE HISTORICAL TERRITORY OF BIZKAIA

A unique territory...

With more than 83% of its surface area covered by forests and pastures, Bizkaia is a territory where the green of the mountains merges with the blue of the sea. The territory **has 112 municipalities organised into 7 different regions** with Basque and Spanish as official languages.





...with a new youth strategy.

The Provincial Council of Bizkaia is aware of the diversity of problems faced by the younger generations and also of the different demands and proposed solutions put forward by this group.

By means of the Bizkaia Gazteak 2030 Strategy, the aim is to establish a useful **framework for action** to **guide all the Provincial Council's interventions in the field of youth** in the coming years.

THE CITY OF BILBAO

An example of a resilient city...

Bilbao is the capital of Bizkaia and the most populated city in the Basque Country. Its metropolitan area has nearly one million inhabitants, making it the fifth most populated urban area in Spain.

It was named Best European City (2018) and awarded the European Union Urban Road Safety Award (2020) for its record of commitment to Bilbao society.





... that has not lost sight of the human scale of its reality.

Because the driving force behind its development has been based on the 17 individual and collective values that the city, by consensus and vote, decided to make its true signs of identity: **Bilbao's Charter of Values**.

Effort, solidarity, social justice and equity, respect for diversity, social sustainability.... are all values that are based on the objectives of the United Nations 2030 Agenda.

THE FIGURES

The **European Youth Summit** is designed to have a positive impact on society; from the local to the global. During the 4 days, those who attend will have the opportunity to get to **know Bilbao Bizkaia** and **leave their mark** on the territory.

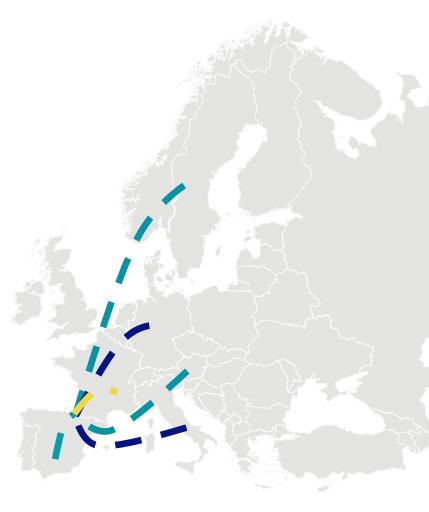


YOUTH

The Summit will welcome **young people from different states and regions** of the European Union, seeking a diverse participation that will enrich the work that will be carried out together.

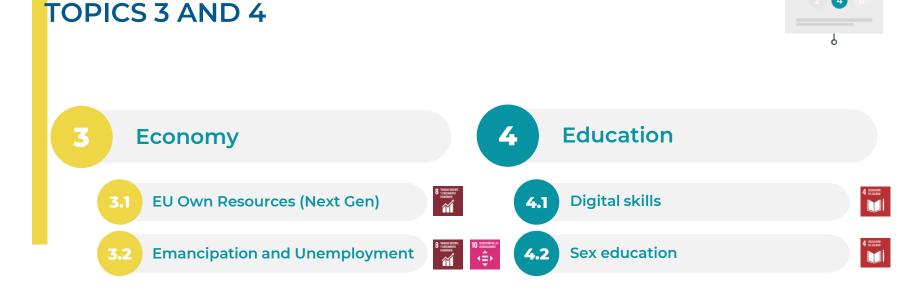
Special emphasis will be placed on people from European cities awarded as **European Youth Capital**, in order to enrich the themes with their experience.











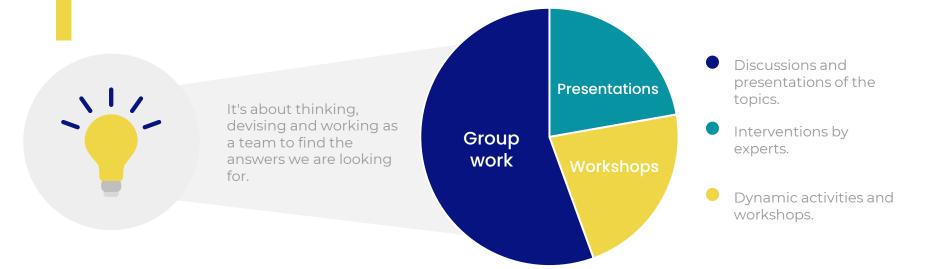


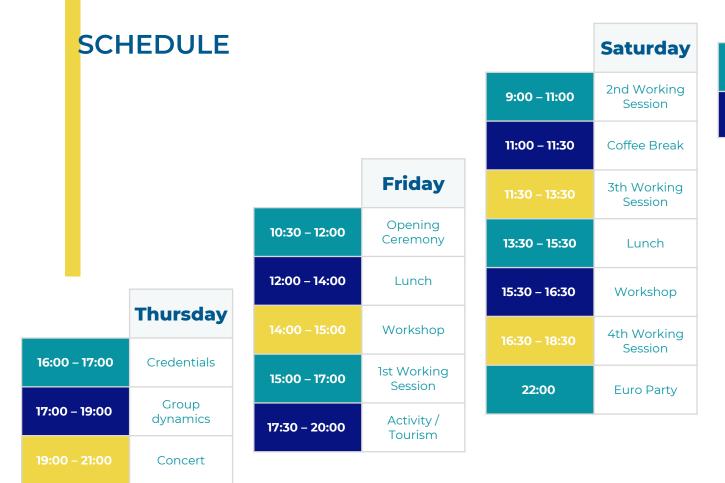
03 METHODOLOGY

WORKING GROUPS

The working groups will be composed of 25 people who will discuss and work together with experts to define **proposals to address the current problems of European youth**.

To this end, the following working methodology has been designed:





	Sunday
11:00 - 12:30	Sharing of Proposals
12:30 - 14:00	Closing Ceremony

VENUES

Euskalduna Conference Centre

Palacio Euskalduna is a conference centre located in the heart of Bilbao Bizkaia and is a reference point in the region.

It was awarded the Apex Award **"Best Conference Centre in the World 2003"** by the International Association of Conference Centres (AIPC), which is made up of 57 countries from the five continents.





Mondragon University

Mondragon University is a practical university immersed in business reality. A university that offers a training and learning experience that **integrates the training and research needs of companies, organisations and society**.

Its campus will host the working sessions of the 150 participants during the 4 days of the Summit.





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