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## A. PHASES OF THE PARTICIPATORY PROCESS

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The Basque Country 2030 Environmental Framework Programme is the document that will guide the Basque Government's action on sustainability for the coming years. Its participatory elaboration process has included the following phases:

#### PHASE 1: CO-CREATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME (SEPTEMBER 2021 UNTIL SEPTEMBER 2022)

##### 1.1 Identification, complementation and validation of the challenges (September 2021 until May 2022).

The first step in the elaboration of the Environmental Framework Programme was the identification of the main environmental challenges of the Basque Country. To this end...



**September-November 2021 ->** Documents and features of the state of the environment of the Basque Country are studied.



**September-December 2021 ->** Both regional and European reference plans on sustainability are analysed: Basque Green Deal, European Green Deal, 2030 Agenda, 8th EU Environmental Action Plan and sector strategies (biodiversity, circular economy...).



**December 2021 - March 2022 ->** Based on the information generated by the two previous activities, a series of environmental challenges are pre-designed for 2030.



**1-15 April 2022 ->** Experts in these challenges are identified from a multidisciplinary perspective. The six expert working groups are formed (one per challenge) and a coordinator is appointed for each of them.



**April 27, 2022 ->** A presentation day of the process led by the Department of Economic Development, Sustainability and Environment is held, and the groups are convened.



**1-10 May 2022 ->** The first stage of individual work of the expert groups is developed: reflection on the six environmental challenges, complementing and validating the same (key ideas, opportunities and risks) and generating ideas for transformational projects.



**11-13 May 2022 ->** The first stage of meetings of the six expert groups is held to share the reflections of the individual process.

The result of this phase was the validation of **6 PRIORITY CHALLENGES** for the 2030 Environmental Framework Programme:

1. Policy mainstreaming.
2. Health and environment.
3. Competitive sustainability.
4. Conscious consumption model.
5. Sustainable financing.
6. Advanced monitoring and management.

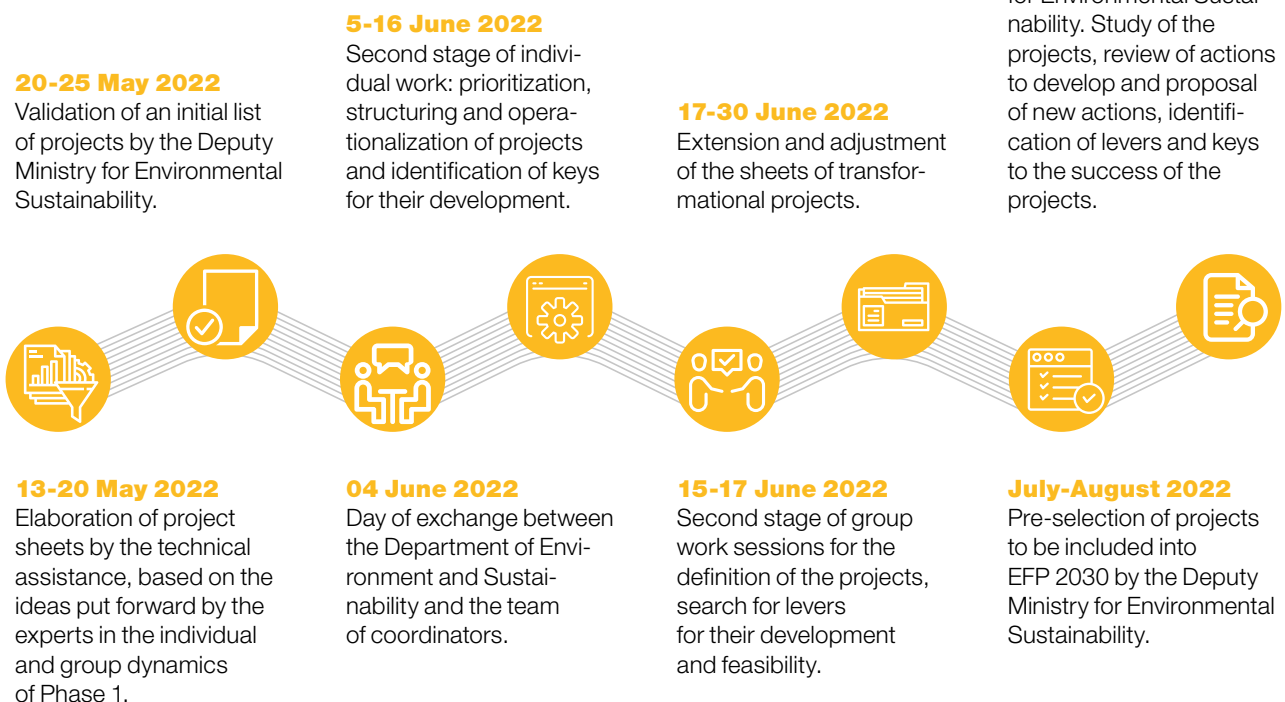
## 1.2 Design of transformative projects (May 2022 until September 2022).

To answer to the 6 priority environmental challenges of the Basque Country, it has been considered appropriate to co-create, through the participation of experts, a series of “transformational projects”.

**What is a transformational project?** A transformational project is one that intends to achieve lasting changes over time, whether of structure, behaviour or any other type. The characteristics of these projects are the following:

- They focus on action and **TANGIBLE RESULTS** in the medium term.
- They are based on specification and **FEASIBILITY**.
- They are focused on the search for **INNOVATION** and referentiality.
- They have an ambitious approach and nature, **PIONEER** at state and European level.
- They are developed in **PUBLIC-PRIVATE** work platforms
- They guarantee **COLEADERSHIP** and the total of capabilities.
- They facilitate the **EXCHANGE OF** technical and human **RESOURCES**.

The **specific steps to build the transformational projects** have been the following ones:



## PHASE 2. CITIZEN CONTRAST OF THE EFP 2030 THROUGH IREKIA

### 2.1 PRESENTATION

(14 November 2022)

The first step for the contrast of the draft of the 2030 Environmental Framework Programme was to offer the document in the Irekia web space, together with a summary of the most significant contents and a series of questions to encourage the reflection of citizens.

The questions were as follows:

- Of the challenges raised, which do you consider to be the main ones facing Basque society?
- What ideas or actions do you come up with to give an answer and progress regarding these challenges?
- What would you ask administrations to do to meet these challenges? And what could you do?

### 2.2 DISCUSSION

(15 November-1 December 2022)

Subsequently, a phase of discussion was opened in which citizens were able to position themselves for and against the document, presenting their arguments, comments and contributions.

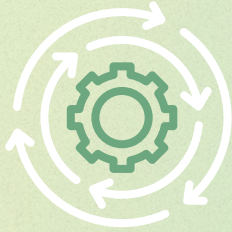
### 2.3 CONCLUSIONS

(1 December until 31 December 2022)

The participatory process concludes with the presentation of a summary of the main qualitative contributions that have served to withdraw the following work guidelines, among many others:

- Commit to networking, through public-private partnerships, and through multidisciplinary projects and team works that respond to increasingly complex environmental challenges.
- Increase knowledge about the relationship of the environment with the remaining management areas and especially with health, from the “One Health” perspective. Using the big data potential to improve decision making
- Generate commitments and sustainability agendas in the Basque companies, regardless of their size. At the same time, mobilize society towards more responsible consumption.
- Promote social participation in sustainability issues, providing comprehensive information. To have an impact on the children and youth target, favouring their environmental awareness and involvement from the early stages.
- Motivate the cohesion of the territory and preserve its multifunctionality and landscape diversity.

With all the keys collected, we proceed to give a final draft to the 2030 Environmental Framework Programme.



## B. PROCESS TOOLS

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As can be seen in the phase-by-phase account, the participatory process has relied mainly on the following **7 TOOLS AND SPACES**:



#### **INDIVIDUAL REFLECTION PROCESSES** OF the

experts. This process of guided reflection has allowed us to have pre-elaborated ideas to be contrasted in the group work.



**COLLECTIVE REFLECTION PROCESSES** (meetings of the working groups), where consensus can be reached on the projects of greatest interest.



#### **PROCESS SUPERVISION**

by Ihobe and the Deputy Ministry for Environmental Sustainability, which has ensured the coherence of ideas of transformational projects with the objectives of EFP 2030.



#### **GROUP COORDINATION FIGURES.**

Each group had a volunteer who accepted the leadership of the same and who facilitated the transfer of information between the Deputy Ministry of Environmental Sustainability and the group.



#### **CONFERENCE BETWEEN HEADS OF THE SUSTAINABILITY DEPARTMENT AND GROUP COORDINATORS.**

This meeting has made it possible to give coherence to the projects and to communicate them jointly to the society.



#### **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND OFFICE OF RESOLUTION OF DOUBTS.**

The six working groups have had technical assistance which has facilitated the work of convening, revitalizing working sessions and the generation of conclusions documents.



**PROJECT FILES.** Cumulatively throughout the participatory process, a document was prepared with all the relevant information on the proposed transformational projects (objectives, agents to be involved, monitoring features...).

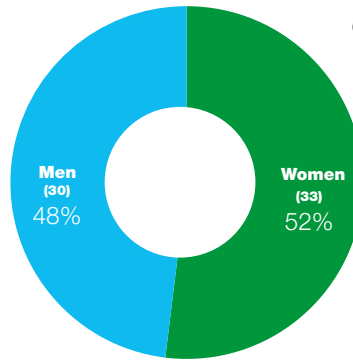


## C. RESULTS OF THE PARTICIPATORY PROCESS

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The overall results of the participatory process are as follows:

- 63 EXPERTS**<sup>1</sup> from the public and private fields.
- 25 CITIZENS** (through Irekia).
- 38 ORGANIZATIONS**<sup>2</sup>
- 18 PARTICIPATORY SPACES**
- 51 IDEAS** for **TRANSFORMATIONAL PROJECT ACTIONS** (Grouped into 14 pre-approved by the Deputy Ministry for Environmental Sustainability).
- 77 CONTRIBUTIONS FROM the DEPUTY MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**



for the technical adjustment of transformational projects (90% of the contributions added, the remaining will be taken into account in the definition of road maps of the transformational projects).

#### 34 CITIZEN CONTRIBUTIONS IN IREKIA

(the contributions of a specific nature are transferred to the corresponding addresses: Environmental Quality and Circular Economy, Natural Heritage and Climate

Change).

Below, each of the results is discussed in details.

#### C.1 PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS

CHALLENGES	ORGANIZATIONS	PEOPLE
<b>CHALLENGE 1. Policy mainstreaming</b>	<b>7 organizations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aclima</li> <li>• Euskadi Energy Cluster</li> <li>• Provincial Council of the Basque Country</li> <li>• Basque Government - Lehendakaritza</li> <li>• Ihobe</li> <li>• Tknika</li> <li>• UPV-EHU</li> </ul>	<b>11 people</b> <b>55% men</b> <b>45% women</b>
<b>CHALLENGE 2. Health and Environment</b>	<b>8 organizations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amber</li> <li>• BC3 Research</li> <li>• Biodonostia</li> <li>• CEIT</li> <li>• Egibide</li> <li>• Basque Government – Department of Health</li> <li>• Ihobe</li> <li>• UPV-EHU</li> </ul>	<b>11 people</b> <b>55% men</b> <b>45% women</b>

<sup>1</sup> For this calculation, the only people participating in the process are counted (some of them participated in several challenges).

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CHALLENGES	ORGANIZATIONS	PEOPLE
<b>CHALLENGE 3. Competitive sustainability</b>	<b>7 organizations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bilbao Chamber of Commerce</li> <li>• CONFEBASK</li> <li>• Mondragon Corporation</li> <li>• EVE</li> <li>• Ihobe</li> <li>• Orkestra – Basque Institute of Competitiveness</li> <li>• SPRI</li> </ul>	<b>9 people</b> <b>56% men</b> <b>44% women</b>
<b>CHALLENGE 4. Conscious consumption model</b>	<b>10 organizations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Azurmendi</li> <li>• BBK</li> <li>• EGK – Youth Council of the Basque Country</li> <li>• Ekomodo</li> <li>• Elika</li> <li>• Hazi</li> <li>• Kontsumobide</li> <li>• Twin and Chic</li> <li>• UNESCO Etxea</li> <li>• University of Deusto</li> </ul>	<b>13 people</b> <b>31% men</b> <b>69% women</b>
<b>CHALLENGE 5. Sustainable Financing</b>	<b>8 organizations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BRTA - Basque Research &amp; Technology Alliance</li> <li>• Basque Government - Department of Economy and Finance</li> <li>• Ihobe</li> <li>• Kutxabank</li> <li>• Labour Kutxa</li> <li>• Okiokredit Basque Country</li> <li>• University of Deusto</li> <li>• UPV-EHU</li> </ul>	<b>9 people</b> <b>44% men</b> <b>56% women</b>
<b>CHALLENGE 6. Advanced monitoring and management</b>	<b>8 organizations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BC3 Research</li> <li>• EUSTAT</li> <li>• EVE</li> <li>• Basque Government - Department of Public Governance and Self-Government.</li> <li>• Ihobe</li> <li>• Metroeconomics</li> <li>• Pamplona / Iruña Planetarium</li> <li>• UPV-EHU</li> </ul>	<b>10 people</b> <b>40% men</b> <b>60% women</b>

## C.2 PARTICIPATORY SPACES

In total, **18 PARTICIPATORY SPACES** have been developed. By phases, they are distributed as follows:

### PHASE 1: “CO-CREATION OF THE 2030 ENVIRONMENTAL FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME”:

- 1 individual reflection space to validate and complement the challenges and to identify the projects.

- 6 meetings to complement the challenges and identify projects (stage 1)
- 2 exchange days between the Department and the coordinators of the working groups.
- 1 space for individual reflection for the operationalization of projects.
- 6 project operationalization meetings (stage 2).
- 1 form for collecting contributions to projects for the Deputy Ministry for Environmental Sustainability.

### PHASE 2: “CITIZEN CONTRAST OF THE 2030 ENVIRONMENTAL FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME”:

- 1 dynamic in the Irekia portal.

### C.3 TRANSFORMATIONAL PROJECTS IDEAS

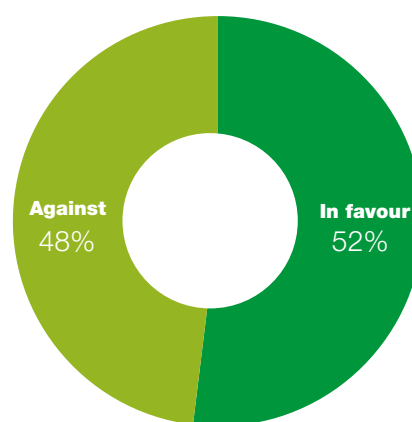
The expert groups generated a total of **51 TRANSFORMATION PROJECT IDEAS**.

After the contrast and group reflection work, 14 of the 51 ideas were grouped and pre-approved. Subsequently, the technical process of review of the projects by the Vice Ministry of Environmental Sustainability has allowed **77 ADJUSTMENT CONTRIBUTIONS** to be collected for the 14 pre-approved projects. Among other aspects, keys were identified to facilitate their development and recommendations in order to maximize their impact.

Finally, some of the projects were grouped together again, and there are 8 transformational projects defined.

### C.4 RESULTS IN IREKIA

The **25 VOTES RECEIVED** in Irekia to the draft document of the Environmental Framework Programme of the CAPV 2030 are distributed as follows:



In addition, the following specific demands are gathered, most of which come from Etzandarri Euskal Mendi Taldea, which are transferred to the Directorates of Environmental Quality and Circular Economy, Natural Heritage and Climate Change for their valuation:

- To increase the expansion of protected natural areas at a general level, and turn the cliffs of Lemoiz into a protected space on an individual level.
- To address the problem of invasive alien species in the environment of the Urdaibai Biosphere Reserve, especially in the grounds of the Lemoiz plant.
- To recover contaminated soils from the environment of the Lemoiz nuclear power plant.
- To give greater presence to areas such as “Soil, Biodiversity and Zero Pollution”.



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