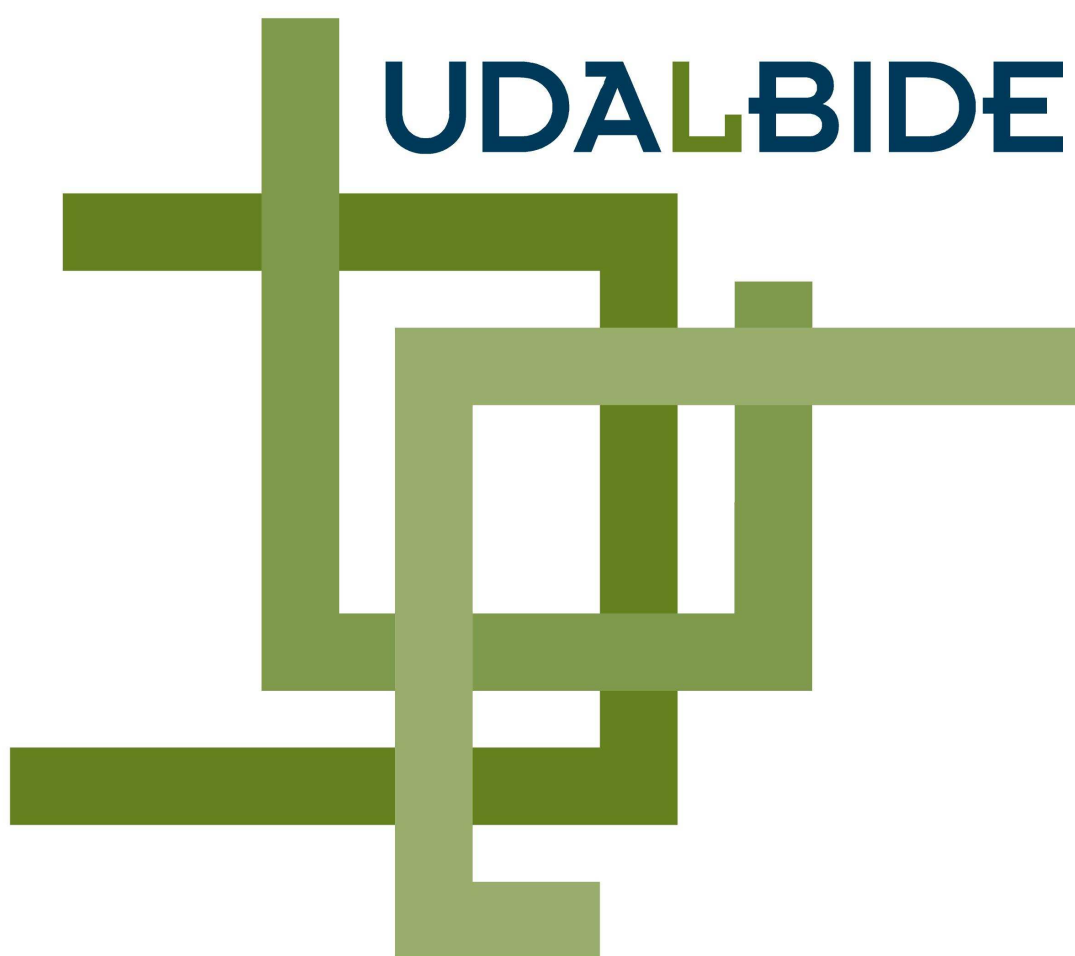


# ACTIVITIES 2003



## 0. General situation

All the initiatives carried out were developed in areas of competence of town councils.

Udalbide has maintained relations with many citizens and associations. It has listened to their concerns, providing assistance insofar as it has been able to do so. Associations, the media and schools, etc. have been the ones who have received aid from Udalbide, all of them from Euskal Herria, although aid has been especially destined for Nafarroa and Iparralde.

## 1. Activities

**HURBILTZEN** This initiative is a twinning programme between municipalities of Euskal Herria, the aim of which is to enable municipalities and citizens to cultivate their relations in order for us to get to know each other better, appreciate each other, collaborate and share values and projects that we have in common. The twinings are being carried out in collaboration with territorial socio-economic institutions and agents and are related to the promotion of Euskera, culture, sports, town and country planning and the social and economic development of all the territories of Euskal Herria. Although each *herrialde* (territory) has its own characteristics, we share a common basis that characterizes us and enriches us: Euskera.

Since 2002, a twinning programme or partnership agreements between municipalities of Euskal Herria has been set in motion. Numerous town councils have taken part in this programme since then: Artea, Asteasu, Ataun, Azkaine, Azpeitia, Bakio, Beasain, Deba, Getxo, Heleta, Kanbo, Lazkao, Lekunberri, Lesaka, Muskiz, Oion, Ordizia, Sara. Bertizarana, Ituren, Lapuebla de Labarca, Milafranga, Mungia, Sunbilla and Urruña.

The **XENDRAK** initiative:

We Basques have always been considered to be great travellers. Most of the time, we have embarked on voyages out of necessity, to seek new lands and more fertile business for our families; at other times, we have travelled to satisfy that quality is so common among us – curiosity and the challenge of taking part in great adventures. We are now proposing something different: a journey through Euskal Herria, journeying around the country to get to know our roots and our people.

«Xendrak, Euskal Herrien bideak» is a cultural project which is intended to endure over time. It involves the setting up a of a system of seven routes that cover, rather like a close-woven network, Araba, Bizkaia, Gipuzkoa, Nafarroa, Lapurdi, Baja Nafarroa and Zuberoa. The way in which this project came about, the driving force which was the Hurbiltzen programme organized by Udalbiltza<sup>®</sup>, makes it unique – it came into being on a grass roots level, via the municipalities themselves and with the participation of many of them, via the institutions that are closest to citizens.

Xendrak journeys around Euskal Herria along seven routes that intertwine and are inspired by some of the attributes and history that have shaped this country: the sea, water, stone, iron, smuggling, grazing and the *Fueros* (administrative and fiscal rights and privileges granted to Basques). Each circuit will be suitably described and different things will be shown at milestones on each route:

- Nature
- Heritage in terms of historic monuments
- Personages
- Literature
- Music
- Struggles
- Legends
- Folklore
- Handicrafts
- Rural sports
- Science

Special attention will be drawn on the visit to ethnographic museums, interpretation centers, art galleries and culture, exhibition sites and all those sites that help to find out more about each town and each city.

Xendrak also proposes recovering the taste for travel and accessing each of the towns by following current conventional communication routes or recovering traditional routes that locals from each town or village and travellers have gradually forged over time.

## GRANTS AWARDED IN 2003: 697.413 €

<b>IPARRALDE</b>	<b>242.000 €</b>
<b>Education</b>	
✓ <b>SEASKA</b>	210.000
✓ <b>HEZKUNTEK</b>	12.000
✓ <b>UDALEKU</b>	20.000

<b>EUSKAL HERRIA</b>	<b>39.000 €</b>
<b>Education</b>	
✓ <b>KORRIKA</b>	6.000
✓ <b>EHKME</b>	15.000
<b>Sports</b>	
✓ <b>Euskadiko Euskal Pilota Federakuntza</b>	18.000

<b>HURBILTZEN</b>	<b>32.113,06 €</b>
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<b>NAFARROA</b>	<b>384.300 €</b>
<b>Education</b>	
✓ <b>Irunberriko Ikastola</b>	180.300
✓ <b>SORTZEN Ikasbatuaz</b>	12.000
<b>The media</b>	
✓ <b>EUSKALERRIA Irratia</b>	42.000
✓ <b>NABARRA Aldizkaria</b>	42.000
✓ <b>TTIPI-TTAPA Aldizkaria</b>	36.000
<b>Culture</b>	
✓ <b>Euskara Kultur Elkargoa (EKE)</b>	54.000
✓ <b>IRUJO ETXEA Elkarte</b>	12.000
✓ <b>ORREAGA Elkarte</b>	6.000