

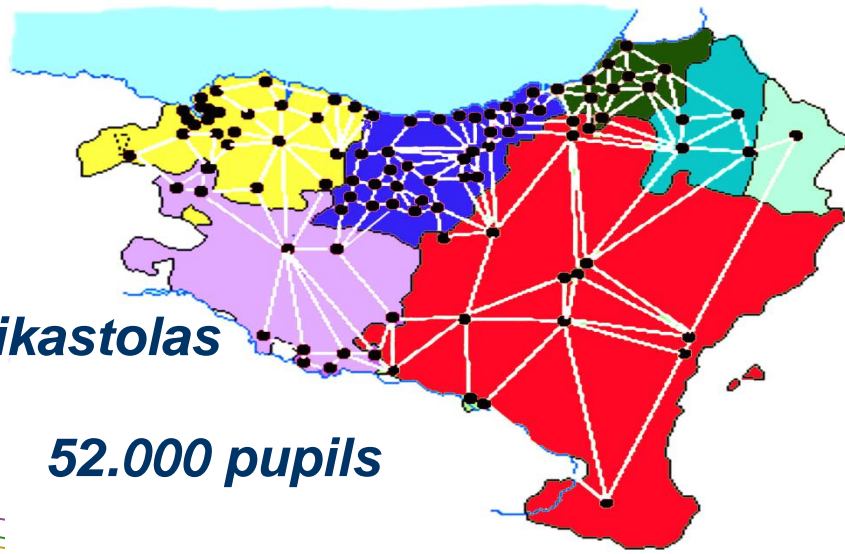
The ikastolas



**individually and collectively
2016**



Ikastolas are the schools of Euskal Herria, where Euskara (Basque) is spoken.



109 ikastolas

52.000 pupils

4.500 professionals

The ikastolas are an educational network which exists throughout Euskal Herria.



What is an ikastola?



The Ikastolak are autonomous educational communities. They are made of parents, professionals, students and members. They are also a collective movement, united by their commitment to a common model.

Ikastolak were created to offer minority language and culture education, but the ikastola are also involved in some innovative educational projects based on multilingual education.

Each ikastola is:

- a school establishment with its own legal personality
- an educational community
- managed on a co-operative basis
- a unit which functions as part of a whole with the other ikastolas
- has its own educational project.





The ikastola's educational project



- Includes the **curricular project**, the **language project** and the **ICT plan** (information and communication technology). They are all developed on the basis of **educational competencies**.
- Its shared **cultural identity** is **Euskaldun** and it is enhanced by other identities and cultures; it is committed to the transmission of **Euskara (language)** and **Basque culture**, and it is open to neighbouring as well as universal culture.
- It promotes a complete **multilingual and cultural model** based on **competencies**.



The ikastola's educational project

- Promotes the development of **key educational competencies in Science and Technology; Information and Communication Technology (ICT) competencies** and fosters entrepreneurship.



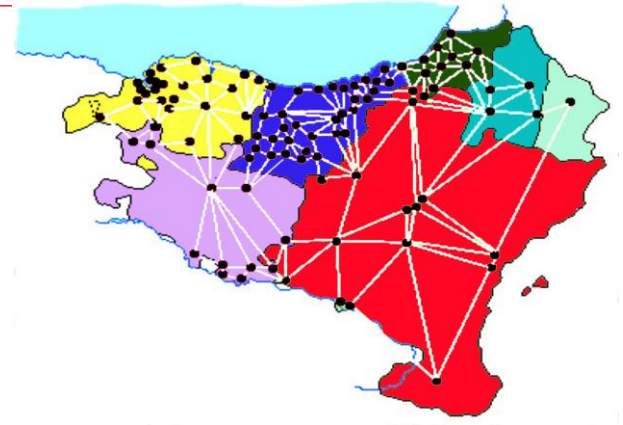
- It integrates the **diversity of values present in the Basque society**, so that the pupils may take their place in a cohesive Basque society, well-integrated into Europe and the world.

- It is approved and brought up-to-date by its educational community



The network of ikastolas

- The network is an ikastola owners' organization, to carry out their **joint educational project**, to help schools to develop **their own teaching plan**, to **represent them collectively**; and to **promote Basque education in society**.
- The network of ikastolas identifies its geographical range with Euskal Herria. For this purpose it acts in accordance with each language community's right to organize its teaching so as to be able to transmit its cultural heritage beyond the administrative boundaries.



The network of ikastolas

- It is a **cooperatively-managed** organization,
- It actively **co-operates with** other social, educational and cultural agents in developing Euskal Herria and its own education system.
- It has its own range of **common services**.



Common services to all the ikastolas

The IKASTOLA
model's development:

each individual ikastola and the ikastolas in general

Educational Project

Curricular Project

Language Project
& ICT plan

School plan

Organizational plan

Communication
plan (Internal
and external)

Research, Development and Innovation

Publishing
of
materials

Training
of teaching
professionals
and
families

Pedagogical
consultancy
and
Assessment

External
and internal
funding
(Solidarity
Fund)

Negotiation
of
Labour
relations

Internal
and external
Communication



Features of the ikastolas' common services

- Services are organized through close **inter-ikastola liaison**. The **needs** arising in each specific context are identified, planned, developed and implemented, and the results are reported.
- They are **approved and assessed by the ikastolas** through governing bodies.
- Range: the shared services will be **exclusively for the ikastolas** or they will be performed so as to promote Euskaldun (Basque-language) education **beyond the ikastolas' own boundaries**.
- The tasks of researching, developing, innovating and managing shared services are performed by professionals who combine expertise with a commitment to the character, mission and vision of the ikastolas.
- Those professionals follow the **guidelines set by the ikastolas' governing bodies**.



- **Eskerrik asko**
- **Go raibh maith agat**
- **Thank you**