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The Leadership Program for building Basque American partnerships 2016 aims to be a platform to develop the knowledge about the business, scientific, technological, institutional and cultural reality of the Basque Country and the United States of America. In order to build bridges and strengthen the link between highly qualified people with high professional growth potential, the participants from both territories will have direct contact on the site with the most important organizations/institutions. This will enable the development of the participants' talent and leadership as well as the link between both territories and between all the participants throughout their entire professional career.

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Aims of the program

- To promote in situ knowledge about the scientific, technological, business, institutional and cultural reality of the USA or/and Canada, and the Basque Country and the EU to people with high professional growth potential from both territories;
- To create a personal and territorial link between highly qualified people with high growth potential from both territories through direct contact on site with the most important organizations/institutions;
- To promote the development of the participants' talent and leadership with a link between both territories and among all the participants throughout their entire professional career; and
- To create a community of participants to exchange knowledge, ideas and good practices and to establish economic, cultural, scientific and institutional relations between both territories.

Program structure

The Program 2016 consists of 12 weeks of preparation, between 10 and 15 or 21 days of transatlantic exchange depending on the mode of participation, and a lifelong opportunity for Basque-American engagement and cooperation.

During preparations, fellows will learn about Basque and American relations and expand their knowledge about the communities they will visit and will identify their leadership development objectives. Preparations include a welcome call, compulsory and recommended reading on the culture, the economy, the institutional and scientific-technological reality of the host territory; webinars and surveys; tutorials with coordinators and a final meeting before the Basque-American exchange period.

During the foreign visit, fellows will meet with key decision and opinion makers. The group itinerary takes up most of the program and there will also be joint stays of both Basque and American fellows. Likewise, time is set aside for individual appointments to allow fellows to pursue their personal interests and to meet at least a relevant representative of an organization of the field or sector in which the participant works.

Modes of the Program

The present Leadership Program for building Basque American partnerships is organised around two schemes.

Mode 1: Exchange from the Basque Country to USA/Canada.

There will be a maximum of 4 beneficiaries for this mode.

The spirit of Mode 1 is to promote the knowledge about the scientific-technological, business, institutional and cultural reality of the United States and/or Canada to people from the historical territory of Bizkaia (or registered in the historical territory of Bizkaia, as established in the Guide for Applicants) with high career development potential, promoting the development of their talent and leadership and facilitating the creation of a Basque and American professional network of people with high potential in order to exchange knowledge and good practices and establish economic, cultural, scientific, technological and institutional relations between both territories, which bring about sustainability and an improvement of the competitiveness of Bizkaia.

This mode comprises, among others, 21 days of exchange in

Mode 2: Exchange from USA/Canada to the Basque Country.

There will be a maximum of 2 beneficiaries for this mode.

The spirit of Mode 2 is to promote the knowledge about the scientific-technological, business, institutional and cultural reality of the historical territory of Bizkaia/Basque Country and its relation with the European Union to American/Canadian people with high career development potential, promoting the development of their talent and leadership and facilitating the creation of a Basque and American professional network of people with high potential in order to exchange knowledge and best practices and establish economic, cultural, scientific, technological and institutional relations between both territories, which bring about sustainability and an improvement of the competitiveness of Bizkaia.

This mode comprises, among others, at most 15 days of exchange in Bizkaia/Basque Country (an attempt will be made for the participants to have the opportunity to know the main institutions in Spain and the European Union).

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

30 April, 2016

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Eligible costs

The Leadership Program for building Basque American partnerships 2016 will cover the following concepts, directly related to the activities scheduled within this Program:

- Roundtrip flights.
- Accommodation.
- Domestic travel by plane, long-distance train or rental car.
- Transport and subsistence up to a maximum of 100 EUR/day.
- Travel and civil liability insurance.
- Other necessary administrative arrangements.

**Please, for more detailed information refer to the Guide for Applicants.*

Award procedure

The aid will be awarded on merit, competitively amongst the applications submitted within the set period and to those applications which have obtained a higher score.

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