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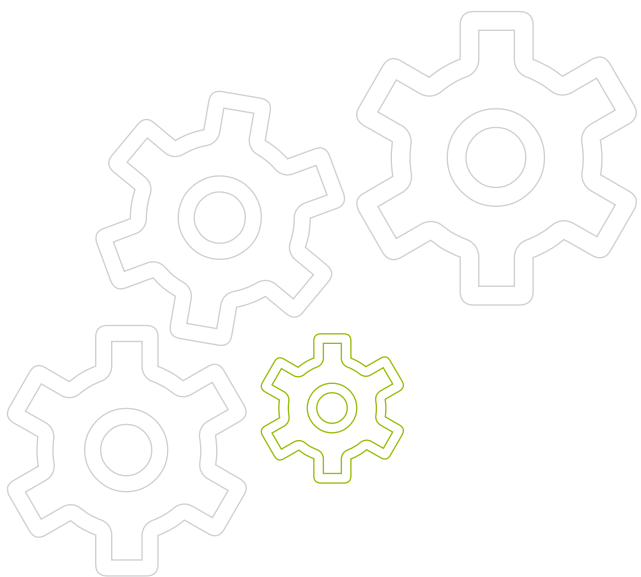


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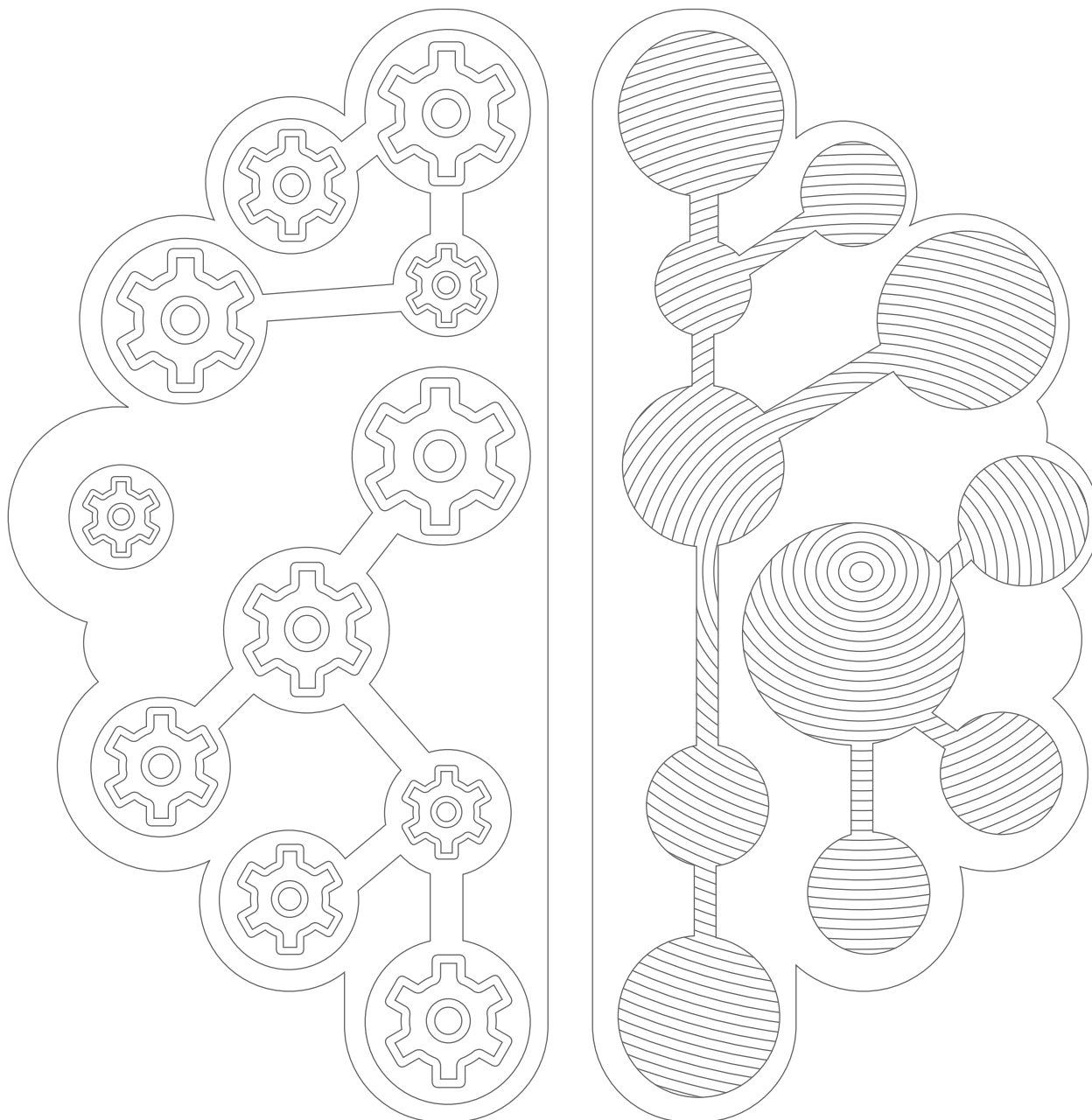
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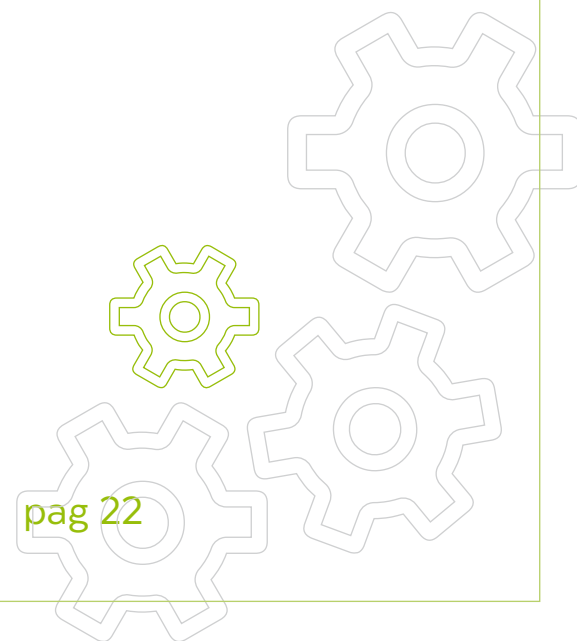
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01 Introduction

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The year 2017 has been a highly active one; on the one side, a new organisational structure, endorsed by the Governing Body, that evidences an image more coherent with the many activities that the agency has been developing in recent years. For this purpose, a specific position has been implemented for international activities, which is one of the axes of the Strategic Plan of Unibasq.

We have also presented the Observatory of the activity in the Basque University System Behatokia, which registers relevant information about the three Basque Universities and their study programmes.

Aligned with the new University-Work centred strategy of the Basque Government, the Governing body of Unibasq approved a call with the sole purpose of recognising “work-based learning or University-Entity alternation” to Bachelor’s and Master’s Degrees in the Basque University System.



GENERAL MANAGEMENT: MANAGEMENT BODIES

Unibasq's Board

Unibasq's Chief Executive, Eva Ferreira, is a member of the Board of ENQA (European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education) since October 2016.

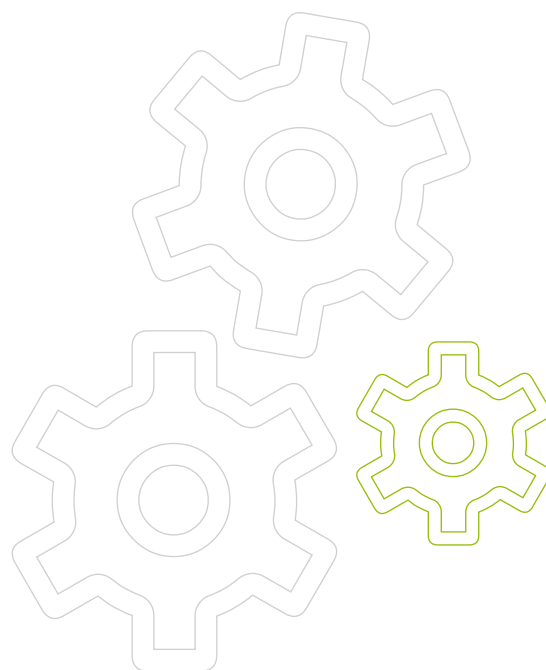
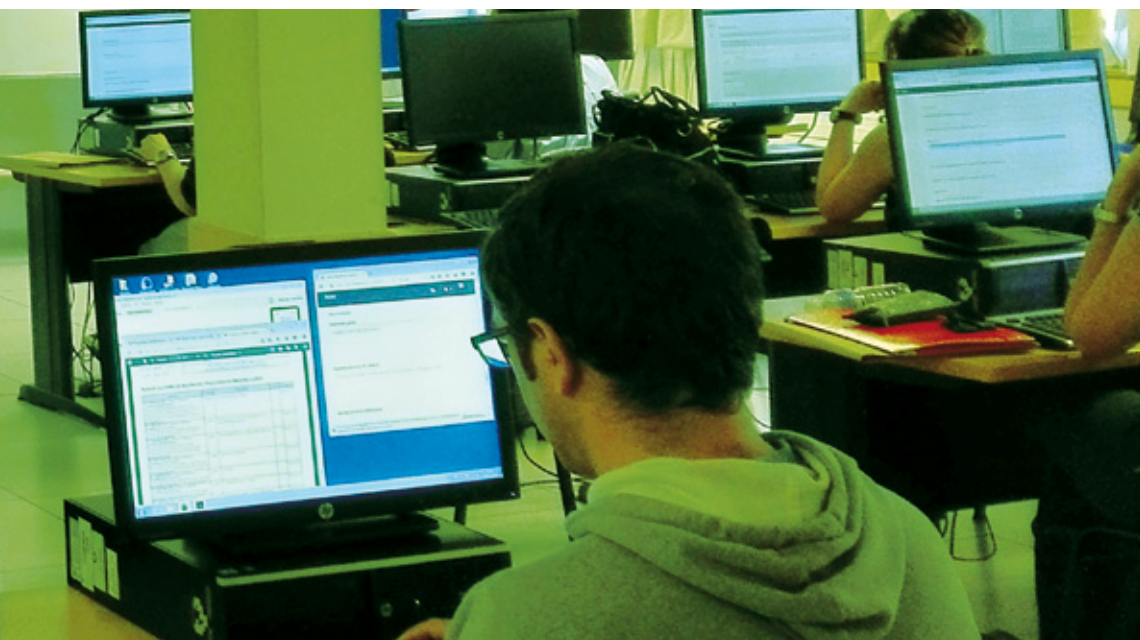
Governing Board

In 2017 the Governing Board gathered in 4 occasions in ordinary sessions (16th March, 15th May, 21st July and 16th October). The summary of the minutes of these meetings can be read in the Webpage of Unibasq.

The new rector of UPV/EHU Nekane Balluerka became a member of the Governing Board in 2017, taking over the previous rector, Iñaki Goirizelaia.

Advisory Board

The Advisory Board has held meeting on three occasions in 2017 (21st February, 17th July, 29th September). The summary of the minutes of these meetings, in which the topics presented, and the decisions taken as corresponding to the functions attributed to this body, can be found in the Webpage of Unibasq.





02. Evaluation activities performed by Unibasq

The main activities carried out by the agency in 2017 are the following:

I. TEACHING STAFF

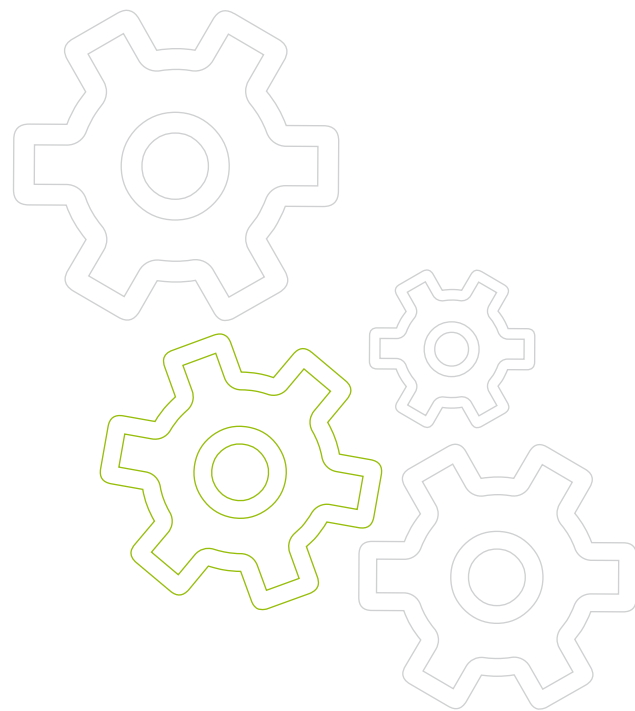
a) Accreditation of teaching and research staff

The governing body of Unibasq approved on 14th November 2016 the Call for the General Accreditation 2017, that was published in the Official Bulletin of the Basque Country (BOPV) on 23/12/2016, for the evaluation and accreditation of the different ca-













tegories of contracted teaching and research staff: Research Doctor Staff, Adjunct, Aggregate and Full teaching staff, and of doctor teaching staff of private universities.

The evaluation process was completed in the mentioned period. 694 applications were handed in (698 in 2016), of which 649 were finally accepted for evaluation (644 in 2016). The distribution of these applications according to the field of knowledge can be seen in the following chart:

	2017	2016
Experimental sciences (SC)	118	125
Medicine and Health Sciences (MHS)	86	115
Social, Legal and Economy Studies (SLES)	202	175
Technical Studies (TS)	152	141
Humanities (H)	91	88
TOTAL	649	644



A total of 431 applicants have been accredited this term (265 in 2016), the distribution of which by category and field of knowledge can be seen in the following chart:

Category	SC		MHS		SLES		TS		H		Total	
												
Adjunct	15	27	6	15	28	42	26	21	17	14	92	119
Aggregate	3	11	11	13	21	37	5	12	5	5	45	78
Full	1	0	1	3	3	1	5	1	1	2	11	7
Research Doctor	7	4	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	11	6
Private University Doctora	0	2	5	2	12	14	13	6	1	7	31	31
TOTAL	26	44	24	33	65	96	49	40	26	28	190	241

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The Advisory Board endorsed the new Evaluation Protocol on the 9th of October 2017.

On the 16th of October 2017 the Governing Body approved the ordinary call for 2018 for the evaluation, and accreditation of research doctor staff, adjunct, aggregate, full and research teaching staff, and private university teaching staff in possession of a doctorate degree.

b) Research

Six-year terms

In 2017 Unibasq has assessed the evaluation of the research activity of 2016. A total amount of 100 applicants presented 107 six-year terms to be evaluated, receiving 98 terms favourably evaluated.

The evaluation is done by ANECA, as accorded in an agreement between Unibasq and the mentioned body.

A new call for evaluation was opened in 2017, the execution of which will be carried out throughout 2018.

Ikertramos

Ikertramos is a programme for the evaluation of the research activity, addressed to the active non-permanent teaching or research staff. A previous agreement, accord, or assignment between Unibasq and the research body that opens the calls will be required in order to opt for evaluation.

10 applications were evaluated in 2017 on request from the University of the Basque Country (UPV-EHU).

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This procedure is addressed to the staff hired by a public university or a research body of a Public Administration other than the General Government Administration, to be evaluated as reflected on article 22 of the Law 14/2011, of the 1st of June, for Science, Technology and Innovation.

For this, a previous agreement, accord or assignment between Unibasq and the research body that will open the call for the evaluation will be required.

11 applications to be evaluated in 2018 were received in 2017, on request from UPV-EHU.

c) Complementary Payments Evaluation

Among the tasks appointed to Unibasq one is to carry out the evaluation of the teaching and research personnel of the UPV-EHU (teaching, research and management activities) in order to obtain autonomous complementary payments, according to article 34 of Law 3/2004, of the 25th of February, regarding the Basque University System.

The agency completed the evaluation of the applications received in 2016 along 2017, with a total amount of 1299 applications (335 C levels and 964 A/B levels).



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II. STUDY PROGRAMMES

Ex-Ante Accreditation / Authorisation

The aim of this program is to evaluate the Bachelor's Degree, Doctoral Studies and Masters proposed by the different Universities included in the Basque University System in order to issue a report for their Ex-ante Accreditation and Authorisation, as stated by Royal Decree 1393/2007, that establishes official university study programmes and their subsequent modifications, and Decree 11/2009, required for the implementation and suppression of official university study programmes that lead to the achievement of a Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree, and Doctorate Degree.

The Agency completed the evaluation of 4 Master's Degrees proposals in 2017 (2 of the University of Deusto (UD) and 2 of Mondragon Unibertsitatea (MU)), and 2 Bachelor's Degrees (1 UPV-EHU and 1 MU).

Modification

The aim of this program is to carry out the evaluation of the modifications of Bachelor's Degrees, Doctoral Studies and Master's proposed by the different Universities included in the Basque University System.

8 Bachelor's Degree study programmes and 9 Master's Degrees were evaluated in 2017 (4 UPV-EHU, 4 UD and 1 MU), the corresponding modification reports having been issued.

Monitoring

Article 27 of the Royal Decree 1393/2007, of 29th of October, that establishes the ordinance of official university study programmes, modified by Royal Decree 861/2010, of 2nd of July, establishes that "Once the implementation of the study programmes pertaining to the official degrees registered at the Registry of Universities, Centres and Degrees (RUCT), either ANECA or the evaluation bodies that the Autonomous Communities deem competent, will carry out the follow up of the compliance of the study programmes to those in the study plan verified by the University Council".

Unibasq issued 76 monitoring reports in 2017(56 UPV-EHU, 13 UD and 7 MU).

Accreditation Renewal

Article 24 of the Royal Decree 1393/2007, of 29th of October, that establishes the ordinance of official university study programmes and their subsequent modifications, states that official study programmes must renovate their accreditation “in compliance with the procedures established by the Autonomous Communities for the competence field pertaining to them, in the frame of the dispositions of Article 27bis.”

The evaluation process of 2017 was carried out in the following calls:

Call IV:

The Study programmes Evaluation Committees completed pending evaluation processes, resulting in the accreditation of 44 degrees: 20 for UD (13 Bachelor's and 7 Master's Degrees), 17 for UPV-EHU (4 Bachelor's and 13 Master's Degrees) and 7 for MU (5 Bachelor's and 2 Master's Degrees).

Call V:

It started in October 2017, with 15 study programmes to be evaluated: 13 from UPV-EHU (2 Bachelor's and 11 Master's Degrees) and 2 Master's Degrees from UD.

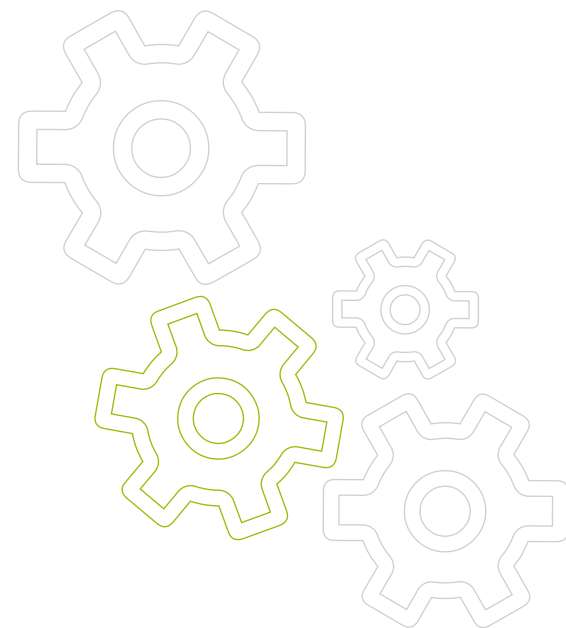
Unibasq has created 6 Visit Panels that executed their tasks in 2017, the elaboration of the renewal reports is pending for the next exercise.

The AUDIT committee took part in the evaluation processes of both calls, revising criteria 3 relating Internal Quality Assurance Systems (IQAS).

Dual

Last October 16th the Governing Body approved the call for the recognition of work-based learning for Official Bachelor's and Master's Degrees. 27 applications were turned in, the evaluation of which will be done in 2018.

At the end of 2017, training on this programme was provided for the experts and professional advisors.



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Certificates and Diplomas (Títulos Propios)

Universidad del País Vasco /Euskal Herriko Unibertsitatea in addition to the official study programmes previously mentioned, presented proposals for degrees in their educational offer to be evaluated.

11 proposals from the UPV-EHU were evaluated in 2017.





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III. INSTITUTIONAL

Audit

In the frame of the AUDIT programme, 3 applications corresponding to new designs of IQAS were evaluated (2 from UPV-EHU and 1 from UD).

Unibasq issued one certification report for UPV/EHU and carried out 5 panel visits for the certification of the implementation of their IQAS, one of them consisting on a joint visit with a Euskalit panel as agreed on the Advanced Management Model (MGA). The Engineering School of Vitoria-Gasteiz (UPV/EHU) received the Silver A.

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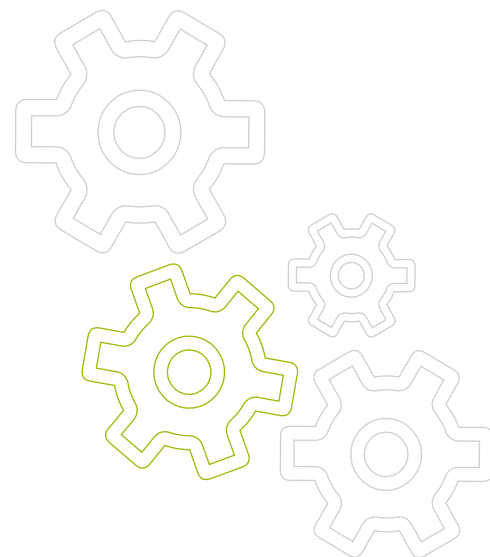
The DOCENTIA committee of the Agency was created in 2017, having written a preliminary evaluation report on the implementation of the model for the evaluation of the teaching activity of the staff of the UPV/EHU (6th year of monitorisation).

Contract-Programmes

On request from the Basque Government, the reports on the fulfilment of the contract-programmes signed for the period 2015-2018, between the Basque Government and the universities and submitted by the three Basque Universities were evaluated.

Recognition of Universities

Unibasq has received one application for the creation of a new university, which will be evaluated in 2018.





The international activity of the Agency has increased substantially in 2017. The most remarkable activities are:

Participation in events:

ECA Regional Seminar on institutional accreditation (Lisbon, January 2017)

- INQAAHE 2017 Conference “Between collaboration and competition: The promises and challenges for Quality Assurance in Higher Education”, in which Unibasq did a joint presentation with AQAS (Bahrain, February 2017).

- University-Business Forum (Brussels, April 2017).

- Focus group EQUIP Project (Oslo, May 2017).

- LIREQA Project workshop “Exploring Synergies Between Quality Assurance and Qualifications Recognition” (Dublin, June 2017).

- ECA Summer Seminar (Paris, June 2017).

- ECA Training course on the Certification of the Quality of Internationalisation (CeQuint) (La Hague, September 2017)

- ENQA General Assembly 2017 (Sevres, October 2017)

- 12th European Quality Assurance Forum (Riga, November 2017).

Participation in work groups:

- Work group on “Quality Assurance and Recognition” (ENQA).

- Work group I on mutual recognition and joint degrees (Unibasq has been in charge of the coordination of this group since June 2017) (ECA).

- Work group II on innovation in Quality assurance and Accreditation (ECA).

03. Internationalisation

Participación en proyectos europeos:

- Database of External Quality Assurance Results (DEQAR), lead by EQAR (European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education).
- Facilitating implementation of the European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes (ImpEA).

Unibasq also cooperates in the project “Linking Academic Recognition and Quality Assurance (LIREQA)”, which continues with the activities of the ENQA working group on “Quality Assurance and Recognition”.

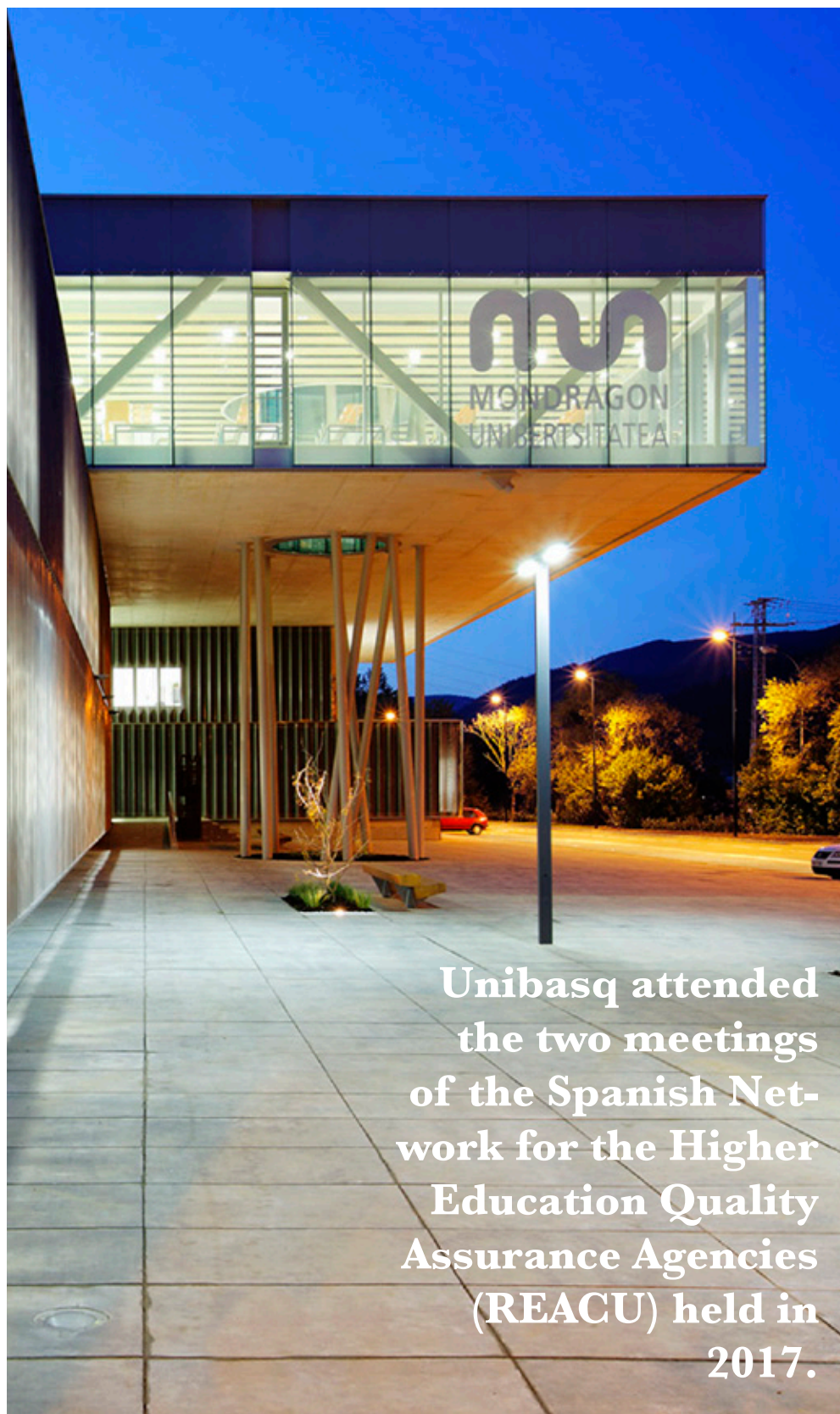
Other:

Joint training of experts with the German agency AQAS, of Basque or Spanish experts for the evaluation of study programmes in Germany (Bilbao, March 2017), and German experts for the evaluation of study programmes and the IQAS in the Basque University System (Cologne, October 2017).

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04. Other Activities



Unibasq attended
the two meetings
of the Spanish Net-
work for the Higher
Education Quality
Assurance Agencies
(REACU) held in
2017.

Advice to intitutions

Advice was given to the Public Service of Diputación Foral de Álava and Diputación Foral de Bizkaia, regarding those degrees that may grant access to positions in Public Job Offers.

Reports were made for the Public Service of Basque Government relating consultations about the equivalence of previous Bachelor's Degrees and present Degrees offered.

REACU

Unibasq attended the two meetings of the Spanish Network for the Higher Education Quality Assurance Agencies (REACU) held in 2017.

Student Advisory Committee

The committee gathered three times and, as agreed in the approved Training Plan, two workshops for students on quality matters were organised.

ICU report

In cooperation with the rest of Spanish Agencies, Unibasq participated in the report on the status of external quality assessment at Spanish Universities - ICU 2016.

Quality Innovation Award 2017

Unibasq cooperates with EUSKALIT disseminating this activity to the universities and in the selection of experts for the evaluation of candidates at the local phase. 11 evaluations were done in 2017.

Signed agreements:

- Agreement of Cooperation between Unibasq and Ikerbasque.

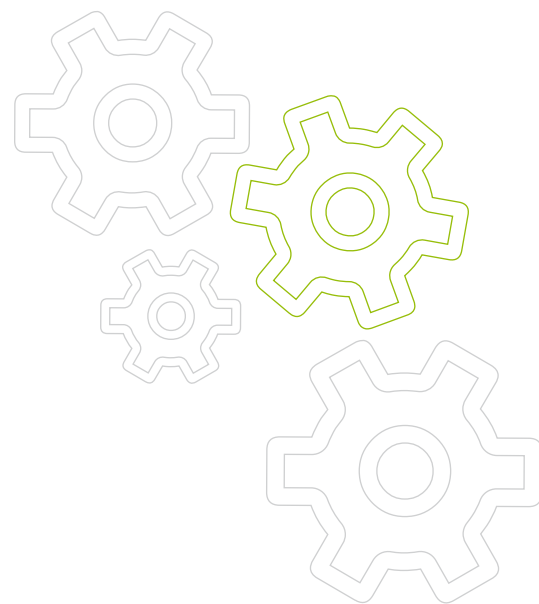
- Agreement of Cooperation between ANECA and Unibasq for the evaluation of the research activity of permanent staff of Public Universities of the Basque country.

- Agreement of Cooperation frame between Universidad del Aconcagua (Chile) and Unibasq.

- Agreement of Cooperation between Universidad de Deusto and Unibasq for the evaluation of research periods for the non-permanent research staff of Universidad de Deusto.

- Agreement of Cooperation between Fundación Deusto and Unibasq for the evaluation of research periods for the research staff hired by Fundación Deusto.

In addition to the aforesaid activities, Unibasq signed a Protocol for the appointment of representatives of the student body attached to the Basque Government or Unibasq, endorsed by the Department of Education of the Basque Government, Unibasq, and the Advisory Body of University Students of the Basque Country.



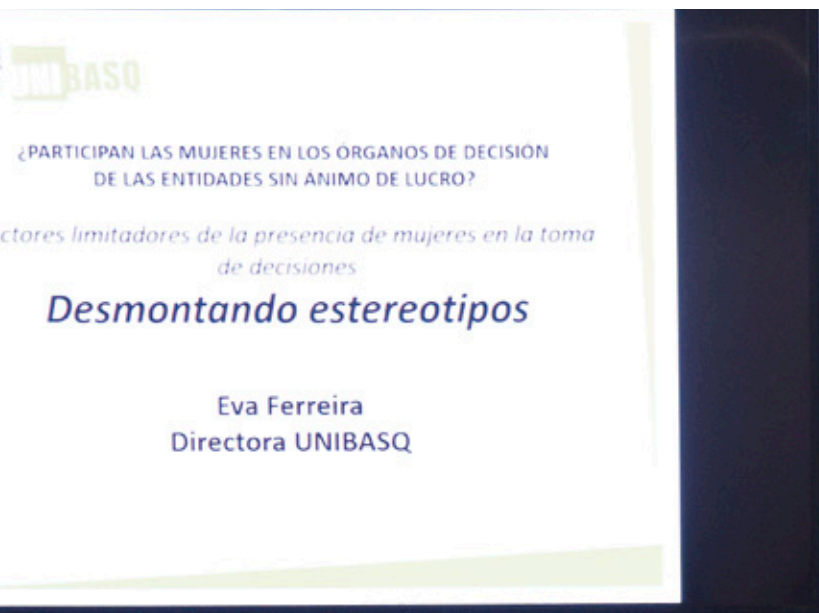
Events organised by Unibasq:

- AUDIT workshop on the certification of Internal Quality Assurance Systems. (Bilbao, March 2017)

- Workshop on transference and social impact "Impacto social de la actividad investigadora" ("The social impact of research activities") (Bilbao, May 2017).

- Summer Course on employability "¿Qué hace una universitaria como tú en un trabajo como este?" (Fundación cursos de verano de la UPV/EHU) (Donostia, July 2017).

- Periodic visits to universities and participation in their informative seminars.



Unibasq implemented an Equality Committee



Improvements in Management:

a. Personnel:

A reference workforce has been established, together with an assessment on the different professional profiles in Unibasq, the result of which resulted in a new organisational structure of the Agency that has brought about a more efficient management of the activities.

b. Quality and internal management:

Unibasq received the Euskalit Advanced Management Diploma in 2017.

As agreed with Euskalit, Unibasq will provide experts in future, and part of the staff has received training in “Advanced Management Models: evaluation of a practical case”.

c. Bikain Certificate:

Unibasq was awarded the Bikain Silver Certificate, consolidating the presence of the Basque language in the daily use and management of the Agency.

d. Internal communication:

Periodic meetings for the coordination of the personnel of Unibasq are held.

e. External communication is done via:

- Visits to universities to explain the novelties in programmes.
- Presentation to the public of the Observatory of the Basque University System and the new website.
- Communication Protocol.

f. Training:

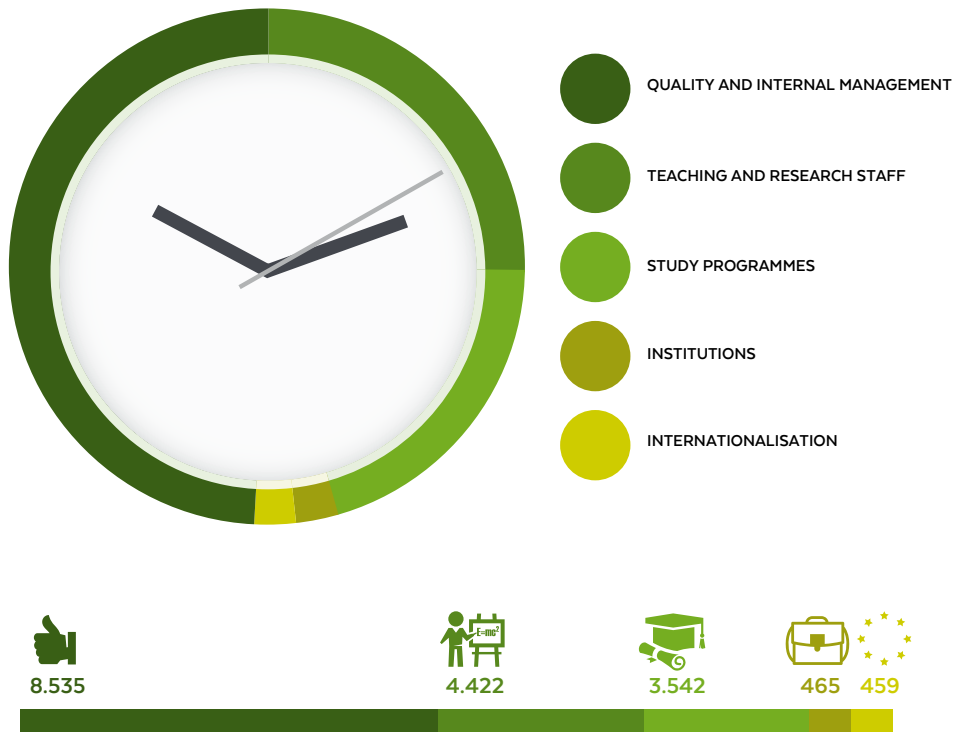
At least three trainings were imparted last year.

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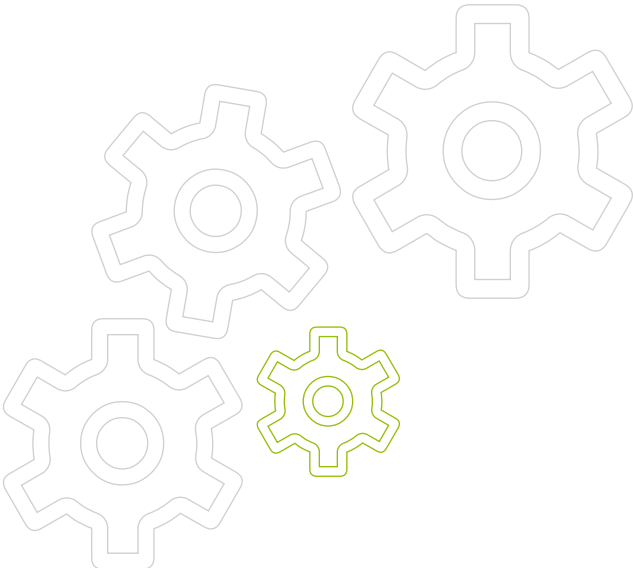
Unibasq implemented an Equality Committee, that is currently developing an equality plan.

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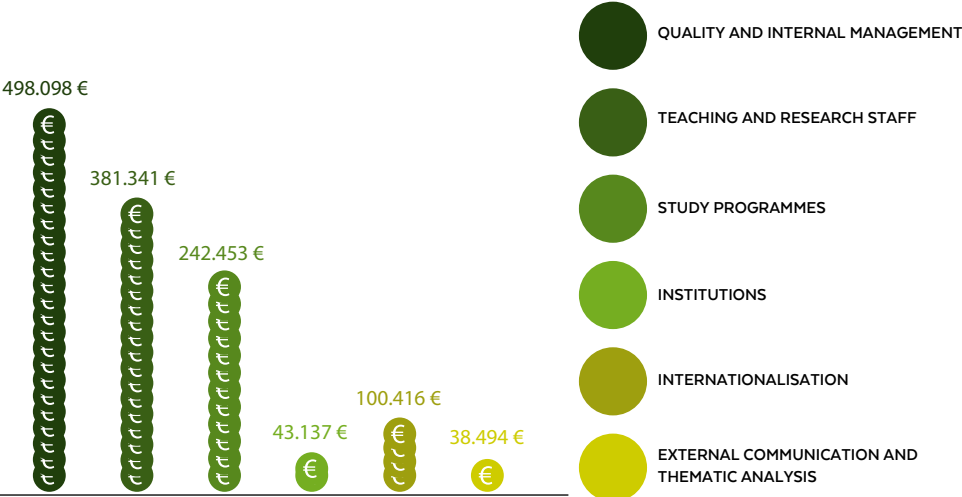
Unibasq staff working hours distribution pe
area



Area	Hours (total)
Quality and Internal Management	8.535 horas
Teaching and Research Staff	4.422 horas
Study Programmes	3.542 horas
Institutions	465 horas
Internationalisation	459 horas



Cost distribution per area (euros)



Area	Cost €
Quality and Internal Management	498.098
Teaching and Research Staff	381.341
Study Programmes	242.453
Institutions	43.137
Internationalisation	100.416
External Communication and Thematic Analysis	38.494



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