

# **EARLY ESTIMATE OF THE R&D INDICATOR IN THE BASQUE COUNTRY 2025-2026**

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Monitoring investment effort in R&D is a key element in guiding innovation policies and supporting strategic decision-making. However, official statistics usually present a time lag, making it difficult to access up-to-date information when it is most needed.

In this context, INNOBASQUE, the Basque Innovation Agency, has launched a new edition of the Early Estimate of the R&D Indicator project, continuing work carried out on an annual basis to anticipate the evolution of R&D expenditure in the Basque Country.

Naider supports INNOBASQUE by applying its own **established econometric methodology**, developed and refined over successive editions of the indicator. The approach combines:

- Quantitative analysis of relevant economic and technological variables.
- A qualitative component based on expert interpretation and in-depth knowledge of the Basque R&D ecosystem.

This methodology makes it possible to produce **reliable forward estimates** and to reduce the uncertainty associated with delays in official statistical sources.

The project will update the early estimate of the R&D Indicator for 2025 and develop a projection for 2026. These results will provide an anticipated and coherent view of the evolution of R&D investment effort in the Basque Country, strengthening the annual monitoring of the indicator and generating a robust analytical basis for comparative analysis and strategic decision-making.

