

# THE BASQUE ENERGY TRANSITION AND CLIMATE CHANGE LAW, IN DRAFT FORM

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This May, the Basque Government Council approved the draft [Law on Energy Transition and Climate Change in the Basque Autonomous Community](#). This law, the first on climate change in the Basque Autonomous Community, establishes a stable legal framework to accelerate **decarbonisation** through **co-responsibility**.

The law, the first to address climate change in the region, reaches the whole of society, establishing a stable legal framework to accelerate decarbonisation through co-responsibility. This requires a **fair and sustainable transition** that reaches the entire population and guarantees equity and solidarity, **focusing on the most vulnerable economic sectors, territories and population**, taking into account perspectives of gender, age or functional diversity.

This bill provides for a number of actions, including:

- 1- Energy efficiency and renewables obligations for businesses, households, administration and other consumers.
- 2- Promotion of renewable energy sources by public administrations.
- 3- Promotion of projects related to energy storage.
- 4- Initiatives to encourage CO2 capture and storage.
- 5- Sustainable mobility plans.
- 6- Specific sectoral and territorial policies.

In addition, the approved project envisages different **initiatives**:

- 1- Basque Registry of Energy Transition and Climate Change Initiatives**, where public or private entities will register their actions in climate action.
- 2- Climate and energy plans that will contribute to the objectives of the territory as a whole.**
- 3- Creation of an Energy Transition and Climate Change Office.**
- 4- Citizen participation bodies:** Social Pact for Energy Transition and Climate Change, Basque Energy and Climate Transition Citizens' Assembly, Energy Transition and Climate Change Commissions and similar bodies.
- 5- Incorporate the energy and climate perspective in public budgets.**

