COMPANIES IN URTIA AND GOITONDO EXPLORE AN INDUSTRIAL ENERGY COMMUNITY

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On Thursday 19 November, Ermua City Council brought together companies from the Urtia and Goitondo industrial estates, in Ermua and Mallabia, at Izarra Centre for the workshop «Energy, in common», facilitated by NAIDER. The event is part of the Bizkaia Orekan Sakonduz programme of the Provincial Council of Bizkaia.

Efficient energy management is one of the priorities that companies set in the Integrated Management and Action Plan for the Urtia Industrial Estate, and a business energy community is among its priority opportunities. At the workshop, companies learned how an industrial energy community works through two experiences already under way: Getafe, presented by Sistem, its technology partner, and TEK Azitain in Eibar, presented by Debegesa.

Companies raised practical questions: how far apart an installation can be shared, who invests, how the energy is allocated and how it shows up on the bill. One of the central ideas was that the community also benefits companies that cannot install panels on their own roof: they can invest in the best-placed roofs on the estate, buy energy jointly and apply for funding together. Besides lowering energy costs, it brings long-term price stability.

Both experiences pointed to the same starting point: knowing the energy consumption of each interested company. That will be the next step in Urtia and Goitondo.

The workshop continues NAIDER's work on the revitalisation of industrial estates and the energy transition.