NAIDER TAKES PART IN THE 72ND TECHNICAL COMMITTEE OF UDALSAREA 2030 IN DONOSTIA

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On 4 November, Juan Iglesias, environmental urban planner and head of Urban Ecology at Naider, and Julia Juan, architect and urban planner, took part in the 72nd Technical Committee of Udalsarea 2030, the Basque network of sustainable municipalities. The meeting, held in Donostia, brought together 31 local authorities representing 95 municipalities to share challenges and next steps in the energy transition and climate change adaptation.



Photo: Udalsarea 2030

The first part of the day focused on the energy transition. Ihobe, the Basque Energy Agency (EVE), Donostia City Council and Telur reviewed the obligations that Law 1/2024 on Energy Transition and Climate Change sets for municipalities, such as the requirement for those with more than 5,000 inhabitants to have a Climate and Energy Plan. They also shared the most common challenges: energy renovation of buildings, monitoring of plans, data management and a shortage of specialised staff.

The second part was devoted to climate change adaptation. It featured ADAPT AKTION, the forum on adaptation solutions that will close the European project LIFE IP Urban Klima 2050 on 24 and 25 November, and a discussion of the new stage of adaptation in the Basque Country, with districts acting as drivers of local climate action.

In this session, Juan and Julia led an exercise in which participants self-assessed their climate and energy plans against the criteria of the Udalsarea 2030 guide and shared their difficulties and needs. The session is part of the project Naider is carrying out with Ihobe and Udalsarea 2030 to identify, design and monitor integrated climate change adaptation projects at local level.

Municipalities pointed to the lack of data and resources as the main obstacles, and to funding, technical advice, coordination between administrations and support to launch projects as the help they most expect from the network.

With this work, Naider continues supporting Basque public administrations in climate action, so that municipal plans become concrete projects that prepare towns and cities for heat, heavy rainfall and other climate risks.