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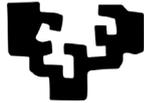


Welcome to Bilbao



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1. Symposium Location: Bilbao

1.1 Welcome to Bilbao



[Bilbao](#) is the most densely populated city of the [Basque Country](#). It is located in north-eastern Spain, stands at the heart of a metropolitan area with over 1,000,000 inhabitants. The city was founded over 700 years ago, and ever since it has been the mainstay of the economic and social development and the driving force for modernisation in the Bay of Biscay area.



1.2 Arriving in Bilbao

By plane: [Bilbao International Airport](#) is 12 km away from the capital in the municipality of Loiu.

How to go from the airport to Bilbao city centre:

- The bus [Bizkaibus line 3247](#) links the city with the airport every 30 minutes and with several stops in Bilbao city centre: (Alda. Recalde, Plaza Moyua, Gran Vía and Intermodal). The journey to the last stop (Intermodal) is about 20 minutes. On the [arrivals floor](#) there is a customer services desk and ticket office. A single ticket costs around 3 €.
- [Taxi to Bilbao](#): Approximate fare 25-30 €.
- You can also rent a car at the airport. [Car rental](#).

By bus: All buses go to Bilbao's bus terminal on Garellano street, 1. [Intermodal Bilbao](#).

By train: Medium and long distance trains arrive at the city centre's Abando Indalecio Prieto Station, Plaza Circular, 2.



2. COVID-19

2.1 Travel and COVID-19

The information provided below could vary, so please, for the most accurate information check the link: <https://spth.gob.es>

The active measures on 22th of May are the following:

All passengers arriving in Spain by air (except children under the age of 12 and passengers in international transit), regardless of the country of origin, including Spaniards returning to their home, must have one of these documents:

DIGITAL EU COVID CERTIFICATE OR EU EQUIVALENT vaccination against COVID-19 or a negative certificate of an active infection diagnostic test or a certificate of recovery after passing the disease. You can check if your certificate is valid on the website <https://spth.gob.es/> or in the Spain Travel Health app -SpTH- (Android, iOS, Huawei).

Upon arrival at the airport follow the signals indicating the **ORANGE WAY** .

QR SPTH: If you do not have the EU Digital COVID Certificate or EU equivalent, you must fill in the SPTH Health Control Form manually entering the data of your vaccination, recovery or diagnostic test certificate through the website <https://spth.gob.es> or the Spain Travel Health application - SpTH- (Android, iOS, Huawei). The system will send you a QR code that you will have to present both prior boarding, and upon your arrival in Spain. In the health control, you may be required to present this document certifying vaccination, diagnostic test or recovery.

Upon arrival at the airport follow the signals indicating the **BLUE WAY** .

Passengers arriving in Spain by sea must also be in possession of one of the required health certificates (vaccination, recovery or diagnostic test), whether it is an EU CCD/EU Equivalent or another type, without being required to complete a health control form.

2.2 COVID-19 protection measures during the Symposium

On the date of this guideline elaboration, in Spain there is no measure in force to prevent COVID-19 except the mandatory use of the masks in hospitals, **public transport** and pharmacies.

The Local Organizing Committee recommends the use of mask during the symposium. Desinfectant gels will be available at the venue. All rooms' ventilation system ensures air renewal. In addition, when you register there will be available **stickers** with your accreditation, which you can use to indicate **how you would like to be treated in relation to COVID-19:**

-  Green: No restrictions.
-  Yellow: With mask in indoor areas.
-  Red: With mask, no handshaking/hugging/kissing and with a safe distance at all times.

Please note that the LOC or the IGS shall not be held responsible for any health problems or accidents that the participants may have, nor would the LOC or the Basque Authorities be responsible for any quarantine costs following a positive COVID test. **We recommend you to obtain a health insurance that covers consequences of a COVID-19 infection.**

3. Symposium Venue



The ISS Symposium will be held in [Bizkaia Aretoa-UPVEHU](#) in Bilbao (Basque Country, Spain). This building is located in one of the most emblematic parts of Bilbao and it opens out onto the estuary and the Guggenheim Museum, right in the centre of Avenida Abandoibarra, between the Padre Arrupe footbridge and the bridge known as the Puente de Deusto.

4. Public transport to the ISS Symposium Venue



The best way to arrive to the Venue is:

The underground (Metro Bilbao): The nearest **stop** to the venue is **Moyua**. Once at Moyua Station, choose the **exit Ercilla–Guggenheim**. From the exit, walk down Calle Elcano towards the estuary (in the direction of Abandoibarra), keeping the Government House building on your left, and when you come to the roundabout of **Plaza Euskadi**, turn into **Calle Ramón Rubial** and continue until you come to the Bizkaia Aretoa-UPV/EHU building. It is approximately a ten-minute walk.

[Map metro → venue](#)

The tram (Tranvía de Bilbao): The nearest stop to the venue is **Guggenheim**, which is right in front of the Bizkaia Aretoa-UPV/EHU building. Just cross the street to arrive at the venue. It is a one-minute walk. [Map tram → venue](#)

We kindly ask you to check the frequencies in the websites: [METRO BIBAO](#) [TRANVÍA BIBAO](#)

More info in the Section 8 or in the [local website](#)

5. Midweek excursion



The LOC will provide a **bus transfer from Bilbao to the midweek excursion** available for all participants:

- Departure time from Bizkaia Aretoa-UPV/EHU (venue) to Gaztelugatxe: 15:00
- Departure time from Gaztelugatxe to Bilbao: 19:30

6. Icebreaker & coffee breaks

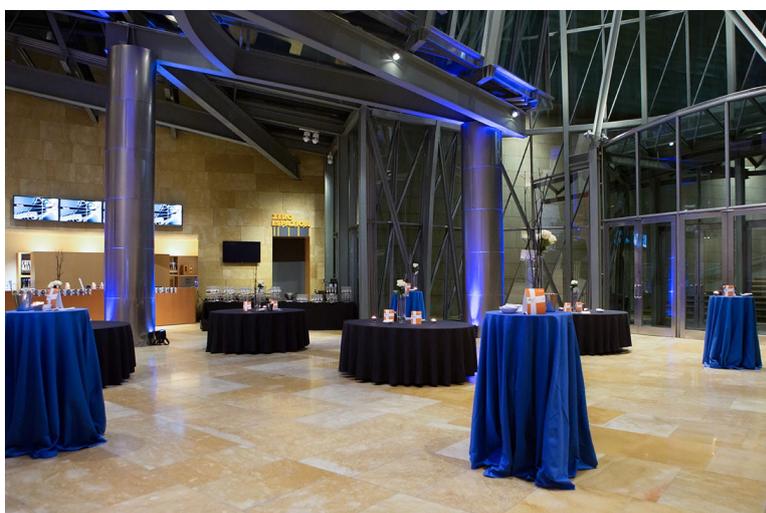


During the **Icebreaker on 5th June**, refreshments will be served to participants at the symposium venue, **ground floor hall** from 6 to 8 pm.

During the symposium days, **coffee breaks** will be served to participants at the symposium venue, **1st floor Terrace** (ground floor hall in case of bad weather).

We have taken into account the requirements you indicated when you made your registration (vegetarian, vegan, allergies, intolerances...). If you are allergic, you will have to tell the waiter personally as he/she will have a separate box for you.

7. Symposium Banquet



On the **9th of June**, all the symposium participants are invited to attend the **Symposium Banquet** that will be held at the [Guggenheim Museum](#) from 8pm to 11:30pm.

Address: C/ Abandoibarra Etorb., 2, 48009 Bilbao

Type: Signature Basque Cuisine.

We have taken into account the requirements you indicated when you made your registration (vegetarian, vegan, allergies, intolerances...).

8. Other information of interest

8.1 Weather information

Bilbao has a humid oceanic climate, with predominantly West winds, that make temperatures milder and favour temperate weather throughout the year. Given its proximity to the sea, the climate is mild and without extreme temperature changes between the seasons: with an average temperature 8°C in winter and 20°C in summer.

AVERAGE MONTHLY TEMPERATURES												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Ago	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Max.	13°C	14°C	16°C	17°C	19°C	22°C	25°C	25°C	24°C	21°C	17°C	14°C
Min.	6°C	6°C	7°C	8°C	11°C	14°C	16°C	16°C	14°C	12°C	9°C	7°C
Avge.	9°C	11°C	11°C	12°C	16°C	18°C	21°C	21°C	19°C	16°C	13°C	11°C

8.2 Time Zone

Bilbao is situated in the Central European Time Zone (CET), which is GMT +1. As the symposium takes place during the summer, the time zone is the **Central European Summer Time Zone (CEST), which is GMT +2.**

8.3 Currency

The official currency is the **Euro (€)**. The majority of retail establishments accept credit cards and will ask the customer to show proof of identity.

8.4 Business timetables

Meals: The usual times for meals are: Breakfast: from 8:00 to 10:00 h. Lunch: from 13:30 to 15:30 h. Dinner: from 20:30 to 22:30 h. (The average cost of a daily menu in Bilbao is 14€).

Banks: Monday to Friday from 08:30 to 14:00 h. Saturdays from 9:00 to 13:00 h.

Shops: Shops open Monday to Saturday from 10:00 to 13:30/14:00h. and from 16:30 to 20:00h. Shopping centres, large department stores and some shops do not close at midday and are open until 21:00 h. Shops do not open on Sundays.

Museums: Open from Tuesday to Sunday. Close on Mondays.

8.5 Type of electrical socket

- 2 PINS
- 16 A (unusual)
- 220-240 V



8.6 Useful telephone numbers

Spanish telephone prefix: +34

Public information help-line: 010. (Full information about Bilbao).

- Airport: 944 869 300
- Abando railway station: 912 432 343
- Intermodal,coach station: 944 395 077
- Tele Taxi : 94 410 21 21
- RadioTaxi: 94 444 88 88

8.7 Security

- Municipal Police: **092** and 944 205 000 (if calling from outside Bilbao).
- Ertzaintza (Basque Police), S.O.S.- DEIAK: **112** and 944 441 444
- National Police: 091 and 944 709 000
- Protección civil: 944 232 134
- Firemen: **080** / 944 233 000

8.8 Public Transportation



From the airport to Bilbao:

A 20-minute journey through the [Artxanda tunnels](#) or along the [BI-631](#) road separate the airport from the centre of Bilbao. The traveller has different options of ways of making the journey by taxi or by bus. Information on the bus:

Bus A3247 BILBAO-Airport: operates every day of the year, with services every 20 minutes in Summer, and 30 minutes in Winter, connecting with [INTERMODAL](#), the Bilbao bus and coach terminus. Before reaching the end of the route, this bus makes three stops in the city centre, 14 Alameda Rekalde, Plaza Moyúa and at 74 Gran Vía. For prices and frequency of services, click [here](#) (Contact 00 3494 612 55 55).



Bus and coach station (Intermodal): All regional, national and international bus and coach lines depart from the Intermodal bus station (Gurtubay Street no. 1), which is perfectly connected with Metro Bilbao, the tram and commuter trains (lines C1 and C2). Further information: [INTERMODAL](#)



Bizkaia by bus: Bizkaibus services connect virtually all the municipalities in Bizkaia/Biscay, forming an extensive, efficient public transport network that enables you to comfortably discover the Historical Territory from Bilbao. Bizkaibus also runs services that connect with Bilbao Airport, and the [INTERMODAL](#) in Bilbao.

Most of its units are adapted for use by people with reduced mobility. Further information: [BIZKAIBUS](#).



[The Metro Bilbao](#) underground railway has 2 lines. Trains run from 06.00 to 23.00 from Sunday to Thursday. There is an all-night service on Fridays and Saturdays.

Designed by architect Norman Foster, it has become a symbol of the city because of its accessibility, effectiveness, impeccable design and its characteristic 'fosteritos', the glass canopies over station entrances.

Its two lines represent the fastest way of moving around the city.



[Tramway:](#) Monday to Friday: From 06:30 until 23:45

This means of transport, which connects Atxuri station with La Casilla, is much more than just a sustainable and punctual travel option. It also provides a pleasant journey that borders the mediaeval streets of the Old Quarter, briefly glances at the Ensanche (expansion area) of the city and flows parallel to the river estuary while discovering some of its most representative buildings: Isozaki Atea, Guggenheim Museum Bilbao, Library of the University of Deusto-CRAI, Auditorium of the University of the Basque Country (UPV).

8.9 Languages

In the Basque Country there are 2 official languages: Basque (called Euskera) and Spanish. Signs on roads, streets, airport and official institutions will be in both languages.

Basque is the ancestral language of the Basques, whose origin is unknown, as researchers have shown that there is no known relationship with the families of European languages. It is thought in all likelihood to be the oldest language of Europe.

Here you will find a few common words and phrases in Basque and Spanish.

Words in basque	Words in spanish	Words in english
Egun on	Buenos días	Good Morning
Kaixo	Hola	Hello
Agur	Adiós	Goodbye
Mesedez	Por favor	Please
Eskerrik asko	Muchas gracias	Thank you
Jantokia	Restaurante	Restaurant
Sarrera	Entrada	Entrance
Irteera	Salida	Exit
Ura	Agua	Water
Ardoa	Vino	Wine
Garagardoa	Cerveza	Beer
Sagardoa	Sidra	Cider

8.10 Basque Gastronomy



Basque gastronomy, and therefore Biscayan cuisine, is universally famous and is the result of the quality of the ingredients and the skill of its master chefs. Many of the best Basque restaurants and restaurateurs can be found in Bilbao. They range from select Michelin star restaurants to more traditional and less sophisticated steakhouses, cider houses and taverns. All of them are sure to serve Txakoli de Bizkaia, our best known wine internationally. There is something to suit every taste and budget, but with the common denominator of always being of the highest quality. There are also delightful spots offering pintxos, tapas and banderillas (bar snacks) in the traditional "poteo" (wine drinking) areas of Casco Viejo, "Pozas" and Deusto.

8.11 Bilbao Museum Routes



[Museum routes](#) The City of Bilbao is a huge treasure chest of surprises, filled with small and large gems that when set together turn this city into the most precious crown of Euskal Herria. Its museums are gems that range from the most local to the most international; from the earliest times of the human being to cutting-edge modernity. The oldest of the European cultures is home to the symbol of the Contemporary Era. The city is home to two major museums that make it a milestone in the world of culture: the Bilbao Fine Arts Museum and the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao. Two ways of understanding art and conceiving a museum; they complement each other and make this city a goal for many visitors with artistic interests. Art is not only inside these museums; it spills beyond their walls to reach the streets, bridges and gardens. Close to them and huddled under the Euskalduna bridge is the third major museum in the Ensanche, and also the least known: the Ría de Bilbao Maritime Museum.

8.12 Walking routes



[Walking routes](#) There is just not one city and you need to immerse yourself in its way of life to discover all its facets. Stroll past the shops and bars in its Casjo Viejo [Old Town], its Siete Calles, wander through the business district of the Ensanche, eat in its many restaurants, visit its churches, enjoy the river from the new Bilbao that overlooks that path that takes you to the sea, to Abra.

8.13 Cycling and jogging through Bilbao



[Cycling and jogging](#): We are prepared to discover waterfront Bilbao while doing sport. Sportswear, trainers or a bike help us to mingle with so many Bilbao people who are taking advantage to work out in this unique space where the most modern architecture is interspersed with outdoor art. The estuary will accompany us throughout the entire itinerary, either on its way towards the sea or, when we come back, looking for the city centre. A red bidegorri, a bicycle lane, makes our time spent on sport in Bilbao both easier and more comfortable.

9. Contact

Should you have any inquiry regarding the logistics of the symposium, do not hesitate contacting the Organizing Comitee:

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