

# MORE THAN 50 YEARS OF GOVERNANCE, IN FAVOUR OF PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

**Gorabide**  
Association

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ASOCIACIÓN VIZCAINA EN FAVOR DE LAS PERSONAS CON DISCAPACIDAD INTELECTUAL  
ADIMEN DESGAITASUNA DUTEN PERTSONEN ALDEKO BIZKAIKO ELKARTEA

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## CONTEXT

Gorabide and the Provincial Council of Biscay maintain a historic strategy of collaboration for the co-creation of public policies, serving as an example of the contribution of value in the detection of needs that contribute to consolidate social services.

Thus, they affect the improvement of intervention procedures and move towards an integrated model, focused on the person and oriented to the quality of life, ethics, excellence and transparency.

## PARTNERSHIP

This partnership is a two-way alliance aimed at guiding, planning, deploying and monitoring as well as evaluating social services. The Provincial Council of Biscay promotes the conditions for people with disabilities to reach their maximum autonomy, inclusion and active participation in the community and leads policies relating to attention, support and promotion.

Gorabide manages regional centres and collaborates in the development of disability plans. Furthermore, both entities participate jointly in technical and coordination teams.



## PRESENTATION

Founded in 1962, Gorabide is the association of families of people with intellectual disabilities and is the driving force of these associations in Biscay. It has more than 4,700 users (84% of the census of the Provincial Council of Biscay), and is the only one working with any type of intellectual disability in the entire region. In addition, it is the promoter of Lantegi Batuak, to cover the work needs of people with intellectual disabilities, and *Futubide*, to offer resources and support.

Gorabide knows the needs of people with intellectual disabilities in a broad and direct manner through their families who, in addition, govern the association through the assembly and the board of directors. Thus, it provides innovative services and quality support, focused on each person, attending to the quality of life and from an ethical commitment, throughout the life cycle, so that this group can fulfil their vital aspirations.

## RESULTS

In addition to 12 residences, 10 dwellings, 13 day centres, a residence for temporary stays, a respite service at weekends and a program to support the quality of family life, this alliance influences the Plan for Participation and Quality of Life of People with Disabilities in Biscay (2010-2013 and 2016-2019).

This, in turn, helps with the application and operational capability of public policies on disability, as well as monitoring and evaluation of the same.



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