THE BASQUE DECLARATION AND THE GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY FRAMEWORKS

On September 25th-26th, 2015, countries adopted a set of 17 goals to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all as part of a new sustainable development agenda. These are the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In December 2015, at the Paris climate conference (COP21), 195 countries adopted the Paris agreement, legally binding global climate action. The aim is to avoid dangerous climate change by limiting global warming to well below 2°C.

WHAT IS THE BASQUE DECLARATION?

It is an inspirational document to create productive, sustainable and resilient cities for a liveable and inclusive Europe.

It focuses on how local and regional governments can contribute to the global goals.

1. THE BASQUE DECLARATION TRANSLATES THE SDGS AND THE PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT INTO 10 AGENDAS AT LOCAL LEVEL

- Decarbonisation
- Urban mobility
- Biodiversity
- Greenfield land and natural space
- Water resources and air quality
- Climate change
- Public space
- Housing
- Social inclusion and integration
- Local economies and employment

2. THE BASQUE DECLARATION DEFINES THREE TYPES OF TRANSFORMATION NEEDED FOR CHANGE

- SOCIO-CULTURAL TRANSFORMATION
- SOCIO-ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION
- TECHNOLOGICAL TRANSFORMATION

3. THE BASQUE DECLARATION OUTLINES 15 PATHWAYS TO INSPIRE TRANSFORMATIVE ACTIONS

LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS CAN INTEGRATE AND COMBINE THESE PATHWAYS

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