

DRAFT TENTATIVE PROGRAMME
EUROPE REGIONAL RCE MEETING 2026

UNITING REGIONS TO ACCELERATE LEARNING FOR SUSTAINABLE TRANSFORMATION

20–22 October 2026, Hybrid format

 DAY 0 — Monday, 19 October 2026 (Bizkaia) / In-person

Venue: [UN Etxea – Basque Country Association for UNESCO](#) (Secretariat RCE Basque Country–Navarre)

 14:00 – 17:00 **Welcome & Arrival**

- ☒ Registration & Welcome Desk
- ☒ Informal networking
- ☒ Logistics & Information point

 17:30 – 18:30 **Official opening: [Deusto University](#), Bilbao**

- Welcome: [UNESCO Chair at the University of Deusto](#)
- Framing: [UN Etxea – Basque Country Association for UNESCO](#)

 19:00 – 21:00 **Informal gathering**

- Guided Visit to [Vizcaya Bridge](#) (UNESCO World Heritage Site) and Puerto Viejo Algorta, Getxo
- Welcome Drink at [Trinitarias Ikastetxea](#) (RCE Award, RCE Youth Publication)
- Official Remarks: Department of Youth and Social Cohesion, Getxo City Council

 DAY 1 — Tuesday, 20 October 2026 (Bizkaia province)

Theme: *Empowering communities. Education as the Foundation of Regional Enabling Environments.*

 09:30 – 14:00 **Morning Venue: [Ekoetxea Meatzaldea \(IHOBE\)](#), Gallarta / Hybrid**

 09:30 – 11:00 **Opening session**

- Introduction to the day from the host RCE Basque Country-Navarre
- Welcoming Remarks: Director, Department of Natural Heritage and Climate Change Adaptation (Basque Government)
- Keynote input: RCE Global Service Centre; Dr. Gio Lugo Miole (United Nations University Post Doctoral Fellow)

Focus: Energy Transition & Climate Change

- [Boost Project](#) showcase (Department of Environment, Basque Government): Identification of shared challenges, opportunities, and next steps
- [Ekolenteak](#) Project: Opening 12 lenses to look at sustainability from new perspectives, where knowledge becomes emotion and *emotion* becomes *transformative action*.
- Inputs from RCEs to World Environmental Education Congress (WEEC) 2028 Euskadi: Collective reflection on synergies with WEEC 2028, innovation labs on SDG localization, and youth engagement

🕒 11:00 – 11:30 Break: Hamaiketako

🕒 11:30 – 13:00 Dedicated Space for RCEs to Present, Update, and Plan

- RCE Poster and visual displays (projects, methodologies, regional cases)
- Discussion on RCE Strategy for European-level operationalization of the 2025 Okayama Declaration: RCEs' Collective Commitment for Sustainable Futures

🕒 13:00 – 13:30 Guided visit to [Ekoetxea Meatzaldea \(IHOBE\)](#)

🕒 13:30 – 14:30 Lunch break

🕒 15:00 – 17:30 Afternoon Venue: [BBK Kuna – The Home of the SDGs](#), Bilbao / Hybrid

Focus: Promotion of Active Citizenship

- Opening plenary at BBK Kuna
- High-level panel: “Enabling environments for local impact”
- Roundtables on citizenship, youth, and regional data
- Innovation Labs: SDG localization tools with [Local 2030](#) office

🕒 18:00 – 19:30 Networking visit: [Mondragon Team Academy \(MTA\)](#), Bilbao

🕒 19:00 – 21:00 Evening Venues (Buffet dinner on-site):

- Option A: [Elkartenet](#) / Hybrid
Focus Youth: Youth RCE + Artificial Intelligence for Global Citizenship
(Themes: AI ethics, inequalities, IDGs, youth leadership). Youth Blueprint Lab launch.

OR

- Option B: [Hub IDGs Territorios con Alma](#) / In-person
Focus IDGs: “Micro-IDG Lab” focused on *competencies for enabling environments*.
An IDG-facilitated embodied reflection session on personal and regional transformation.

 DAY 2 — Wednesday, 21 October 2026 (Araba province and Navarre region)

Theme: *Co-creating Regional Pathways. Mission-Oriented Roadmaps for Systematic Transformation.*

 **10:00 – 12:30** Morning Venue: [Egibide](#), Vitoria-Gasteiz (Araba) / Hybrid

Focus: Culture of Peace and Non-Violence

- Introduction to the day from the host RCE Basque Country-Navarre
- Plenary: (H)ABIAN 2030 – Education for Social Transformation Strategy of the Basque Country by the [Elankidetza: Basque Agency for Cooperation and Solidarity](#)
- Education for peace and non-violence as part of social transformation: Intervention on peace culture as a fundamental enabling environment.
- The Localization Blueprint. Enabling Environments to channel finance towards local impact: Mission Design Workshops

 **12:30 – 13:00** Guided visit to Egibide

 **13:00 – 13:30** Lunch break

 **13:30 – 15:00** Bus trip to Pamplona (Navarre)

Theme: *Building Capacities for Localization: Skills, Innovation, and Regional Knowledge for the SDGs*

 **15:00 – 17:30** Afternoon Venue: [Mancoeduca](#), Pamplona (Navarra) / Hybrid

Focus: Service Learning and Cooperation

- Plenary on Service-Learning: [Red Navarra de Aprendizaje y Servicio Solidario \(RedAySS\)](#)
- Regional Roadmap Writing Labs

Dedicated RCE Connect & Planning Session:

- Joint priorities for European RCEs (2026–2028)
- Cooperation opportunities, working groups, and next milestones
- Inputs to global RCE processes

 **17:30 – 19:30** Cultural visit to [Geltoki](#) and [Parque de la Ciudadela](#)

 DAY 3 — Thursday, 22 October 2026 (Iparralde – French Basque Country)

Theme: *Localizing Finance for ESD: From Regional Priorities to Investment Pipelines*

Focus: Cultural and Linguistic Diversity

 **08:30 – 09:30** Visit to [Lauaxeta Ikastola](#), Amorebieta on the way to Iparralde

 **10:30 – 13:00** Morning Venue: [ESTIA - Institute of Technology](#), Bidart / Hybrid

- Introduction to the day from the host RCE Basque Country-Navarre
- Cross-border panel: Example from Euskadi-Navarre-Iparralde cooperation
- Case for a new SDG 18 on Cultural & Linguistic Diversity
- Plenary on localized finance for Education & Sustainability. Investment pipeline clinics & SDG Localization Marker 2.0.
- Reflection circle hosted outdoors (weather permitting). Meeting summary and next steps for RCEs

 **14:00 – 17:00** Afternoon field visits facilitated by [CPIE Pays Basque](#) / [CPIE Littoral Basque](#) / In-person

- Ocean Literacy
- Coastal Resilience
- Community Sustainability