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The Green Belt Movement is led by 2004 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Wangari Maathai, who is internationally recognized for her efforts on behalf of sustainable development, democracy and peace.

The Green Belt Movement has already planted over 20 million trees in an attempt to avoid deforestation and desertification in Africa, contributing to combating climate change.



**RUPER ORMAZA PRESIDENT • MIKEL MANCISIDOR DIRECTOR**

Ruper Ormaza and Mikel Mancisidor with Stéphane Hessel.

Reporting on a whole year's work in such short document is difficult and may even be a little unfair. Unfair because some activities have to be left out and because the efforts by so many people cannot be fully acknowledged and because it cannot fully explain the importance of some alliances.

In this Report we have tried to mention the most notable events of 2008. Said year saw significant changes to the professional team and Board, and was also a great year during which we progressed towards our strategic objectives and has brought us a little closer to fulfilling our MISSION and VISION.

This year saw the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and UNESCO Etxea participated in this international event with different acts contained in this Report. Particularly important for us was the ceremony to award the UNESCO/Bilbao Prize for Promoting a Human Rights Culture to Stéphane Hessel. We were extremely lucky to meet him and collaborate in the international recognition of a great diplomat and Human Right militant throughout the 20th century. This universal German-French Jew is one of those people who is definitely deserving because he reconciles us with humanity. At 92 he continues actively participating in the defence of Human Rights, sowing hope and dignity.

Throughout the year we worked discretely and continuously on the Basque Plan for Human Rights Education, and on its social and educational support. Neither a broad parliamentary agreement nor a broad social agreement were possible, although we believe that we have made a positive contribution towards building a good base to be completed and improved in the future.

As explained in the Report, we have become one of the worldwide references on the issue of water, we have become consolidated as an important institution on Cultural Rights, broadened our work on the Culture of Peace, languages and immigration, training and information, education and documentation.

On an internal level we have 13 new members which strengthens our social base and our civic and social nature as a non-governmental association. We have partially renewed and enriched our Board of Directors with the incorporation of two new directors, Mr Jon Emaldi and Ms Nieves Fernández. Mr Paul Ortega, who has been part of UNESCO Etxea since 1992, first of all as Manager and then as director, left the Board. We would like to very sincerely thank Paul and acknowledge his contribution.

The Board of Directors approved the 'Labour Relations Framework' document which regulates the labour relations and conditions of UNESCO Etxea's personnel. We consider that a good dynamic labour regulation, with internal agreements and global recognition and fair remuneration for the professionals is essential so that our Association can fulfil its mission and continue growing and improving as an institution.

2009 is going to be a difficult year. The financial crisis is affecting everybody and forces us to be more efficient and productive and to strengthen our commitment to innovation.

It is a year of change at the top of UNESCO, i.e. its Director General. We hope that the change will help to make the institution more democratic and modern, opening more doors to the participation of civil society actors like UNESCO Etxea.

It is also a year of change in the Basque Government. We will have the opportunity to discover new references and to add new sensitivities to our objectives to build a better country in a fairer world. We want our society and our country to participate at the top level in some of the most important global challenges of our time. And we are achieving this with committed members and volunteers and with extraordinary professionals.



This year 2008 Xabier Monasterio and Paul Ortega have left UNESCO Etxea's Board of Directors. We would like to thank both of them for their dedication.

Xabier was a Member of the Board of Directors from 2002 to 2008, acting as Secretary between 2002 and 2006.

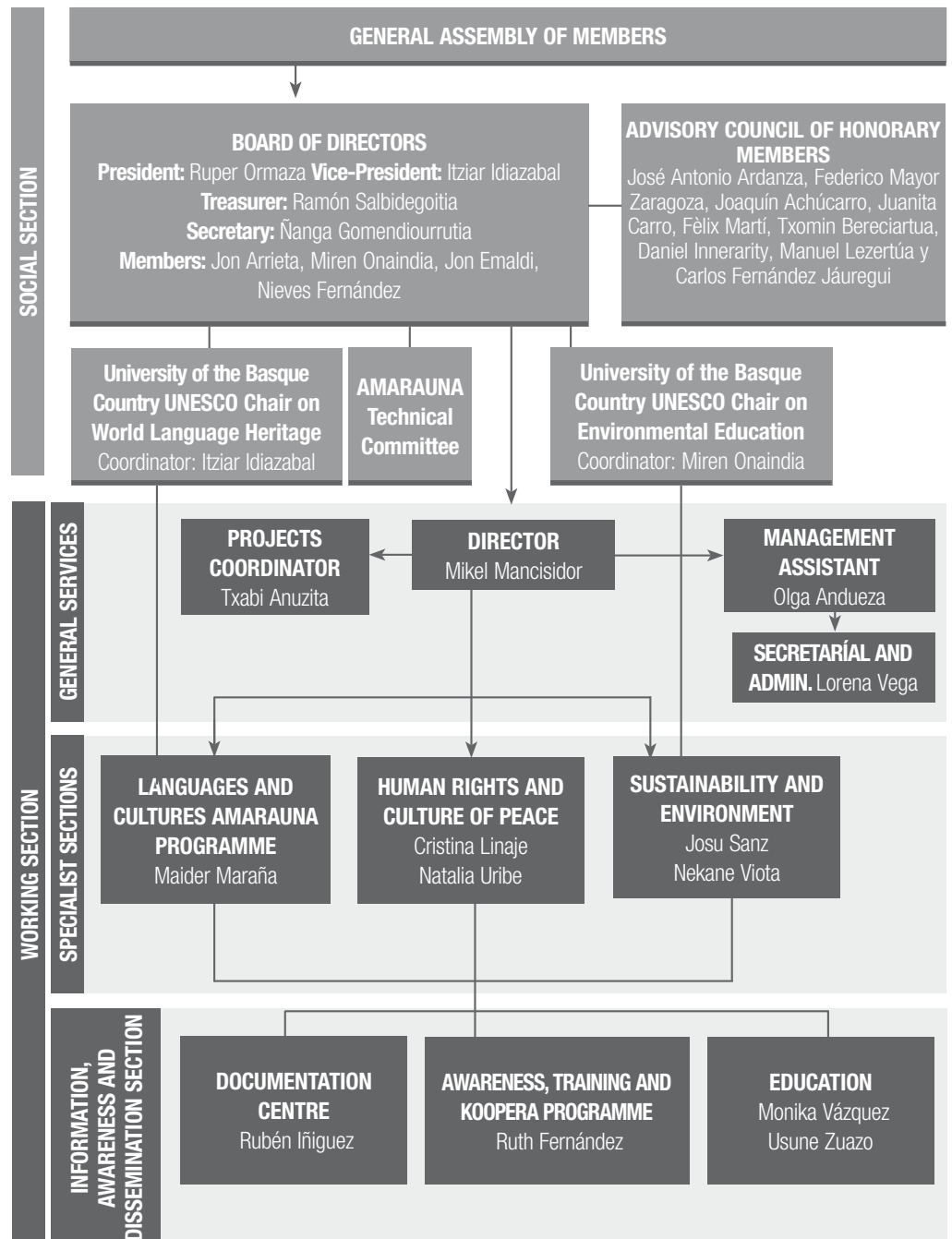
Paul was Director of UNESCO Etxea since it was found in 1991 until 2004 when he joined the Board of Directors. We would here in this Report like to acknowledge Paul's key role over 17 years as well as his intense dedication to our institution. Paul has very significantly promoted the institution from the front and fathered thousands of important initiatives which have allowed UNESCO Etxea to become what it is today.

Many of the achievements contained in this Report would have been inconceivable without his years of limitless generosity, sustained effort and undeniable wisdom. Thank you very much, Paul!

UNESCO Etxea - UNESCO Basque Country Centre is a non-profit association (NGO) set up in 1991 with the aim of promoting the principles and programmes of UNESCO (the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) within Basque society.

Declared 'in the Public Interest' in 2006, it currently has 130 Members which form the institution's membership base.

#### UNESCO ETXEA ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Additionally, in collaboration with the Basque Government:



**14** Scholarship holders in UNESCO offices in America, Asia and Africa. **1** Consultant at UNESCO Paris, **2** Consultants at OHCHR – Geneva and **1** Consultant at the U.N. - Water Office, Zaragoza.



## MISSION, VISION AND VALUES



We very sincerely wish our colleagues **Belen Uranga, Helena Orella, Almudena Rodríguez, Elisa Mandiola** and **Nerea Basterretxea** who have left UNESCO Etxea this year all the very best success in their personal and professional lives.

### MISSION

UNESCO Etxea is a Basque non-governmental organization with an international outreach which works for the culture of peace, for sustainable human development and for human rights, locally and globally. Towards this end:

- it actively participates in international initiatives;
- it fosters a transformative inter-relationship between Basque society and the international community (especially UNESCO and the U.N.); and
- it contributes opinions and observations of its own, through research, advocacy, training, innovation, and the dissemination of information amongst the public.

### VISION

UNESCO Etxea is a solid and prestigious organization, geared towards innovation and quality, supported by a broad-based, pluralistic body of members; a representative, gender-balanced and active Board of Directors; and a team of top-flight professionals who identify with the institution and its Mission and who are motivated to carry it forward.

UNESCO Etxea is a reference in the Basque Autonomous Region thanks to the profound influence and social utility which it has achieved through carrying out its Mission. UNESCO Etxea works constructively in international spheres of reference in its specialist areas of work, and within them its contribution is recognized and valued.

### VALUES

UNESCO's Constitution proclaims in its preamble that since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defences of peace must be constructed. UNESCO Etxea shares that remit of building a peace that is fair and decent starting with the individual and his or her overriding dignity and value, through education, science, culture and information; and, towards that end, defending values of respect for fundamental freedoms and diversity, without discrimination of any type.

UNESCO Etxea adopts the values of the United Nations: respect for and promotion of human rights, democracy, tolerance, justice and freedom. UNESCO Etxea is especially aware of the importance of those values in relation to the current situation in our country and assumes responsibility for working to implement them. In its daily work UNESCO Etxea identifies with the values of innovation, creativity, quality, effectiveness, people's integral development (beginning with their team); responsibility vis-à-vis our country's future and service to society, both local and global, of which it is an integral part.

## NETWORKS AND ALLIANCES

### We are an Institution allied with UNESCO and the United Nations ...

*«The United Nations bodies have consolidated their experience and capacities and have learnt to cooperate with non-state agents which support the Organisation's objectives. The alliances play a particularly important role in applying the commitments formulated during important United Nations conferences and meetings, and in actions performed to fulfil the Millennium Development Goals. They also facilitate institutional change and help the Organisation to become more effective»*

United Nations Department of Public Information. 2008

UNESCO Etxea establishes a strong link between the Basque Country and the main international organizations, for which it uses two key instruments: its Official Relations Status with

UNESCO, and its Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Furthermore, UNESCO Etxea is associated with the United Nations Department of



Public Information (DPI). Our Documentation Centre forms part of the UNESCO Network of Associated Libraries (UNAL).

We participate in various UNESCO programmes relating to education, the environment, culture and human rights. We actively collaborate with the Spanish Commission for Co-operation with UNESCO, a public body which answers to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Co-operation.

We collaborate with the United Nations Millennium Campaign on achieving the Millennium Development Goals and with the United Nations Regional Information Centre for Western Europe (UNRIC). We have stable working relationships with the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Office to support the International Decade for Action 'Water for Life' 2005-2015.

## **... which forms an active part of an international civil society working as a network ...**

UNESCO Etxea belongs to the Spanish Confederation of UNESCO Associations, Clubs and Centres and to the World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (WFUCA).

We have a Collaboration Agreement with the United Nations Association in Spain (ANUE), thanks to which we also cooperate, as a reference in the Basque Autonomous Region, with the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA).

We are members of CONGO, the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations, and participate at its annual meetings.

We are the Focal Point in Euskadi of UBUNTU: World Forum of Civil Society Networks and we lead the Basque Committee of the World Campaign for in-depth Reform of the System of International Institutions. We are members of the Spanish Federation of Associations for the Defence and Promotion of Human Rights.

We form part of the European Union Water Initiative (EUWI), and of the Water Group and Climate Change and Combating Poverty Group of the Spanish Development NGO Coordinating Committee (CONGDE), the Network of the Freiburg Observatory for Cultural Rights, the Alianza por el Agua and the network of 120 organizations supporting the campaign for the human right to peace. We collaborate with the COHRE Human Right to Water Programme.

## **UNESCO ETXEA'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE UN-UNESCO EVENTS IN 2008 (MORE INFORMATION ON PAGES 12 TO 15)**



Presentation of the publication 'Linguistic diversity in America: from Mexico to the Southern Cone'.

Organization of the 2nd Conference on Languages and Immigration and presentation of the results of the research on the issue.

Seminar-discussion: 'Multilingualistic and multicultural management in contexts of immigration and national minorities'.

Participation as Scientific committee in the International Conference 'Challenges facing Minority languages in the Age of Globalization'.

Publication and presentation of the publication 'The future of languages: diversity against uniformity'.

Symposium: 2008 Water Day.

Symposium: 'Water and cooperation'.

Course: Human Right to water.

Coordination and publication in Spanish and English of the book 'The Human Right to water. Current situation and future challenges'.

Edition and publication in Spanish and Basque of the DVD 'El sueño del agua' (A Dream of Water).

### **At Expo Zaragoza 2008:**

Presentation of the case study on water management in the Basque Autonomous Region (CAPV) as a contribution to the 3rd UN Report on Water Resources.

Roundtable: 'Innovative alternatives to finance and support the MDG relating to Water and Sanitation'.

Presentation of the publication 'The Human Right to water. Current situation and future challenges'.

Roundtable: 'The Human Right to water'.

Course: International promotion and protection of human rights.

Act to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration.

Publication in Spanish and Basque of the book 'ABC of Human Rights'.

Publication Spanish and Basque of the document 'The Council of Europe and the protection of human rights' and of the text of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

### **UNESCO/ Bilbao Prize for the Promotion of a Culture of Human Rights:**

Signing of the agreement between UNESCO - Bilbao city Council.

Meeting of the jury and award decision.

Roundtable: 'Human dignity and justice for all. 60 years after the Universal Declaration of Human Rights'.

Prize award ceremony in Paris.

Furthermore, we have signed Collaboration Agreements with the UNESCO Centre of Catalonia (UNESCOCat), with the Linguapax Institute, with the World Rural Forum, with Pax Romana – ICMICA/MIIC, with the Foundation for a Culture of Peace, and with the Spanish Society for International Human Rights Law (SSIHRL).

### **...which acts in the Basque Country from a local and global perspective ...**

UNESCO Etxea has promoted the establishment of the UNESCO Chairs of Sustainable Development and Environmental Education and of World Language Heritage at the University of the Basque Country, and takes an active part in their initiatives.

We are members of the Board of Governors of the Basque Country Development NGO Coordinating Committee, participating in its Mobilization and Campaigns Team.

We are a founder member of the Forum of Human Rights and Peace Education Associations, and form part of its Management Board.

We maintain a working agreement with IKUSPEGI, the Basque Immigration Observation Group; we collaborate very closely with the University of Deusto's Pedro Arrupe Institute and with the University of the Basque Country's Chair of International Studies; and we work on various projects together with the Basque Group of the Spanish Chapter of the Club of Rome.

We form part of the inter-cultural working group of the European Anti-Poverty Network in the Basque Country (EAPN). We continue to work with the Board of Trustees of the Urdaibai Biosphere Reserve, of which we are active members and allies in various initiatives.

We collaborated with Emakunde-the Basque Institute for Women on its application for membership of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women and with EUDEL-the Association of Basque Town Councils.

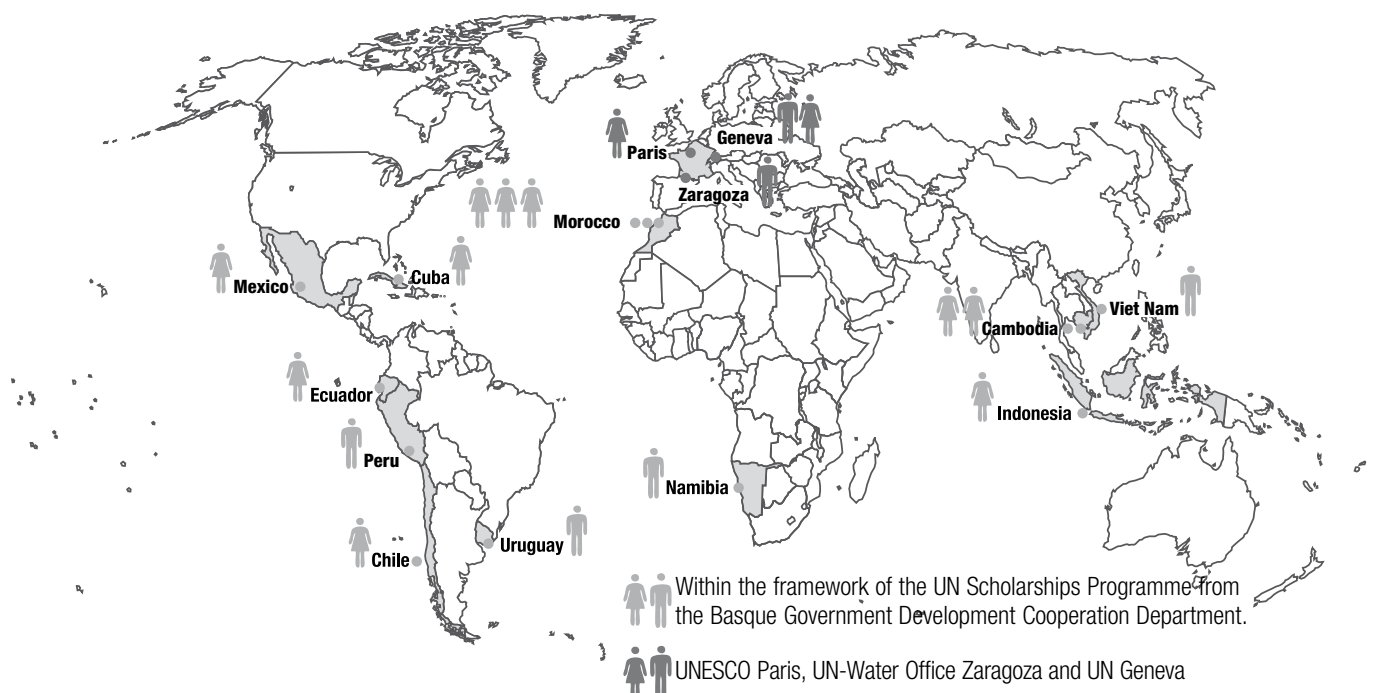
Daniel Innerarity, Honorary Member of UNESCO Etxea, was awarded the Eusko Ikaskuntza - Caja Laboral Prize for Humanities, Culture, Art and Social Sciences 2008. His candidacy was presented by UNESCO Etxea.

We are part of the Management Board (internationalisation department) of the Basque Innovation Agency – INNOBASQUE.

### **... and we offset our emissions.**

The greenhouse gases emitted either by the holding of the main events which we organize, or by the consumption of paper and the distribution of our publications, are offset through the Ekopass association for combating climate change, by means of reforestation, development and gender projects in Kenya carried out by the Green Belt Movement NGO.

### **14 UNESCO ETXEA SCHOLARSHIPS AND 4 UNESCO ETXEA CONSULTANTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD**





## Areas of Work

### LANGUAGES AND CULTURES



'Multilingual and multicultural Management in contexts of immigration and national minorities'  
13th June. Palacio Euskalduna. Bilbao.

This year we contributed, together with the UNESCO Chair of World Linguistic Heritage, to the celebration of the International Year of Languages.

Together with Ikuspegi (Basque Immigration Observatory) we performed extensive research into Languages and Immigration which we presented in May at the 2nd Conference on Languages and Immigration in Bilbao where we worked with important local and international experts. This research was also presented at the summer course on 'Migratory Processes'.

In June we organised a seminar-talk with the prestigious expert Will Kymlicka about multilingual and multicultural Management in contexts of immigration and national minorities which was widely attended by public and private agents in the Basque Country.

The Amarauna languages group constituted the Scientific Committee of the International Conference on the Challenges facing Minority Languages in the

Age of Globalisation which was held in Bilbao in October and organised by EUDEL, the Basque Government and the three Provincial Councils.

We coordinated the book 'El futuro de las lenguas. Diversidad frente a uniformidad' (The future of languages. Diversity against uniformity) which includes articles from our team and from other local and international specialists. This work received the recognition of 'Book of the Week' from the Cervantes Institute.

This year we have also extended our international scope and have become very actively integrated into the prestigious Network of the Freiburg Cultural Rights Observatory and collaborating with the work of the Rapporteur on the General Observation of Article 15 (on Cultural Rights) of the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

More information at [www.amarauna-languages.com](http://www.amarauna-languages.com) and [www.unescoeh.org](http://www.unescoeh.org)

### HUMAN RIGHTS AND CULTURE OF PEACE



Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council. 7th March.

The World Campaign for the Human Right to Peace which we develop together with the SSIHRL continues to progress with significant presence on the United Nations Human Rights Council (three written and oral declarations before the plenary session and three parallel events). This campaign is already supported by over 120 international organisations with consultative status before the United Nations.

We maintain our commitment to Education in Human Rights in the Basque Country where we form part of the Board of Directors of the Foro de Asociaciones de Educación en Derechos Humanos y por la Paz (Forum of Associations Educating in Human Rights and for Peace), and we have also been chosen as representatives on the Consultation Board of the Basque Plan for Education for Peace and Human Rights. We have publicised this Plan, with the aim of obtaining alliances for its improvement, at the top level of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, UNESCO and the Council of Europe.

We have advanced in practical training programmes to include the Human Rights focus in International Development Cooperation, particularly aimed at the cooperation agents: NGOs and public authorities.

Our work for the development and universal enjoyment of the Human Right to Water has this year advanced significantly: we are recognised in the different state and international networks working on the issue and we have actively collaborated in the process which culminated in the creation within the United Nations of the mandate for an independent expert on the human right to water and sanitation. We are already working closely with this independent expert, Catarina de Albuquerque, to ensure the success of her important mission.

Together with the United Nations Office to support the International Decade for Action 'Water for Life' 2005-2015 we have published a book on the Human Right to Water which has had significant impact. Following the editions in Spanish and in English (and an executive summary in Euskera/Basque), an edition in Portuguese is currently being prepared.

2008 was also the year of the UNESCO/Bilbao Prize for the Promotion of a Culture of Human Rights (see page 15) and the presentation of our work on the Human Right to Water at Expo Zaragoza (see page 14).

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**SUSTAINABILITY  
AND ENVIRONMENT**

Presentation of the innovative Basque initiative to support the MDG at the Expo Zaragoza Water Tribune, 26th July.

In 2008 we have designed, together with the Basque Water Agency (URA), the United Nations Office to support the International Decade for Action 'Water for Life' 2005-2015, the UNEP and the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) Campaign, an innovative Basque initiative to support Target number 10 of the MDG which states: Halve, by 2015, the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation. This initiative, which we presented at the highest level at Expo Zaragoza (see page 14) and which has been recognised by the UN as innovative good practice, was described by the head of water for the UNEP, Veerle Vanddweerd, as «one of the best experiences on the issue of cooperation that I have seen up until now and Euskadi sets an example in this field for other world regions which should develop similar programmes».

Our active participation in the work of the United Nations Office to support the International Decade for Action 'Water for Life' 2005-2015, and in the Water group of the Spanish Coordinator of NGOs and as its representative before the EUWI (European Union Water Initiative), has allowed us to transmit plenty of knowledge, relations and opportunities to the Basque and Spanish development cooperation bodies working in relation to water.

We have directly collaborated with UNESCO to enhance the good practices of the Urdaibai Biosphere Reserve, particular the partnership with the UNESCO Chair – Biosphere Reserves, and the commitment to implement it in Latin America (there are currently three Latin American Biosphere Reserves participating in the project).

UNESCO Etxea's rich collaboration with the UNESCO Chair for Sustainability is also seen in the joint project to Evaluate Millennium Ecosystems in Bizkaia, which applies a new United Nations methodology to this territory thanks to the support of its Provincial Council.

We have continued working, always focusing on human development, in reference areas like Climate Change or Environmental Education where we have obtained the recognition of the United Nations Decade for Environmental Education for the model developed in Euskadi to which we have provided contents and training.

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**AWARENESS-  
RAISING AND  
EDUCATION**

The KOOPERA Centre, promoted by UNESCO Etxea in collaboration with the Provincial Council of Bizkaia (Diputación Foral de Bizkaia) and Caja Laboral-Euskadiko Kutxa, is an Information and Training Centre open to the public and specialising in the United Nations System and International Cooperation.

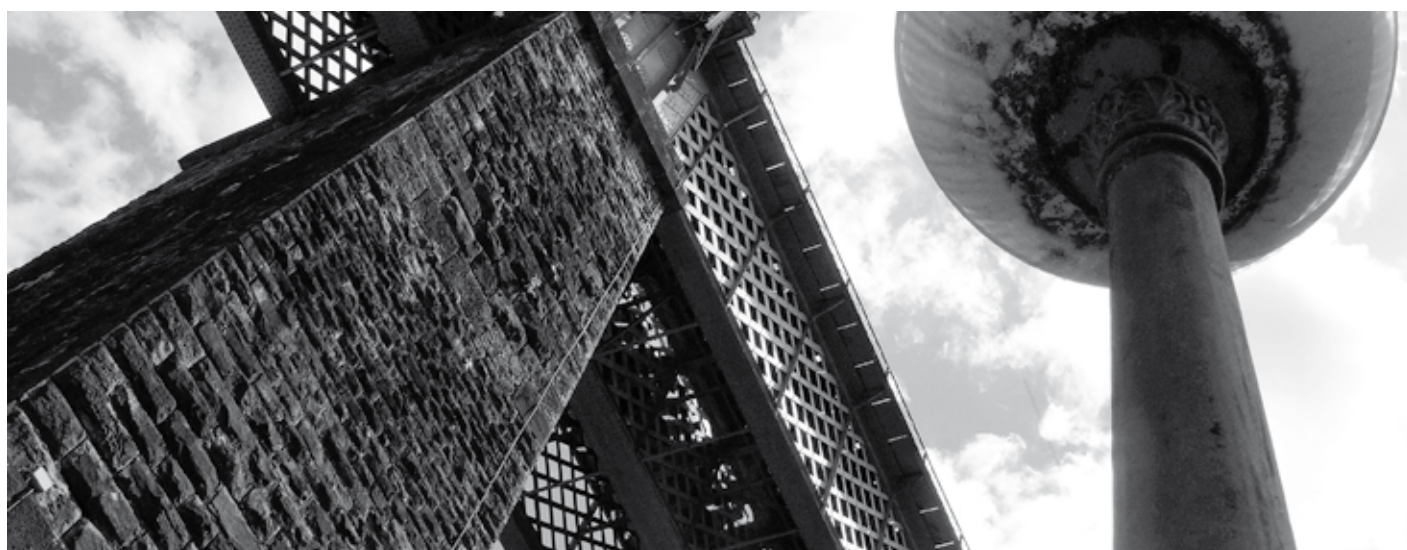
This year's training offer consisted of 180 hours training between 5 courses, training a total of 120 people.

Courses 2008: 'Workshop on integrating the Human Rights focus into development cooperation projects', 'Human Rights protection mechanisms', 'Direct training of Aid Workers', 'Formulation of development cooperation projects and participative techniques' and 'Training in the United Nations and the Millennium Development Goals'.

Thanks to the Basque Government UN Scholarships Programme nine people have been incorporated into UNESCO Offices in seven countries in Asia, Africa and America and six others have renewed their scholarships for a second year.

Our information and orientation service has dealt with over 1,700 consultations relating to the United Nations System and development cooperation, with the main objective of providing guidance to the future professionals on these issues.

The KOOPERA centre housed the Environmental Biographies exhibition prepared by Andrew Rickard and Unesco Etxea's sustainability department which presented testimonies from people from different



International Photographic Experience of  
Monuments - EFIM 2008.  
Ormaiztegui Viaduct (Gipuzkoa) by Amaia  
Iturrioz. Urretxu-Zumarraga Ikastola.

countries throughout the world on the changes to their environmental setting.

As in previous years we participated in different activities of the Zero Poverty worldwide campaign organised by the Basque Country Development NGO Coordinating Committee.

We have maintained relations with different NGOs, associations and higher education centres in the Basque Autonomous Region (CAPV) which has enabled over 100 people to know our services first hand.

We coordinate the Network of UNESCO-Associated Schools in the Basque Country which aims to achieve quality education based on UNESCO's principles and ideals and which currently has 8 participating centres.

We managed the participation of two Basque centres in the Council of Europe's International Photographic Experience of Monuments. Four Basque students were awarded for their photographs of the cultural heritage in their environment and participated at an international meeting of young people held in Strasbourg where they

were able to visit and find out more about the Council of Europe.

The Documentation Centre provides those interested with an extensive collection of documents specialising in the different bodies and agencies of the United Nations System.

As far as the documentation is concerned, a collection has been managed made up of over 3,201 titles and 80 periodicals; thematic dossiers on different conferences and world summits, audiovisual material, didactic material and official documentation of the United Nations System.

With over 221 new titles in 2008, the Documentation Centre is a reference in the Basque Autonomous Region for bibliographic consultations on the different working areas of the United Nations bodies and programmes.

The services offered include borrowing, 'online' consultations of the bibliographic database, consulting the UNESCO databases and the bulletins of summaries and new developments.

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## WEBSITE

[www.unescoeh.org](http://www.unescoeh.org)

A total of 280,638 visits have been registered giving an average of 776 visits per day and a total of 1,036,496 pages visited. A total of 158 new items have been published and 11 bulletins have been sent out. During 2008 we have significantly improved the website: a new design for the news section, changes to the main menu so as to reorganise the work areas and lines, and including an RSS updating service and the launch of the Director's Blog.

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Diversity Against Uniformity  
**Belen Uranga, Maider Marañá**  
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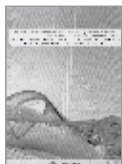
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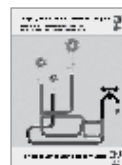
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## IMPORTANT ACTS AND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS



Exhibition: Environmental Biographies. The author Andrew Rickard with Josu Sanz and Miren Onaindia.



2008 Water Day. With the participation of Albert Solé, director of the film 'El sueño del agua' (A Dream of Water).



2<sup>nd</sup> Conference on Languages and Immigration. May 2008. Bilbao. Amarauna languages group, Xabier Aierdi from Ikuspegi and the speakers Marijose Azurmendi, Jurjo Torres, Michel Nicolet, Guus Extra and Carme Junyent.



Commemoration of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. With Carlos Villán and Manuel Lezertúa.

In 2008, in collaboration with different institutions, we organised many public acts with distinguished experts on the issues in question.

### Exhibition: Environmental Biographies

16 January - 22 February.

UPV (University of the Basque Country) and Kooperera Centre. In collaboration with the UNESCO/UPV Chair on Sustainable Development and Environmental Education and the author Andrew Rickard.

### Roundtable: 'UNESCO Chairs in relation to Biosphere Reserves: building bridges between science and environmental management'

7 February .

3rd World Conference on Biosphere Reserves. Madrid. In collaboration with the UNESCO/UPV Chair on Sustainable Development and Environmental Education.

### Seminars: International Promotion and Protection of Human Rights

20 February – 17 March. With, amongst others, Mara Bustelo (UNHCHR) and Linda Tinio (UNESCO). Hotel Ercilla. Bilbao

### Presentation: 'Linguistic diversity in America. From Mexico to the Southern Cone'

26 February.

UPV. Zubiria Etxea-Sarriko. In collaboration with the UNESCO/UPV Chair on World Linguistic Heritage.

### Roundtable: 2007/2008 Human Development Report

11 March. Casa de cultura. Arrasate.

### Seminar: 2008 Water Day

13 March. Ria of Bilbao Maritime Museum. With the collaboration of the Basque Water Agency (URA).

### Presentation: 'ABC of Human Rights'

17 March. Auditorium of Caja Laboral. Bilbao.

### Presentation: 'The AIDS epidemic and the globalization of the risks'

18 April. Videoconference with Peter Piot, Executive Director of UNAIDS. Bilbao City Hall.

### 2nd Conference: 'Languages and immigration'

23 May. Palacio Euskalduna. Bilbao. In collaboration with Ikuspegi.

### Exhibition: International Photographic Experience of Monuments

27 May-8 June. Palacio Yhon. Bilbao. In collaboration with Artxandape Ikastola.

### Seminar-discussion: 'Multilingualistic and multicultural management in contexts of immigration and national minorities'

13 June. With Will Kymlicka. 3rd International Conference on Human Rights. Palacio Euskalduna. Bilbao. In collaboration with Ikuspegi.

### Commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

25 June. With Carlos Villán Durán and Manuel Lezertúa. Videoconference with, amongst others, Marcio Barbosa, Peter Piot and Hans Blix. Auditorium of Caja Laboral. Bilbao.



### Conference: 'Challenges facing minority languages in the age of globalization'

Scientific committee. 9-10 October.

Palacio Euskalduna. Bilbao. Organised by EUDEL.

### Training Itinerary: 'United Nations and Human Development'

From October to December.

Organized by the Deusto University's Institute for Leisure Studies within its "2008-2009 University Cultural Leisure" training programme. Basauri.

### Seminar 'Water and cooperation'

30 October.

Koopera Centre. Bilbao. In colaboración with Zabalketa.

### UNESCO Etxea's appearance before the Basque Parliament Human Rights and Citizen Requests Commission. 'World Campaign for the Human Right to Peace'

30 October.

Vitoria – Gasteiz.

### Presentation: 'The future of languages. Diversity against uniformity'

18 December.

Euskararen Etxea. Bilbao

### Our team has played an active role and organised activities at the following United Nations events:

#### 7th period of sessions of the United Nations Human Rights Council

Oral statement and parallel act with SSHRL: 'Extreme poverty and the Human Right to Peace'.

7 March. Palais des Nations. Geneva.

#### 8th period of sessions of the United Nations Human Rights Council

Written Statement and parallel act with SSHRL: 'Right to education in peace and human rights'.

28 May. Palais des Nations. Geneva.

#### 9th period of sessions of the United Nations Human Rights Council

Oral Statement and parallel act with SSHRL: 'Indigenous peoples and the human right to peace'. 1 September. Palais des Nations. Geneva

#### 61st DPI-NGO Conference

UNESCO – Paris. 3 to 5 September.

In collaboration with SSHRL.

Roundtable: 'Introduction to the Human Right to Peace'. Caucus: 'Peace and Human Rights'.

### Presentation of the mandate of the Independent Expert on the Human Right to Water and Sanitation

13 November

OHCHR and German Ministry for Foreign Affairs. Berlin.

### Our team also gave courses and conferences organised by different institutions, NGOs and universities.



Course: Human Right to Water. Given by Natalia Uribe.



Seminar: 'Water and cooperation'.



Appearance before the Basque Parliament: World Campaign for the Human Right to Peace.

Mikel Mancisidor, Carlos Villán and Cristina Linaje.



Presentation: 'The future of languages. Diversity against uniformity'.

Justo Bolekia Boleká and Maider Maraña.

## UNESCO ETXEA AT EXPO ZARAGOZA 2008



'Right to Water' co-published together with the Decade for Action 'Water for Life'.

It was the international launch of our work on water which received a fantastic reception, great impact allowed us to continue learning and adding new allies.

**Presentation: Case study on water management in the Basque Autonomous Region (CAPV) as a contribution to the 3rd edition of the United Nations Report on the Development of the World Water Resources: 'Water in a constantly changing world'.**

25 July.

United Nations Pavilion.

**Roundtable: 'Innovative Alternatives for financing and supporting the water and sanitation-related MDG'.**

28 July.

Water Tribune.

**UN Day at the Expo: Presentation of 'The Human Right to Water. Current situation and future challenges'.**

1 September.

United Nations Pavilion.

**Roundtable: 'The Human Right to Water'.**

11 September.

El Faro Pavilion.

Apart from its own acts, UNESCO Etxea participated as guest at two other acts:

**Roundtable: 'Water and Sustainable Development'.**

5 August.

Organized by the Brazilian Ministry for Education.

**Seminar: 'Mechanisms for supportive finance'.**

9 September. Organized by Alianza por el Agua and psEAU.



The International Exposition 'Water and Sustainable Development' held in Zaragoza from 14th June to 14th September, with over 5.5 million visitors and an array of events, experts, organisations and networks, was an extraordinary occasion which UNESCO Etxea took full advantage of in order to present its work and share experiences and projects.

The Expo had a Citizen Initiative Pavilion called El Faro (The Lighthouse) coordinating ideas and activities from over 350 social organisations. The Water Tribune was a more official place for reflection but was equally constructive and interesting. UNESCO Etxea actively participated at both spaces with its own events on innovative finance for the Millennium Goals and about the challenges facing the Human Right to Water. We were invited to play an active role in events organised by other local and international institutions and to top it all off we were honoured to be the only NGO in the world invited by the United Nations to present our considerations at the UN Pavilion on its official day, following the intervention of the Secretary General, Ban Ki-Moon, all in close collaboration with the International Decade for Action 'Water for Life' 2005 – 2015 and the UNESCO World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP).

The Expo, and in particular the United Nations Pavilion, was also the best scene imaginable to present the Spanish and English versions of our book 'The Human





## UNESCO/BILBAO PRIZE FOR THE PROMOTION OF A CULTURE OF HUMAN RIGHTS



Transforming the old and prestigious Prize for Human Rights Education (since 1978 received by persons of the status of Václav Havel, for example) into a rejuvenated and vigorous UNESCO/Bilbao Prize for the Promotion of a Culture of Human Rights is one of UNESCO Etxea's most interesting achievement in recent years. This Prize will be awarded every two years to a person or institution which has stood out internationally due to their contribution to a Human Rights Culture. Its jury, appointed by the Director General of UNESCO, is made up of five prominent human rights promoters and defenders from different parts of the world. This prestigious jury met in Bilbao in November and decided to award the Prize to Stéphanie Hessel. The international movement ATD Fourth World received an honorary mention.

Stéphanie Hessel is a poet, diplomat, worker for human development (he became joint administer of the UNDP) and Human Rights activist, in the broadest sense, for over 60 years. In 1948 he was also one of the authors (the only one still alive) of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Stéphanie Hessel is a venerable man who has had an extraordinary life and meeting him was one of those privileges which comes from being part of UNESCO Etxea: At 92 his life is a living lesson on optimism, commitment and vitality from someone who is still working for Human Rights. Hessel dazzled us as a wise and enthusiastic old man who is still eager to learn and surprise on a daily basis.

On 10th December 2008, International Human



Rights Day, and the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration, a great event took place at the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris: Stéphanie Hessel received from the Director-General of UNESCO, Koïchiro Matsuura, and the Mayor of Bilbao, Iñaki Azkuna, the UNESCO/Bilbao Prize for the Promotion of a Culture of Human Rights for his commitment to promoting a culture of human rights, justice and dignity throughout his life and his exceptional contribution to this cause, as well as «his personal participation in the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights».

The ceremony culminated with an emotional acceptance speech, a unanimous standing ovation from all those present and a privileged conclusion: Joaquín Achúcarro, UNESCO Artist for Peace, Honorary Member of UNESCO Etxea and Beloved Son of the City of Bilbao, played on the piano pieces from Albéniz and waltzes by Chopin.

Various milestones were necessary:

**Signing of the agreement between UNESCO and Bilbao City Council in order to continue the UNESCO Prize for Human Rights Education in a new phase associated with the city of Bilbao.**

5 May. UNESCO Headquarters. Paris

**Meeting of the jury and decision on the prize**

3-5 November. Hotel Ercilla. Bilbao

**Roundtable: 'Human dignity and justice for all. 60 years after the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: achievements and challenges'.**

4 November. Deusto University. Bilbao

**Prize Award Ceremony**

10 December. UNESCO Headquarters. Paris.

UNESCO Etxea provides society with openly-presented and accurate information about its finances. Our accounts are audited by Gassó Auditores, S.L.

Our members and the organizations which support us are welcome to request copies of the audit reports.

UNESCO Etxea thanks those companies which have helped us during 2008 to continue working for a Culture of Peace and Human Rights:



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### Source of private and public income

Total revenue 2008		1,177,345.39
Private Contributions		135,064.92 12%
Members	8,054.00	1%
Private Institutions	127,010.92	11%
Public Contributions		1,042,280.47 88%
Basque Government *	919,041.45	78%
Bizkaia Provincial Council	66,000.00	5%
Local Authorities	29,000.00	2%
UNESCO	12,650.00	1,5%
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Co-operation	6,000.00	0,5%
Other revenue	9,589.02	1%

### \*From the Basque Government:

Housing and Social Affairs Department 43%; Environment and Territorial Planning Department 23%; Justice, Labour and Social Security Department 11%; Culture Department 10%; External Action General Secretariat 9%; Education, Universities and Research Department 4%

### Expenditure by programme

Total expenditure 2008		1,166,754.10
Awareness and training	160,593.48	14%
UNESCO scholarships	168,830.75	14%
Human Rights projects	193,326.32	17%
Environmental projects	252,856.74	22%
Languages and Cultures projects	155,215.21	13%
International Relations programmes	87,348.77	7%
General management	148,582.83	13%

### Audit Report on 2008 financial year



### Situation balance 2008

Assets	2008
A) Non-current assets	7,431.11
II. Material fixed assets	7,431.11
B) Current assets	941,743.91
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>949,175.02</b>

Liabilities	2008
A) Net assets	134,306.69
A-1) Equity	134,306.69
C) Current liabilities	814,968.33
<b>Total net assets and liability</b>	<b>949,175.02</b>

