



GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING & OTHER SESSIONS

Bilbao, 2-3 June 2026

Agenda

Place: Azkuna Zentroa - Alhóndiga

Sala Bastida (Level -2*¹). Plaza Arriquirar, 4, 48010 Bilbao

MONDAY 1 JUNE

20:00 - 23:00 | Welcome dinner (city centre)

Restaurant [La Campa de los Ingleses](#)

TUESDAY 2 JUNE: Technical Sessions

8:30 - 9:00 | **Welcome coffee**

9:00 - 11:00 | **Session 1: Atlantic Arc: Governance and Policy Lab with the GRAAL project**



With the support of the **Cantabria Institute of Hydraulics**, this will be a workshop aimed at exploring the effectiveness of European projects from a local perspective and determining how to broaden their impact in 1 or 2 sectors analysed within the framework of **GRAAL**: sustainable tourism, nature conservation and protection, climate change adaptation and risk prevention, marine pollution, and renewable marine energy production.

Please [see note and questionnaire](#) to prepare this session.

11:00 - 11:30 | **Coffee break**

11:30 - 13:30 | **Session 2: Workshop on the network's objectives and missions**

An internal discussion on the role of the network, allowing every member to express their views on its objectives and missions, with a view to establishing a common framework.

13:30 - 15:00 | **Lunch**

Restaurant : [La Terraza del Yandiola](#)

¹ **Sala Bastida: Level -2.** Please use the main entrance to access the building. Once in the Atrium, you can reach Level -2 by lift or via the stairs located in the centre of the Atrium.



17:00 - 19:00 | **Tour: Bilbao from the estuary (*la ría*). Urban transformation and regeneration** (boat tour) [BILBOATS: Pantalán Pío Baroja](#)

IMPORTANT: please arrive 15 minutes early.

We recommend bringing headphones to listen to the audio guide.

The Bilbao estuary has historically been the backbone of the city's development, first as a hub for port and industrial activity and, more recently, as a key area for its urban transformation. The tour will showcase the regeneration process which, since the 1990s, has enabled the recovery of former industrial and port areas to transform them into new urban, cultural and economic spaces, and will feature iconic projects such as Abandoibarra, the Guggenheim Museum, the Euskalduna Palace, the Maritime Museum and the historic Carola crane. The technical tour will offer a first-hand insight into the regeneration model that has redefined Bilbao over recent decades and the role of the estuary as the structural backbone of 21st-century Bilbao.

WEDNESDAY 3 JUNE: General Assembly and Round Table

8:30 - 9:00 | **Welcome Coffee**

9:00 - 9:15 | **Official photo**

9:15 - 11:30 | **General Assembly**

11:30 - 12:00 | **Coffee break**

12:00 - 12:15 | **The Atlantic Macro-Region: Speech by the European Commission**

Reka Rozsavolgyi, Maritime and Outermost Regions Interreg Programmes, DG REGIO (Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission)

12:15 - 13:45 | **Round table: 'Building the Atlantic Macro-region: the role of cities and territories'**

Moderated by **Eider Inuntziaga**, Councillor for the Basque Language, Citizen Services and Participation, the 2030 Agenda and International Affairs, Bilbao City Council.

Speakers:

- **Inés Rey**, Mayor of A Coruña and President of the network
- **Arola Urdangarin Ferreira**, Adviser to the General Secretariat for External Action and Euskadi Global, Basque Government
- **Ekaitz López Amurrio**, Chief Financial Officer, Bilbao Port Authority



- **Guillermo Miró**, Deputy Director, Bilbao Chamber of Commerce (Alliance of Atlantic Chambers of Commerce)
- **Ricardo Cao**, Rector of the University of A Coruña, Secretary-General of the Conference of Rectors of Universities of South-West Europe (CRUSOE)
- **Manuel Pérez Álvarez**, President of the Economic Council of Galicia, President of the Atlantic Transnational Network (Economic and Social Councils of the Atlantic Arc)
- **Marian Elorza**, Director General of the E-Atlantic Foundation

13:45 - 14:00 | Reading and adoption of the 2026 Bilbao Declaration

On the importance of multi-level cooperation and the Atlantic Macroregion.

14:00 - 16:00 | Lunch

Restaurant: Yandiola



Atlantic Cities GENERAL ASSEMBLY

3 June 2026, Bilbao (9:30 - 11:30)

Agenda

1. Opening speeches

Mrs. Inés Rey, president of Atlantic Cities and mayor of A Coruña
Mr. Juan Mari Aburto, mayor of Bilbao

2. Presentation of the 2025-26 Activity Report

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Brief presentation of the POST project and the polycentric tourism strategy

3. Presentation of the 2025 Financial Report

4. Approval of the 2025 accounts

5. Presentation of the Action Plan 2026-27

6. Presentation of the Budget for 2026

7. Membership fees 2027

Proposal to increase the membership fee to ensure the stability of the network

9. Date and venue of the General Assembly in 2027

10. Intervention by Den Helder

11. Any Other Issues