



Euskadiko Lehendakaria
El Lehendakari de Euskadi

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Munduko euskaldunok, lagun agurgarriok,

We live in a globalised, interconnected and interdependent world that has become smaller and more accessible. Everything seems closer, reachable by a “click” on the Internet or a plane ticket; but this time of year has come around and I wanted to wish you directly, personally, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I would like you to feel that you are in our thoughts because all of us form part of a network that continues to grow: there are now 189 Basque Centres–Euskal Etxeak, the latest recently recognised in Marseille. We have Basque Clubs or Maisons Basques open in 25 countries all over the world. You are part of Euskadi, you represent Euskadi in the world.

We share a culture and we make up a national community spread over all five continents. This year we had the chance to meet and share the 6th World Congress of Basque Communities Abroad under the slogan “DIASPORIZATU”. This is an invented word, “diasporizar” in Spanish, “diasporize” in English or “diasporiser” in French, that expresses the value of people living abroad as a window for Euskadi in the world and a permanent bridge for relations within our community. We wanted all the people who live in Euskadi to become aware of the value of having a committed, active Basque community like the one you represent.

Our mission is mutual aid at the service of our country. We want to keep this bridge open to offer you information and opportunities, so thanking you for the work you do to keep the flame of the Basque people, our culture, our traditions and our way of life burning through the length and breadth of the world.

Generation after generation, we have received a legacy that we want to share and strengthen with a view to the future. In the hope that together we can create value for our country, I would like to thank you for the work you do and to send you my best wishes for Christmas and the New Year from Euskadi.

Gabon zoriontsuak igaro ditzazuela eta Urte berri on!

Iñigo Urkullu Renteria