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# Net-Zero Basque Industrial SuperCluster



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# The decarbonization strategy for industrial activity in the Basque Country joins the World Economic Forum's Transitioning Industrial Clusters towards Net-zero project with the creation of the Net-Zero Basque Industrial SuperCluster

The initiative currently involves 20 industrial clusters and is expected to reach 100 regional industrial clusters in the coming years.







The Net-Zero Basque Industrial SuperCluster aims to accelerate the path to net zero emissions in the Basque Country, fostering energy supply decarbonization and energy efficiency in the industrial sectors and creating market opportunities based on the scale-up of the new technologies and innovative services

- Super Cluster because it will **integrate the industrial clusters** (industrial associations) already operating in the Basque Country, enabling and facilitating **coordination and synergies within the key Industries**
- Collaboration and commitment between the government and the key energy companies operating in the geographic area, to develop and implement roadmaps on an industry basis to reduce industrial emissions and achieve net-zero targets.
- With an initial focus to target five Industries up to 68% of total GHG emissions in the following sectors: pulp & paper, cement, refining, steel and foundry. Other industries where decarbonization opportunities can be achievable in the short term will also be considered.
- Search for **common objectives** to enable the **development of zero balance technologies** through the development of cluster-specific roadmaps to achieve zero balance targets.





**GDP** 

2B€ to 3B€ (>2030)

(3%-5% of GDP 2021)



#### **Jobs**

20k to 30k (>2030)

(2-3% of Jobs 2021)



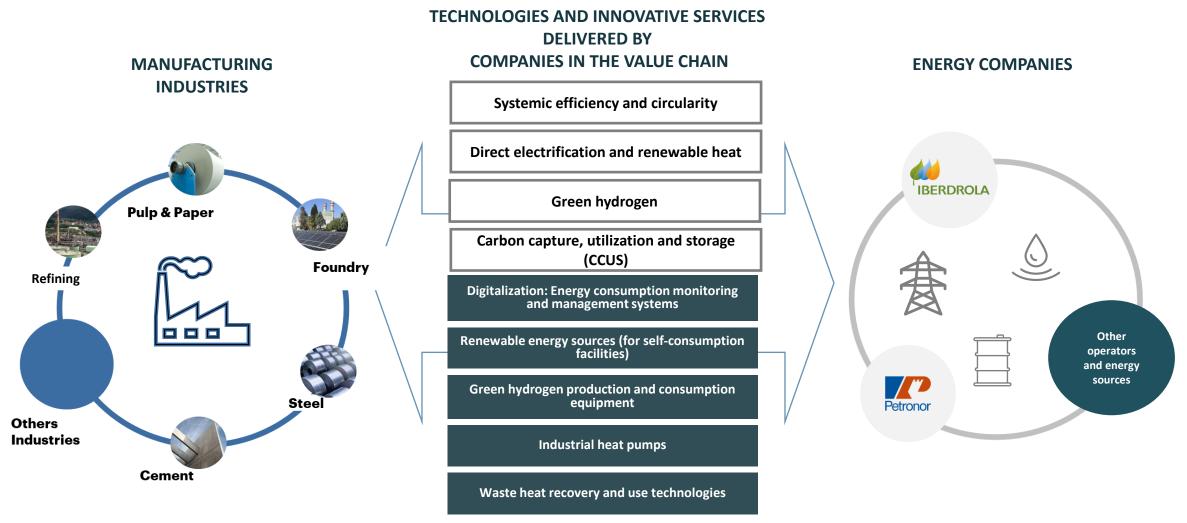
#### **Emissions reduction**

100% emissions reduction generated by industrial sector energy consumption by 2050





The SuperCluster aims at developing a robust, innovative industrial ecosystem where technology innovations serve as key driver of the energy transition and decarbonization



Basque Science, Technology and Innovation Network





The SuperCluster's activity is based on a four-phase technical development project and two continuous lines of work that allow for its deployment in local and international collaboration





Design & development

Project launch

Initiative presented in the Basque Country and in the COP- 26. 1 Characterization of the industry

consumption from process perspective and describing the evolution of the sector in the Basque Country.

2 Roadmap

Roadmap for each sector that identify the best technologies and measures to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions associated with energy consumption (compared to EPRI).

**3** Value Chain

evaluation of the current or potential value chain in the Basque Country for the development and supply of the identified measures and technologies

4. Pilot projects

Identification/
prioritization of pilot
projects and
demonstrators for the
application of
technological
solutions.

Communication and international positioning

**G** Governance

# **Characterization of the industry**





The characterization has focused on energy consumption and the processes that concentrate higher

emissions

Thermic	consumption



		Production plants	Energy consumption	<b>GHG emissions</b> [kt CO₂eq./year]	Emission factor [Kt CO <sub>2</sub> eq/Kt product]
<b>M</b>	Pulp&Paper	10	32% 68%	462	0,34*
	Refining	1	93%	2.144	0,22
	Cement	3	89%	1.002	0,44
<b>B</b>	Steel	8	49% 51%	862	0,28
	Foundry	49	35% 65%	212	0,50

<sup>\*</sup> Aggregated for Pulp & paper production

# Roadmaps



## Measures have been classified according to the level of technological readiness and the WEF methodology

#### **Technological measures:**

Measures requiring technological development

 Based on technologies with a low level of maturity that will require development in the coming years. Identification of technological challenges together with EPRI.

Commercially available measures

 Based on technologies with a certain level of technological maturity, already available in the industry.

#### Non-technological measures:

Non-technological measures

 Based on different solutions for management, regulation, procurement, etc. that can contribute directly and indirectly.

#### Strategic lines based on the WEF pillars



Energy efficiency and circularity



Electrification and alternative sources



Green hydrogen



Carbon Capture, Use and Storage (CCUS)

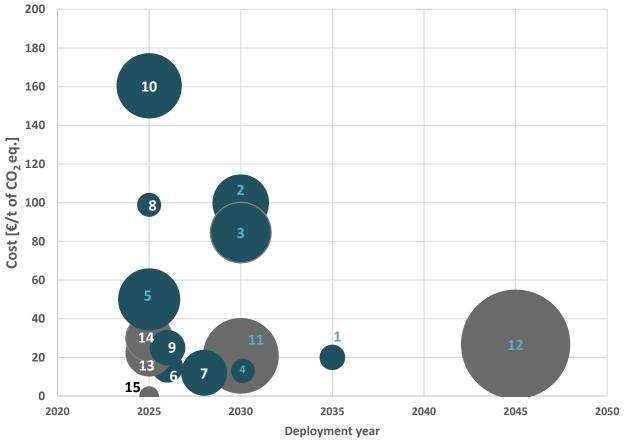




# Roadmap - PULP & PAPER

# Maximum potential for abatement of technological measures in need of development and commercially available

#### Maximum abatement potential (t of CO<sub>2</sub> eq./year)





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#### Systemic efficiency and circularity

- 1. Mild repulping process
- 2. Deep eutetic solvent
- 3. Innovative mechanical drying systems
- 4. Use of pulping enzymes.
- 5. Cellulose micro-nanofibers.
- 6. Use of non-wood fibres
- 7. Digitalization and AI for process control
- 8. Use of conical refining techniques
- 9. Higher use of recycled pulp.
- 10. Heat recovery from the process



#### Direct electrification and renewable heat

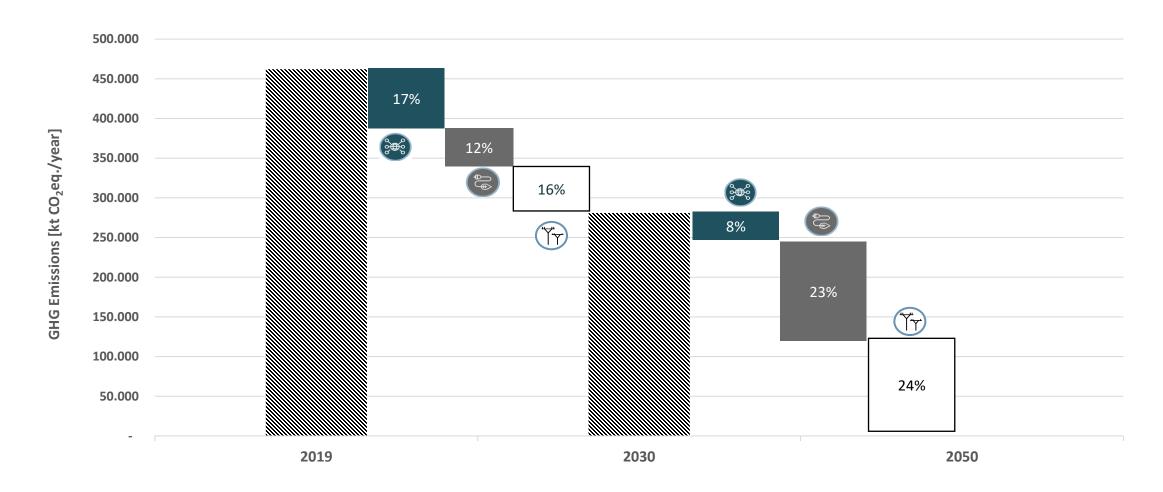
- 11. Electrification of the process through heat pumps
- 12. Drying by electrical forces
- 13. Waste and sludge gasification at the water treatment plant
- 14. Pyrolysis of by-products
- 15. Renewable energy generation on site

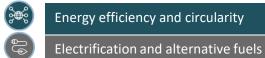




# Roadmap - PULP & PAPER

# The cumulative contribution of each of the decarbonization axes has been plotted in each of the time periods

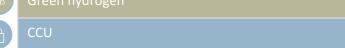














Increase of renewables in the energy mix

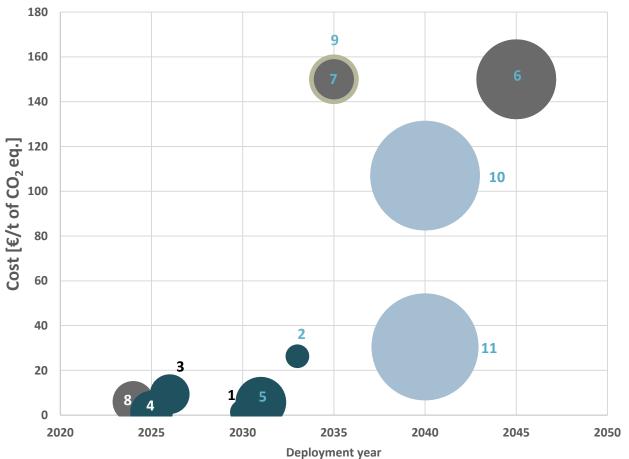




# **Roadmap - CEMENT**

# Maximum potential for abatement of technological measures in need of development and commercially available







#### **Energy efficiency and circularity**

- 1. Digitalization and AI for process control
- 2. Ordinary portland cement from new non-carbonate limestone sources
- 3. Use of oxycombustion
- 4. Fuel properties optimization
- 5. Alternative additions and their activation



#### **Electrification and alternative sources**

- 6. Electrolyser for CaO decarbonation of calcium carbonate prior to clinker production in the kiln
- 7. Electrification of the clinkering process using microwaves
- 8. Co-processing of refuse-derived fuel (RDF)



#### Green hydrogen

9. Partial use of hydrogen as a fuel in the kilns



#### Carbon capture, use and storage

- 10. Carbon capture
- 11. Indirect heating (split-stream furnace) with carbon capture

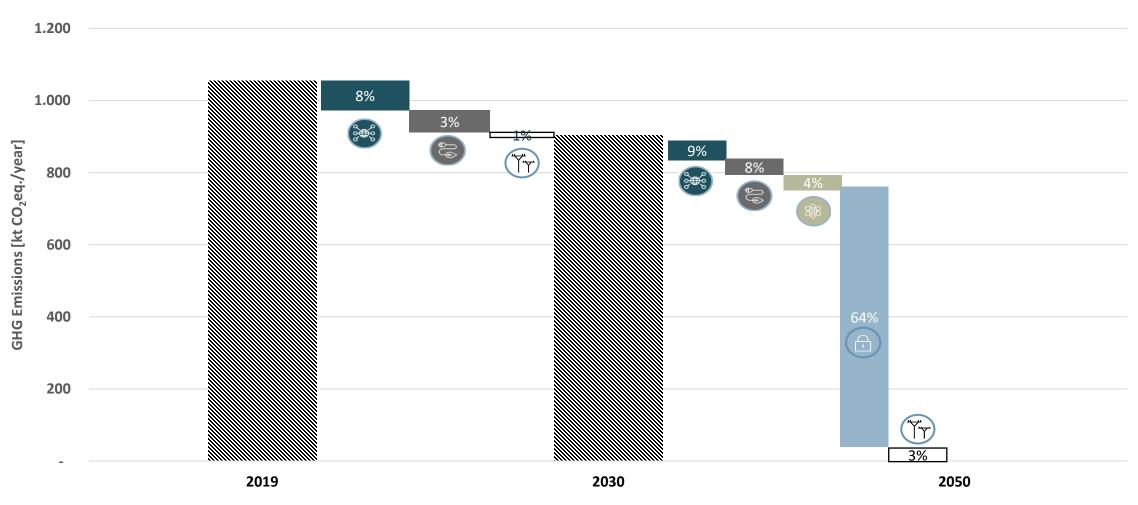






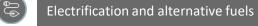
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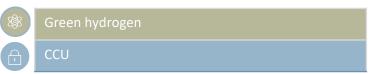
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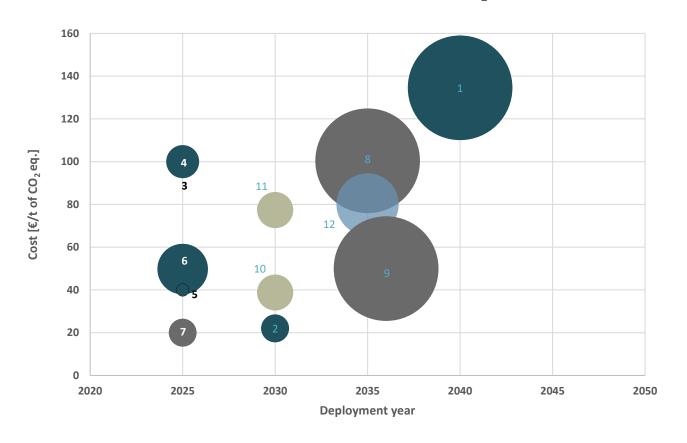




# Roadmap - REFINING

# Maximum potential for abatement of technological measures in need of development and commercially available

#### Maximum abatement potential (t of CO<sub>2</sub> eq./year)





#### **Energy efficiency and circularity**

- 1. Generation of advanced biofuels from waste.
- 2. Digitalization and AI for process control.
- 3. Heat recovery from excess gas or process waste heat.
- 4. Energy recovery in pressure jumps
- 5. Combined AC/DC fields to desalinate crude oil
- 6. Generation of biogas from urban waste



#### **Electrification and alternative sources**

- 7. Electrification of heat through heat pumps and absorption machines
- 8. Generation of synthetic fuels from green hydrogen and CO<sub>2</sub>.
- 9. Second and third generation ethanol production.



#### Green hydrogen

- 10. H<sub>2</sub> production plant by electrolysis.
- 11. H<sub>2</sub> production and alternative fuels through biomass gasification



Carbon capture, use and storage

12. Carbon capture process

Technological measures need of development





# Roadmap - REFINING

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Energy efficiency and circularity

Electrification and alternative fuels







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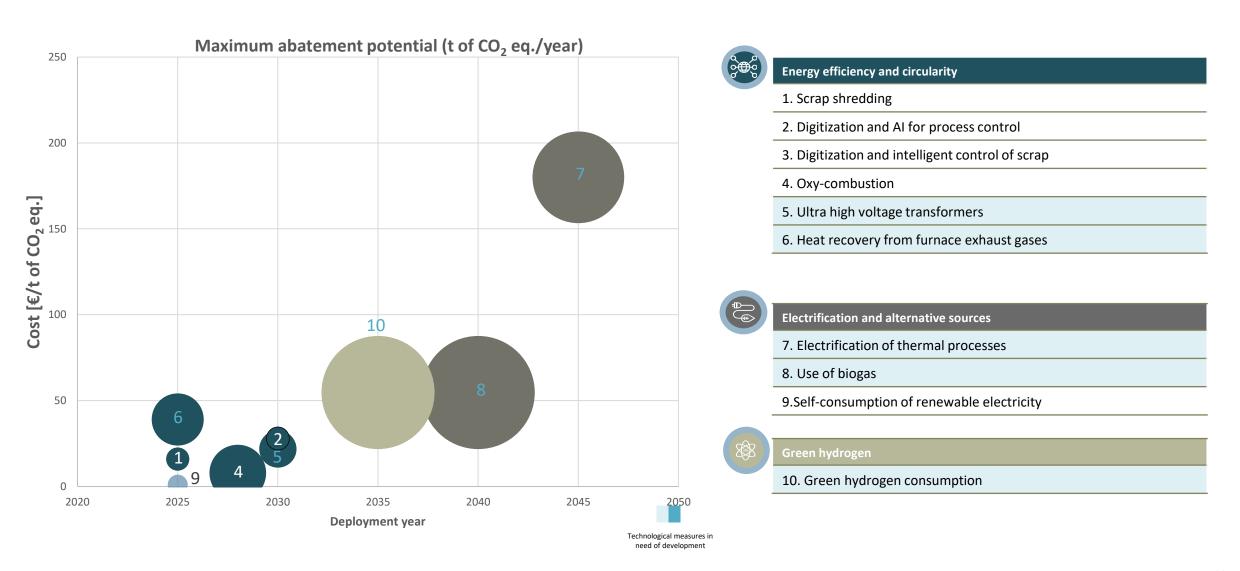






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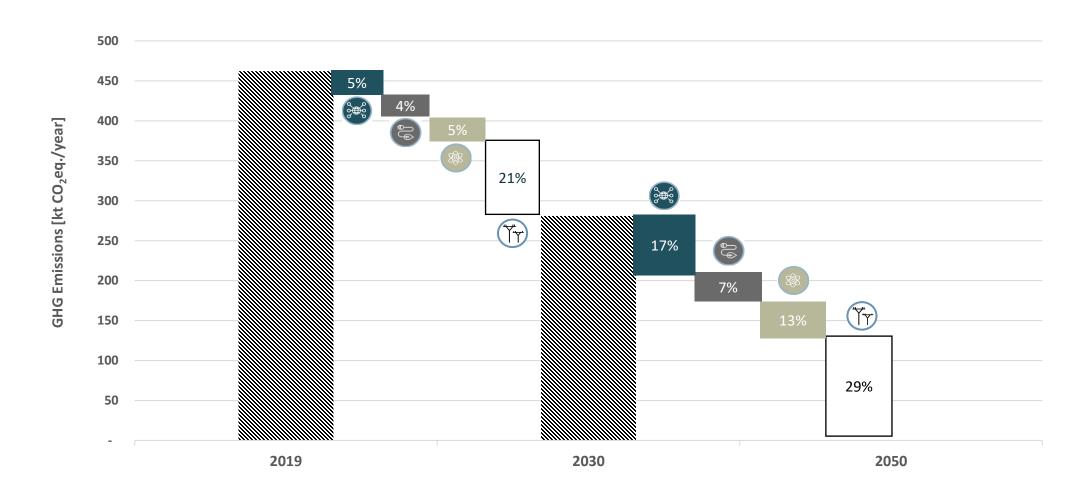






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Electrification and alternative fuels













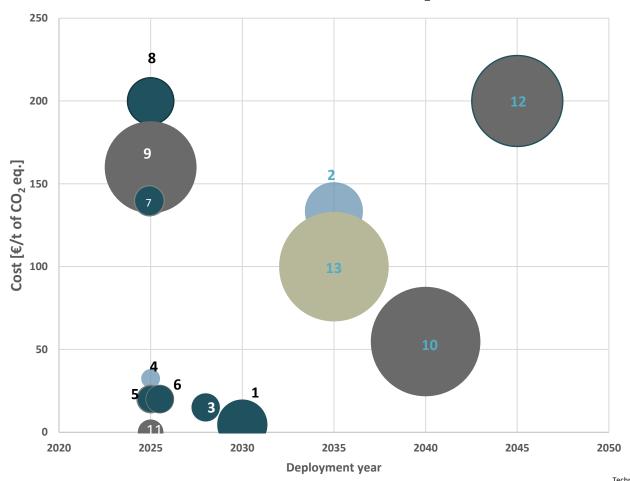




# **Roadmap - FOUNDRY**

## Maximum potential for abatement of technological measures in need of development and commercially available

#### Maximum abatement potential (t of CO<sub>2</sub> eq./year)





#### **Energy efficiency and circularity**

- 1. Digitization and AI for process control
- 2. Heat recovery from exhaust gases and other waste heat.
- 3. Oxy-combustion.
- 4. Optimization of combustion through gas control and flame visualization.
- 5. Digitization for better sorting and increased utilization of recycled raw materials.
- 6. Recovery of metals in the production process.
- 7. High efficiency burner.
- 8. Additive manufacturing.



#### **Electrification and alternative sources**

- 9. Inductive furnaces
- 10. Use of biogas.
- 11. On-site renewable electricity generation
- 12. Use of microwaves for sand recovery and melting



need of development

13. Green hydrogen consumption.





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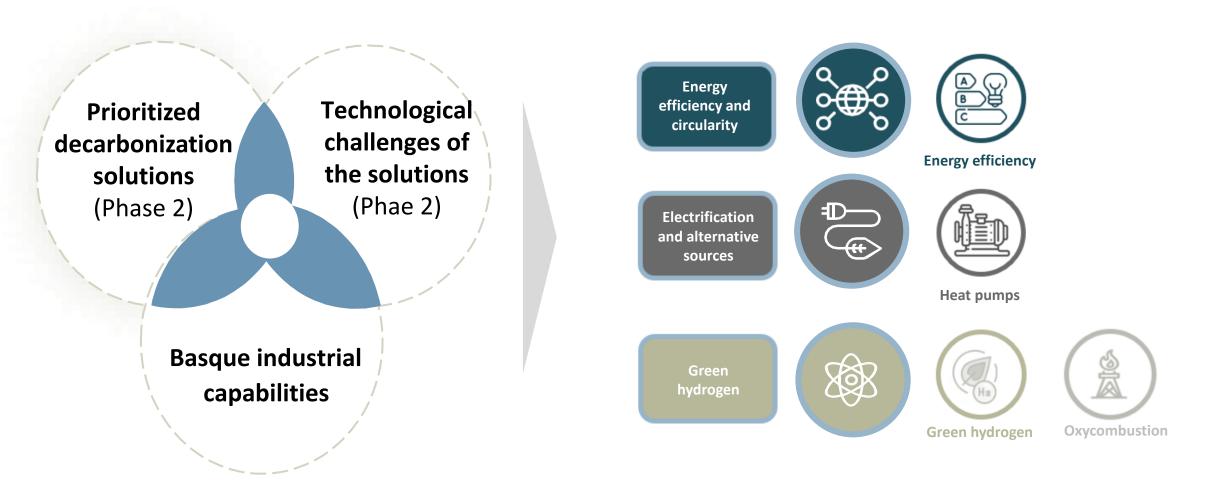






## **Value chains**

In PHASE 3, the value chains of the solutions prioritized in the previous phase have been characterized, preliminarily identifying the companies in the Basque business fabric that are part of them.



## **Energy efficiency value chain**

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## **Oxycombustion value chain**



























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## **Green Hydrogen value chain**





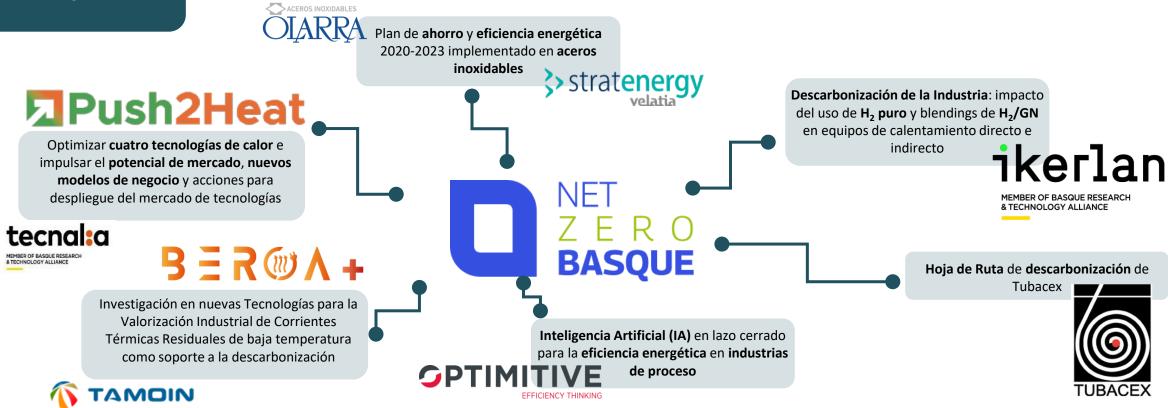






**Projects** 

In PHASE 4, a total of 50 R&D&I projects developed by Basque agents and companies have been identified in terms of industrial decarbonization.



## **OTHER SINGULAR PROJECTS**

COLLABORATION IN THE MIT RESEARCH
PROJECT
"The case of demand management"

"From Industrial Symbiosis to Hubs for Circularity"





# Support mechanisms for the decarbonization of the industry

Pro	ects

BASQUE COUNTRY	Support by  GRANTS	Support by TAX DEDUCTION
Support for R&D&I	HAZITEK + FAST-TRACK INNOBIDEAK (SMEs)	Technical Qualification Reports for Tax Effects for R&D and Innovation projects with technological advancement
Support for INVESTMENT	Industrial Decarbonization Program	Basque List of Clean Technologies tax deduction of 30% of the equipment investment cost

+ Strategic Project for Economic Recovery and Transformation for industry decarbonization from Spanish Government

## **Positioning**

# Since its launch at COP26, Net-Zero Basque Industrial SuperCluster has boosted its international positioning with its participation in different forums

November, 2021 (Glasgow)



Launch of the initiative during the celebration of the United Nations Climate Change Conference 2021-COP26 October, 2022 (Houston)



Euskadi presents the initiative at the event "Technology partnerships for decarbonization" in Houston (EEUU) January, 2023 (Davos)



The NZBIS presented among one of the initiatives that are part of the WEF project "Transitioning Industrial Clusters Towards Net Zero"

2023

April, 2023 (Antwerp)



NZBIS is presented at the "Global Industry Clusters Meeting", an event focused on exploring decarbonization policies and partnerships between members of the initiative

October, 2023 (Feneve)



Meeting and Visit to WEF
Clean power &
Electrification

2022

April, 2022 (Basque Country)



First meeting of the global clusters of the World Economic Forum's Net Zero Emissions Initiative

December, 2022 (Basque Country)



Signing of the collaboration agreement between SPRI and EPRI

March, 2023 (Viena)



Signing of the collaboration agreement between SPRI and EPRI

June, 2023 (London)



NZBIS participates in **IDRIC internationa** event on industry decarbonization





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