

SI Park



SI Park: First Social Innovation Park in Europe
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Executive Summary

The Social Innovation Park (SI Park) is a pioneering initiative promoted by [Denokinn](#), the Basque Centre for Social and Corporate Innovation, aiming to provide the best environment for third sector entities to cooperate, learn from each other and to build new shared enterprises.

The aim of the Social Innovation Park is to IDENTIFY EMERGING SOCIAL NEEDS AND LAUNCH IN RESPONSE SOCIAL AND ECONOMICALLY SUSTAINABLE COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVES.

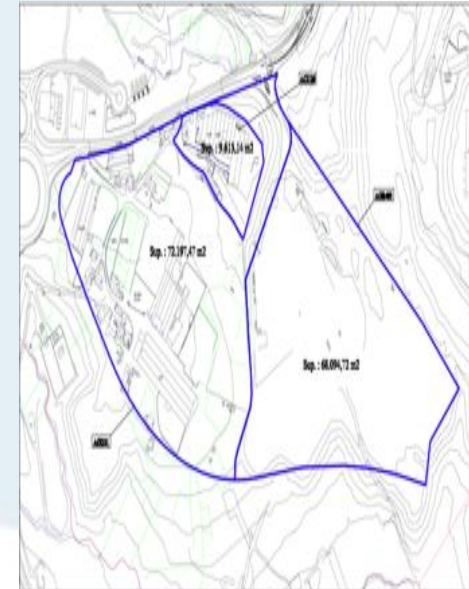
Social leaders have already developed a large number of joint projects but a fully dedicated shared space to third sector innovation has never been implemented.

The [Basque](#) region of Spain have a long tradition of a vibrant economy powered by a deep social approach. SI Park will offer international entities working on this field a unique opportunity to be present in one of the most innovative experiences connected to social enterprising.



SI Park in figures

- The Social Innovation Park started operating in June 2010.
- SI Park will cover initially 72.000 squared metres distributed in several locations in Bilbao City Center (1) and the Metropolitan area of Bilbao. (2)
- This project is supported by national and regional authorities with an initial budget of 6 million Euro and will be managed by [Denokinn](#).
- More than 50 entities and companies will be established. Actually there are already about 12-15 companies and around 80 professionals involved.
- [Basque](#), [Spanish](#) and [European](#) institutions are already funding several initiatives related to the project.



SI Park Resources

G-lab



-Gizartea means “society” in Basque language. The G-lab is, therefore, the laboratory for social innovation within SI park.

-G-lab will identify emerging social tendencies applying participatory democracy methodologies.

-G-lab will be hosted within the last wooden hand made tune boat fabricated in the Basque Country.

-SI park members will determine those research areas covered by G-lab annually.

-The outcomes of this research conducted at G-lab will be offered to all entities present at SI park.

-G-lab will be associated to the leading European social [innovation labs](#).



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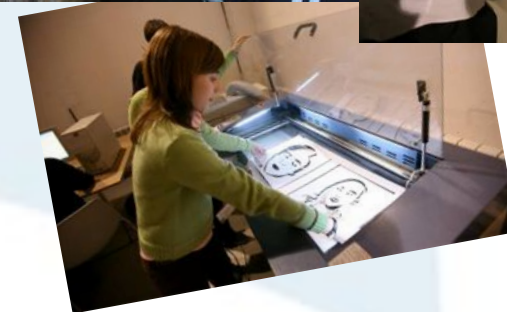
Fab(rication) Lab

-It is a small-scale Laboratory with an array of computer controlled tools that cover several different lengths and materials with the aim to make “almost anything”.

-It is the laboratory used to “prototype” the ideas coming out from the G-Lab.

- Not for mass production but for concept prototype and proof.

- Fab Lab concept was created started by Media Lab Center for Bits and Atoms at MIT .



SI Park Resources

Social Innovation Academy



-SI Park will provide specific training for upgrading the quality of the services provided by third sector institutions, organizations and enterprises.

-On-site and on-line training to bring fresh ideas to services.

-New enterprises established at SI Park receive regularly-scheduled and ad hoc training in collaboration with international Social Innovation schools.

-[Denokinn](#) has already signed a collaboration agreement with the [London School of Economics Enterprise](#) for this purpose.

-The Social Innovation Academy will offer “Intensive Training for Third Sector Leaders” and project based education.



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Social Enterprise Generator & Incubator

- Collaborating entities within the SI Park will be offered the opportunity to incubate new social enterprises and emerging tendencies identified by the G-lab will encourage SI Park membership to launch new projects.
- New innovation entrepreneurs will be trained, mentored and evaluated by SI Park incorporating know-how present.
- This process will allow large number of small and medium size enterprises to be located in the park.
- The Social Enterprise Generator has received the support of the European Commission and the Regional Government of Gipuzkoa.
- Examples of already generated social enterprises are: SAIATU-Palliative Care; HIRIKO; DigiPen; Rehub; Bordebi; Siel Bleu; Urbe Intelligent, etc.

