



MANUMIX Action-oriented evaluation

Basque Country







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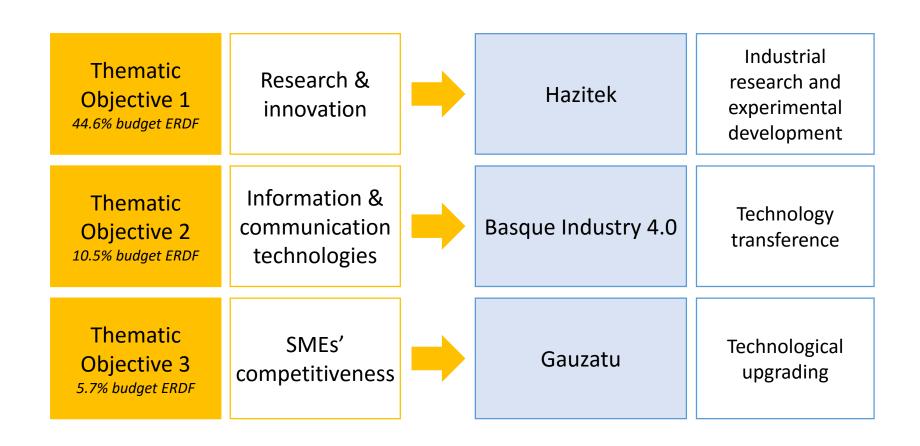
I. General introduction: RDI programmes





The Basque policy-instrument addressed by MANUMIX includes three RDI programmes.

They are related to three thematic objectives of the Operational Programme 2014-2020 of ERDF.







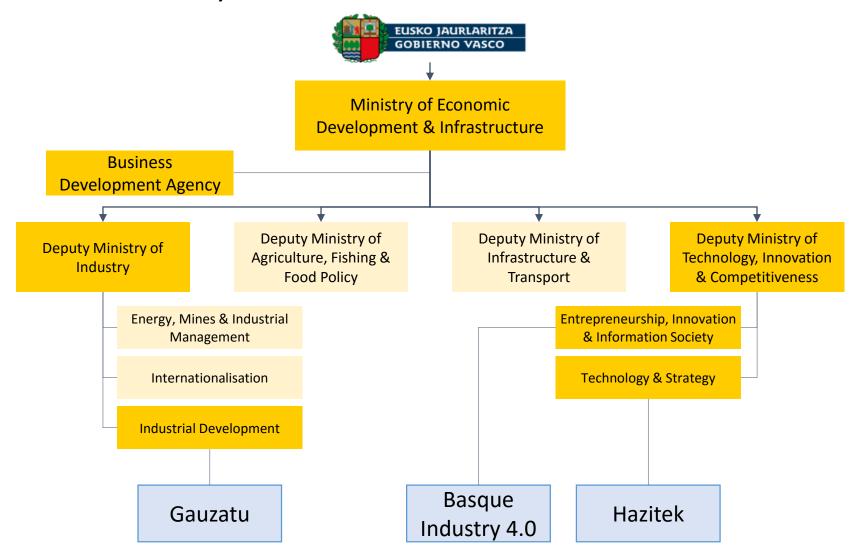
All of them are oriented to support companies but the objective and the scope of each programme differs significantly.

Name	Policy objective	Objective	Main target group	Sectoral scope	Year of launch	Annual budget
Hazitek Collaboration & R&D investments Grants	Technological training and promotion of business R&D	Support business industrial research or experimental development projects, both of competitive or strategic nature	Companies Large, SMEs and micro-companies	Horizontal Nevertheless, the 80% of the budget is for RIS3 priorities, including Advanced Manufacturing	2016	€82.8 millions 2017
Basque Industry 4.0 Incorporation of ICTs Grants	Technological training and promotion of business R&D	Support business industrial research and experimental development projects for technology transference of ICTs from RTOs to manufacturing companies	Manufacturing companies	Advanced Manufacturing	2015	€2.2 millions 2017
Gauzatu Industrial investments Loans	Creation and development of technology or innovation-based SMEs	Support of new investments in the following categories: IP, ICTs, land/natural assets, buildings, technical installations, machinery, tools	Industrial SMEs (including manufacturing) and SMEs of industry-related technical services	Industry Advanced Manufacturing is the main domain	2000	€28.0 millions 2017





Each programme is owned by a different unit of the Basque Economic Competitiveness & Infrastructure Ministry.





II. Monitoring & Evaluation





The evaluation of each programme is made yearly and following a bottom-up approach (from projects' data to programmes' data)

Another relevant source of information for the evaluation is the qualitative assessment which is based on the continuous contact with companies and RTOs and the tacit knowledge of programme managers with long-term experience.

	Ex-ante	Interim	Ex-post	
	Inputs	Activities	Outputs	Outcomes/Impacts
Hazitek	 Budget Applications (number & quality) RIS3 priorities-related projects 	• Expenditure	 Scientific publications EPO/PTC patent applications New/improved processes New/improved products 	 Revenues Employment created Degree of internationalisation Competitiveness level
Basque Industry 4.0	 Budget Applications (number & quality) Technologies covered 	• Expenditure	 New technologies adopted New/improved processes New/improved products 	Novelty of the programme
Gauzatu	 Budget Applications (number & quality) Intensity in investment and employment 	• Expenditure	• Investment in new equipment	• Employment created/maintained

Monitoring & Evaluation. Evaluation process



Some figures of 2016



Ex-ante

Indicators	Figures		
Revenues' growth	€435 millions		
Employment created	1,211		
Internationalisation improvement	33% companies with highe internationalisatio		

45% companies with relevant competitiveness improvement

Competitiveness

improvement

Ex-post

Hazitek

Indicators	Figures
Applications	1,047
Approved applications	757
Approved budget	€272 millions
Grants	€68 millions

Basque Industry 4.0

Indicators	Figures
Applications	14
Approved applications	11
Approved budget	€1,418,433
Subsidies	€851,060

Gauzatu

Indicators	Figures	
Approved applications	48	
Additional investment	€102.6 millions	
Loans	€26 millions	

Indicators	Figures	
Employment created	566	
Employment maintained	1,667	

Monitoring & Evaluation. Decision-making process



Each programme's formal decision-making process is different, but all of them include the participation of different public bodies and Governmental levels.

The feedback of companies and RTOs is also a major input to implement changes in the programmes, although it is not included in the formal process, except in BI4.0.

Hazitek

- The Business Development
 Agency makes the evaluation and
 writes a report with the analysis
 and the conclusions.
- 2. This report is discussed within a working group constituted by the Technology & Strategy unit of the Basque Government (programme owner), the Business Development Agency (programme manager) and Innobasque, the Innovation Agency.
- 3. This working group sends its proposals of changes, if there is any, to the minister of Economic Development & Infrastructure who makes the changes.

Basque Industry 4.0

- 1. The technicians of
 Entrepreneurship, Innovation &
 Information Society unit of the
 Basque Government (programme
 owner) and the Business
 Development Agency (programme
 manager) make proposals of
 changes to the managers.
- 2. These proposals are checked by the RTOs.
- 3. The director of the
 Entrepreneurship, Innovation &
 Information Society unit of the
 Basque Government makes
 changes in the programme's
 regulation and sends it to the
 general manager of the Business
 Development Agency in order to
 implement it.

Gauzatu

- A committee of experts evaluates the quality and the innovative character of the projects every year.
- 2. The conclusions of these evaluations are checked, if needed, by the Industrial Development unit of the Basque Government (programme owner) with the support of the Strategy, Technology & Innovation unit of the Business Development Agency (programme manager) and makes proposals of changes.
- The proposals are sent to the deputy minister of Industry who, along with the minister of Economic Development & Infrastructure, make the changes.



Monitoring & Evaluation. Changes in the programmes due to previous evaluations

Due to previous evaluations, there has been several changes, despite the novelty of some of the programmes.

Changes introduced per programme

Changes	Hazitek	Basque Industry 4.0	Gauzatu
Supported projects' characteristics	 More emphasis on experimental development More emphasis on RIS3 priorities 	 Changes in supported technologies Changes in eligible costs Decrease of the minimum budget 	Less emphasis on employment intensity
Programme's budget	• Increase	• Increase	Increase
Type of beneficiaries	 No distinction between SMEs & big companies 		Focusing more on industrial participants
Programme's management procedures	 Introduction of two- phases project evaluation system 		Digitalisation of all procedures





The simplicity and the participation of all programme owners and managers are the main characteristics.

Characteristics of the evaluation system at policy mix level

- **Simple method** that takes into account the complementarities, overlaps and positive and negative interactions between the programmes.
- The final goal must be to better support companies.
- The evaluation system at policy mix level should include the participation of the three programme owners (the three units of the Ministry of Economic Development & Infrastructure of the Basque Government) and programme managers (Business Development Agency). Other participants might be included to ensure the global vision.
- The results of the evaluation of this working group should be shared with the deputy ministers responsible for the programmes, as well as with the minister.



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