

Basque Country is the product of a resilient society that transformed itself from an obsolete industrial structure into one of the world's leading economies, within the framework of an authoritarian government and political violence.

The Basque country model believes in social change and entrepreneurship.

We believe in the collaboration between public and private, and we have extended this principle in economic, social, political, environmental and cultural elements.

This is the vehicle that has helped us to create a successful social model, as we believed in an alternative manner to organize our society in a more humane way.

The key word is SELF-GOVERNMENT.

Post dictatorship, we achieved a considerable degree of autonomy from the central Government of Spain. The Economic Agreement established between the Basque Country and the Spanish State gave a framework for the rules to decide our own politics.

We had the power of decision to create the kind of society we wanted according to our culture, tradition and Basque people idiosyncrasy.

Through ethical, democratic and sustainable human development principles, Basque institutions took the decision to make a commitment to the economy and a commitment to the people.

We invested in social capital and social innovation, which logically increased our well-being. Strategic decisions were taken inspired by the tradition of the Basque people and our entrepreneurial spirit.

Within The public – private partnership, we involved the work force in planning economic policies. But at the same time, Government made investments in technology, innovation and education.

However, this collaboration wasn't only in the field of economy. Partnerships were established also with different social agents and distinct politic groups.

That enabled us to carry out different strategies focused in economy, social cohesion and environment.

The Basque model has been possible because a shared vision of a country existed.