

**Study Visit and Seminar on Local Finance Benchmarking (LFB)
Bizkaia Region, Basque Country
28-29 October 2015**

Wednesday 28 October.
Eudel, c/ Ercilla 13 Bilbao

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| 9.00 | Transfer to the EUDEL offices. Transfer from the Hotel Silken Indautxu Bilbao lobby to the EUDEL offices. |
| 9.30 | Welcome and Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ibón Uribe, <i>Mayor of Galdakao</i> • Mar Zabala, <i>Director, EUDEL</i> • Alina Tatarenko, <i>Representative of the Centre of Expertise for Local Government Reform, Council of Europe</i> • Gennadiy Kosyak, <i>Good Governance Department, Directorate General II – Democracy, Council of Europe.</i> |
| 10.00 | The Local Government Model in the Basque Country and the Spanish State <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martín Razquin, <i>Senior Professor in Administrative Law, Public University of Navarre.</i> |
| 10:45 | Financing System of the Basque Municipalities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sebas Zurutuza, <i>Gipuzkoa Provincial Council.</i> |
| 11:30 | Coffee break |
| 12:00 | European Methodology of the Local Finance Benchmarking (LFB) toolkit. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gábor Péteri, <i>Council of Europe expert.</i> |
| 12:25 | Local Finance Benchmarking Project. Self-assessment of European Methodology. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roberto Cañón, <i>Galdakao Local Council.</i> |
| 12:45 | LFB: Adapting the Toolkit to Bizkaia Local Councils. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Betean Auditoría</i> |
| 14.00 | <i>Lunch Break</i> |
| 15.30 | Local Finance Benchmarking Pilots: Main Findings, Lessons Learnt. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Bilbao</i> <i>Basauri</i> <i>Ermua</i> <i>Galdakao</i> <i>Getxo</i> <i>Betean and city representatives</i> |
| 16.30 | Web Application for the Control of the Assessments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Araia</i> |
| 16.50 | Conclusions, Questions & Answers, Comments. |
| 17.00 | <i>Closing</i> |
| 17.00 | Coach transfer to the hotel Silken Indautxu |
| 19.30 | Coach transfer to the dinner (from Silken Indautxu hotel). |
| 20.00 | <i>Dinner</i> |

Thursday 29 October.

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| 8.30 | Transfer to the EUDEL offices Transfer from the Hotel Silken Indautxu Bilbao lobby to the EUDEL offices. |
| 9.00 | Presentation of the Transformation of Bilbao (Calle Ercilla 13, Bilbao) Bilbao Metrópoli 30. |
| 10:15 | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| 11:00 | Coach Transfer to Galdakao Local Council |
| 11.30 | Tour of Galdakao Local Council |

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| 13:30 | <i>Lunch Break</i> |
| 16:00 | Coach transfer to the hotel |