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BASQUE CENTRE
FOR CLIMATE CHANGE
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
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1. INTRODUCTION

As recognized globally by the 2015 Agreement of the UNFCCC, known as the Paris Agreement, climate change represents one of the greatest environmental, social and economic threats humanity has ever faced. Its long-term nature, the uncertainty about future impacts, and the ethical responsibilities associated with the unequal distribution of its causes and consequences, as well as the different capacities to address it across societies, will make decisions by policy makers very challenging in the coming years. Private and public sectors, including governments, corporations and civil society, will have to choose between many, intertwined but often conflicting, priorities and objectives (economic, social, cultural, security, etc.) to which climate change adds even more complexity and uncertainty.

So far, research has played an important role showing the current and future implications of global warming due to greenhouse gas (GHG), emissions and other interrelated global environmental problems (e.g., deforestation, biodiversity loss, ocean acidification, water and air pollution, etc.). Now, following the Paris Agreement, the challenge for organisations like BC3 is not only to raise awareness of the dire consequences of climate change, but also to contribute with science to find suitable solutions, as well as to help with the design and implementation of policies that can lead to sustainability.

In such context, despite continuing to increase our knowledge of the climate system and its responses to Anthropogenic changes and natural variability, the key issue is to create innovative approaches to help decision makers, by proposing and supporting the testing and demonstration of scalable solutions, and providing the basis for evaluating the impact and effectiveness of different policy measures.

So far, our experience on the ground clearly indicates that local values and contexts matter, and that potential top-down solutions need to be matched with a diversity of bottom-up approaches across sectors to achieve cost-effective

and fair solutions. This implies that all levels of governance (local, regional national and international) need to be closely involved in acting in the face of climate change, while better integrating the efforts by public and private sectors as well as by civil society in general.

Since our inception in 2008, in BC3 we have worked for achieving excellence in research on core aspects of climate change, related to its physical, ecological to the socio-economic aspects. With this aim, we have focused ourselves throughout the years on addressing the climate change milestones that have defined the last decade of climate change multilateral negotiations: 2008-2012 first strategy after the Bali Action Plan (COP13, 2007); 2013-2017 strategic framework after UNFCCC in Durban (COP17, 2011), where a universal legal agreement was sought by 2015; and finally, 2018-2021 strategy that responds to the challenges after the Paris Agreement (COP21, 2015).

During 2017, our focus has been on the development of BC3's new strategy for the 2018-2021 period, based on a participatory process.

With a growing team, 51 people in 2017, we were also increasingly successful in obtaining funds from competitive calls in Spain, the European Union and even more widely, and nearly 64% of our funding came from such sources. This is a key indicator for us, as it represents our capacity to compete in the Science Environment, but there are many others as this Activity Report compiles. Thus, in 2017 we took into account numerous contributions that illustrate the wide impact of our work principally in scientific journals. We produced 73 articles, as well as 2 books and 15 chapters.

At the same time, mindful of the fact that a research centre working in the socio-economic domain of a problem such as climate change, has a responsibility to be relevant, we participated in major fora, including the annual Conference of Parties to the Framework Convention on Climate Change. We

also contributed to the important Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change (IPCC), and the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), which brings together the state of knowledge on research on climate and makes it accessible to policymakers. Last but not least, we prepared policy briefs and presentations for various governments.

Such work may only be done successful if fully integrated into the network of research centres working on the same topic, and to this end, in 2017 we continued developing collaborative agreements with institutions all over the world, and engaged with highly recognized scientific multidisciplinary teams and institutions. There is strength in numbers.

As for the future, we will develop our mission further, emphasizing the bridging of scales and scientific languages to support policy- and decision-making in economically efficient and socially equitable ways. And we will do it with the passion and commitment that characterizes us.

2. THE CENTRE

2.1 PRESENTATION OF THE CENTRE

BC3 (Basque Centre for Climate Change) is an excellence research centre that contributes to long-term research on the causes and consequences of climate change. Our main goal is to foster the creation of knowledge in this multidisciplinary science, as well as to engage a highly-qualified team of researchers with the primary objective of achieving excellence in research, training and dissemination.

Our Centre was created in 2008 jointly by the Basque Government and the Basque University, under the so-called BERC programme (Basque Excellence Research Centres), with the aim of focusing on the socio-economic aspects of climate change, within an interdisciplinary framework that includes both natural and social sciences.

At BC3, we are currently among the few centres in Europe specialized in this field, where we already count with a strong reputation. Therefore, as a world-class climate change research centre, we address the socio-economic implications of global climate change, contributing to decision-making at Basque, Spanish, and International level from an integrated perspective.

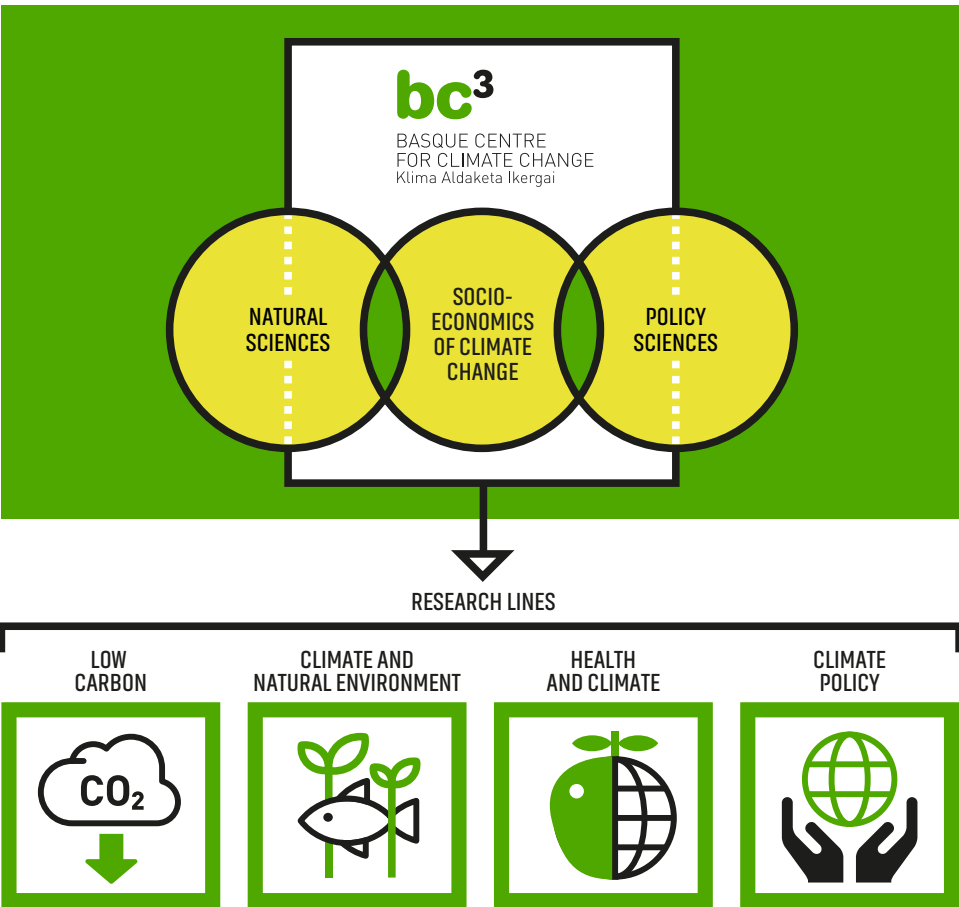
Our research lines fall broadly into the following groups:

- **LOW CARBON**
- **CLIMATE AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT**
- **HEALTH AND CLIMATE**
- **CLIMATE POLICY**

The Strategic objectives that underlie the BC3 strategic plan, support the centre’s vision and focus on its aspiration: To be a world-class climate change research centre aimed at informing decision-making at the Basque, Spanish, and international level by integrating natural and social sciences to address the socio-economic implications of global climate change.

BC3 STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:

- **S01.** To develop an excellence-based, innovative and multidisciplinary Climate Change research programme.
- **S02.** To participate and develop high-level training programmes on Climate Change.
- **S03.** To contribute to increase local/national/international development and citizens standard of living by Climate Change knowledge transfer to society.
- **S04.** To promote collaboration and cooperation with Governments, universities, research centres, technology centres, social agents and companies at local, national and international level.
- **S05.** To implement an excellence-based Financial and People Management in order to attract funding and top-ranking talents.





2.2 PARTNERS

We are a non-profit association formed by the following associate members:



2.3 MISSION - VISION

MISSION

The BC3 is a Research Centre based in the Basque Country, which aims to contribute to long-term research on the causes and consequences of climate change, in order to foster the creation of knowledge in this multidisciplinary science.

We seek to prepare a highly qualified team of researchers with the primary objective of achieving excellence in research, training and dissemination.

It is our goal that our methods and analytical tools allow to widen the frontiers of human scientific knowledge, making our organisation a worldwide benchmark on climate change research.

VISION

To be a world-class climate change research centre aimed at informing decision-making at the Basque, Spanish, and international level by integrating natural and social sciences to address the socio-economic implications of global climate change.

This synergy is realized through our research on low carbon transitions, natural environment and ecosystem services, health, economics and policy.



2.4 INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The International Scientific Advisory Committee (ISAC) is a consultative body of independent experts created to provide advisory opinions and analysis on science to our centre. Its remit includes matters concerning research program and general strategy. Members are appointed for four years, as independent scientific experts on the basis of their specific skills, abilities, experience and knowledge.

The ISAC met on the 1st of June 2017 at BC3 premises to assess the institution's 2017 performance.

The following members compose the current committee:

ISAC MEMBERS:



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2.5 BC3 TEAM | 2.5.1 Statistics

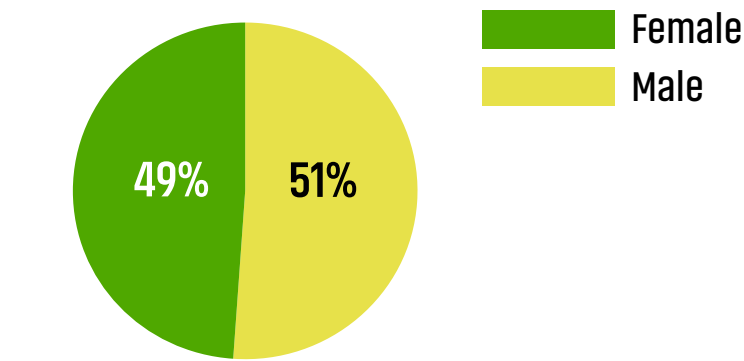
BC3 TEAM DISTRIBUTION BY POSITION

TOTAL BC3 TEAM		51
SCIENTIFIC DIRECTOR		1
RESEARCHERS		45
Research Professors		12
Research Fellows		2
Post Doc Researchers		17
PhD Students		14
ADMINISTRATION TEAM		5
Operation Manager		1
Project Manager Outreach		1
Project Officer		2
Management Assistant		1

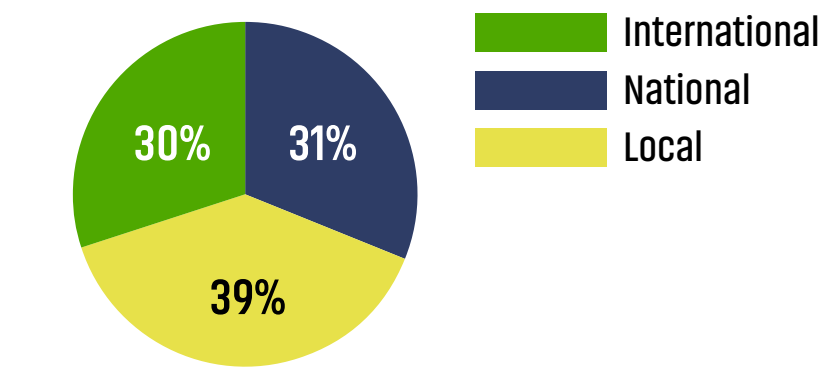
* BC3 team members at 31st of December 2017.
** 8 of the BC3 researchers were IKERBASQUE researchers (7 Ikerbasque Prof and 1 Ikerbasque Research Fellow)
*** 2 of the Ikerbasque Researchers were also *Ramon y Cajal* researchers.

BC3 TEAM DISTRIBUTION BY GENDER AND NATIONALITY

Distribution by gender



Distribution by nationality



As mentioned before, another key aspect for our consolidation as a research center of international relevance is the talent retention based on the HR Excellence principles. Such process pivots on the following axes of action:

- EFFECTIVE AND INNOVATIVE PROCESSES AND ORGANIZATION
- EXCELLENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND LOCATION
- CONNECTIONS TO LEADING CLIMATE CHANGE CENTRES WORLDWIDE
- TRAINING
- EMPLOYEE SATISFACTION PROGRAM

Moreover, 4 calls linked to research projects were published in 2017 for the recruitment of staff in open calls. In total, 132 applications were received and 3 Juan de la Cierva and 2 Basque Government Post Doctoral Fellows were finally granted.

In addition, all throughout 2017, we had 19 guest researchers on short or medium-term internships.

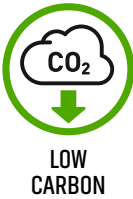


2.5 BC3 TEAM

2.5.2 BC3 Team

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LOW
CARBON



NATURAL
ENVIRONMENT



HEALTH
AND CLIMATE



CLIMATE
POLICY



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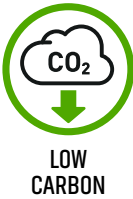
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HEALTH AND CLIMATE

CLIMATE POLICY



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2.5 BC3 TEAM

2.5.3 HR Excellence in Research



In April 2015, after a thorough analysis of our human resources policies, the European Commission awarded BC3 with the HR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH, in recognition to our commitment with the 40 principles defined in the European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers.

More specifically, the “European Charter for Researchers” outlines the roles, responsibilities and rights of researchers and their employers. The aim is to ensure that the relationship between these parties contributes to the successful achievement of the generation, dissemination and exchange of knowledge, as well as to the professional development of researchers from the early stages of their careers.

The implementation of the Charter & Code was meant to improve our performance in talent attraction, making of us an even more attractive

destination for researchers in the coming years, as it ensures, among others, that our selection procedures are fair and transparent. The Charter & Code also provides information about our working environment and development possibilities, as we not only evaluate researcher’s performance based on publication production criteria but also based on other evaluation criteria such as education and training, supervision, teamwork, knowledge transfer and public awareness and management activities.

The European Commission adopted the European Charter for Researchers and the Code for their Recruitment, drafting two documents directed to researchers, employers and providers of public and private sector funding. Both documents have become key elements of the European Union’s policy, making research an attractive career and stimulating economic growth and employment in the continent.

In early 2017, BC3 underwent the self assessment process for reviewing and improving the previous Action Plan, and actually the centre continues working on the principles and maintains its commitment with the Charter and Code and the HRS4R, as part of our strategy for the upcoming years. Thus, recently BC3 started a new Strategy period of four years (2018 – 2021) and the New Action Plan (2017) is included in this challenge.

As member of the 6th cohort of organisations involved in the development of HRS4R, BC3 also analysed, assessed and integrated the recommendations and principles of OTM-R into the internal recruitment policies. The result is the current BC3’s Otm-r Policy dated in November 2017.



3. RESEARCH

3.1 RESEARCH LINES | 3.1.1 Low Carbon

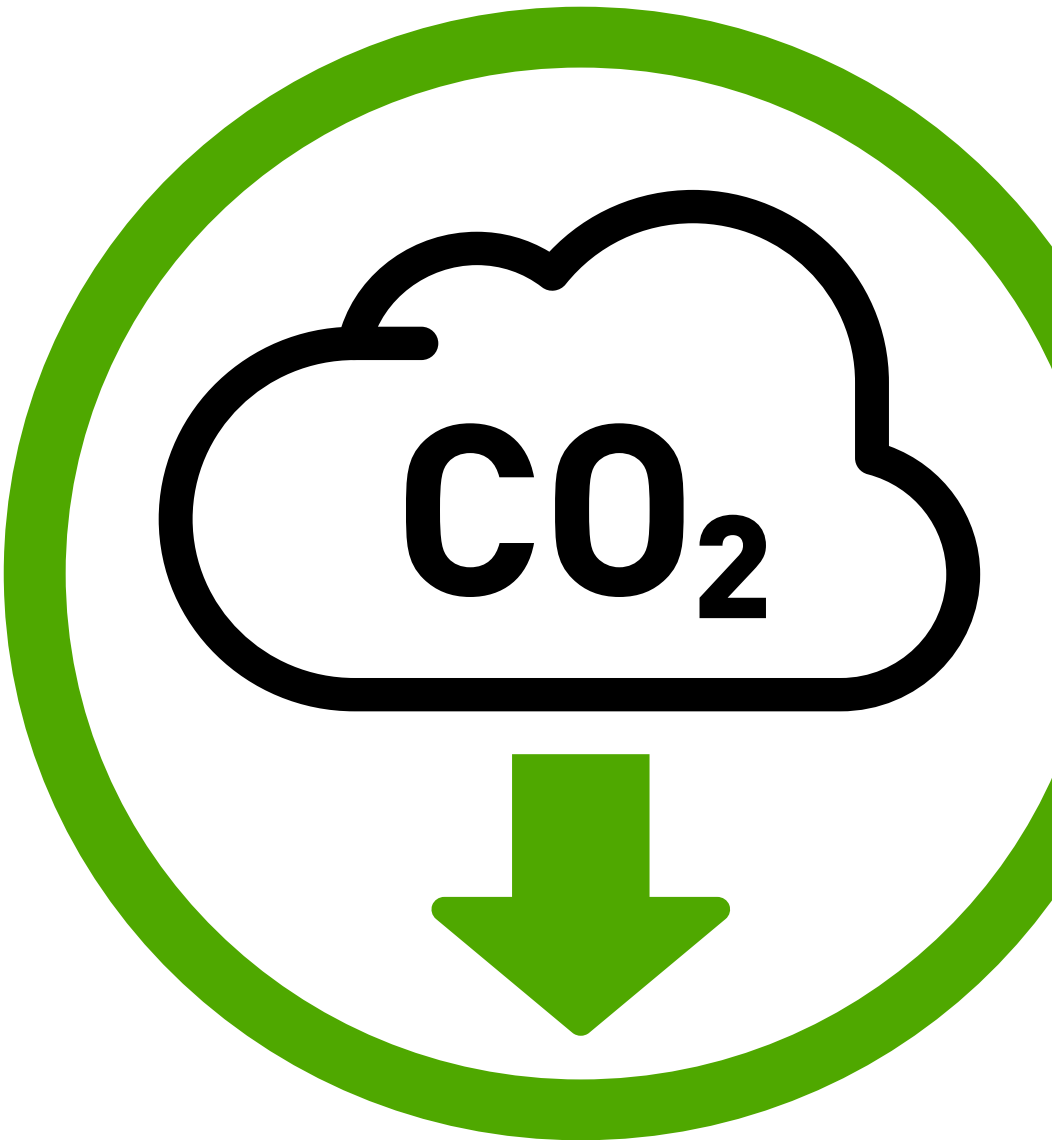
OBJECTIVES OF THE RESEARCH LINE

The “Low Carbon” (LC) research line deals with the implications of the transition to a low carbon economy. The major source of carbon emissions is the production and consumption of energy and a great deal of our effort at BC3 is devoted to understand how to reduce emissions without unduly affecting economic and social wellbeing, especially among the most vulnerable people.

This line has been very active over the last years, contributing to many different areas. As an overview, our research covers the transition to a low carbon economy from the micro level (for example, the decision of a firm or consumer to invest in energy efficiency or not) to the global level (such as the implications of different climate agreements). We analyse the economic implications of climate policies (including distributional impacts) and their impact on households, economic sectors and regions. The interrelations and interactions of climate policies with energy, economy, the environment, land use, trade and health policies are also explored, building strong links between our work and our other research lines.

- The methodologies applied are very diverse:
- Real option theory and models: used to analyse optimal investments by considering the existing uncertainty in the price of commodities.
 - Energy-system models: used to understand in a better way the implications of the transition to a low-carbon economy in some key sectors, such as power.
 - Input-Output and CGE models: used to analyse the energy-economy-environment (E3) implications of policies that have economy-wide effects at regional, national and global levels.

Finally, we also explore the interrelations between the economy and the climate system, using Integrated Assessment models (DICER and GCAM-BC3) to analyse different issues related to climate policy, such as the implications of different climate agreements for the energy system and the optimal climate policy considering different estimations for damage functions. Other applications include the consequences of climate policies and scenarios in terms of costs, global temperature change and sea level rise. All these tools are in constant development, enabling us to quantitatively explore the full implications of a low-carbon transition and effectively support decision-making processes.





3.1 RESEARCH LINES | 3.1.1 Low Carbon

2017 RESEARCH IN ACTION: TOPICS

- Co-benefits of low carbon transitions: looks at the health and other co-benefits of transition to low carbon in selected cities in Europe, India and China.
- The economics of fuel industries in a carbon constrained world: deepens in energy economics and climate change research to help deliver a low carbon future.
- Forward-looking methodologies to analyse societal challenges in the area of energy: reviews the performance of forward-looking models to assess grand societal challenges related to energy and develop methods to improve their applicability.
- New modelling tools for managing step-change dynamics by working across a wide range of spatio-temporal scales, and integrating the knowledge of many stakeholder communities: develops complex systems in which causal relations are variant over time (as opposed to simple systems where causality is fixed). The approach is used to create tools that are more applicable to decision-making the changing social and technological structures that emerge as we move to a different economic structure.
- The role of Migration as an Adaptation and its policy implications: the purpose of the research is to assess the economic impacts of climate change in Delta areas. Impacts of flexibility on biofuels policy: assess the impacts of giving more flexibility to EU'S biofuels policy.
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MAIN COLLABORATORS

- UPV/EHU
- ISPra (Italy)
- IPTS (Spain)
- University of Oldenburg (Germany)
- KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Environmental Humanities Lab (Sweden)

SOME ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- We supported decision making in the transition to a low carbon society trough the engagement with stakeholders in the design, communication, implementation and evaluation of specific actions and solutions.
- We helped to strengthen the interdisciplinary character of policy assessments with a multidisciplinary approach to asses mitigation polices taking into account not only the technological, economic and financial dimensions, but also other relevant social and environmental aspects.
- We assessed the co-benefits and risks of low carbon transitions, such as those related health, job creation or land-use changes.
- We developed methodologies to analyse societal implications of policies and its distributional implications, in order to improve their acceptability and applicability.
- We developed new modelling tools for managing step-change dynamics by working across a wide range of spatio-temporal scales, and integrating the knowledge of many stakeholder communities different economic structure.
- We improved the capacities in quantitative and qualitative tools and models for carrying out state-of-the-art research on the implications (climatic, macroeconomic, distributive and microeconomic) of different policies (energy, climate, soil, health) at different levels (global, regional, national and sub-national).

MAIN RESEARCH PROJECTS

- TRANSRISK (EU H2020)
- ENABLE (EU H2020)
- CONSEED (EU H2020)
- DECCMA (CARIAA)
- TALES (IPTS Project)

SOME HIGHLIGHTED OUTPUTS

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RESEARCH APPLICATION IN THE BASQUE COUNTRY

BC3 often uses the Basque Country as a case study to offer Basque policy-makers state-of-the-art knowledge in its progress towards a low carbon economy. In this vein, we work in different areas such as the improvement of the design of the market-based instruments for energy efficiency promotion, comparisons of different schemes of taxes and subsidies or combinations of both, and evaluation of policies with standard economic tools, as well as with new approaches from behavioural and experimental economics.



3.1 RESEARCH LINES | 3.1.2 Climate and Natural Environment

OBJECTIVES OF THE RESEARCH LINE

Climate change has complex impacts on human well-being. In this research line BC3 is concerned with the scientific study of the interplay between climate change and the environment. We address the interlinkages between climate change, natural capital (natural resources and ecosystems), and the benefits that derive from them in terms of human well-being. The Natural Environment Research Line focuses on both, the role of natural capital assets (stocks of natural resources) and the flows of the benefits that derive through their management (ecosystem services), and the ways they interact with climate change. It therefore includes two related areas of research:

- **Natural Resources** (NR)
- **Ecosystem Services** (ES).

The general objective of Natural Resources (NR) is to investigate the links between climate change and the formation, depletion and exploitation of natural systems and reserves of biotic and abiotic resources. Physical, ecological, social, and economic aspects are considered, all of which are of great relevance for local, national, and international decision-making.

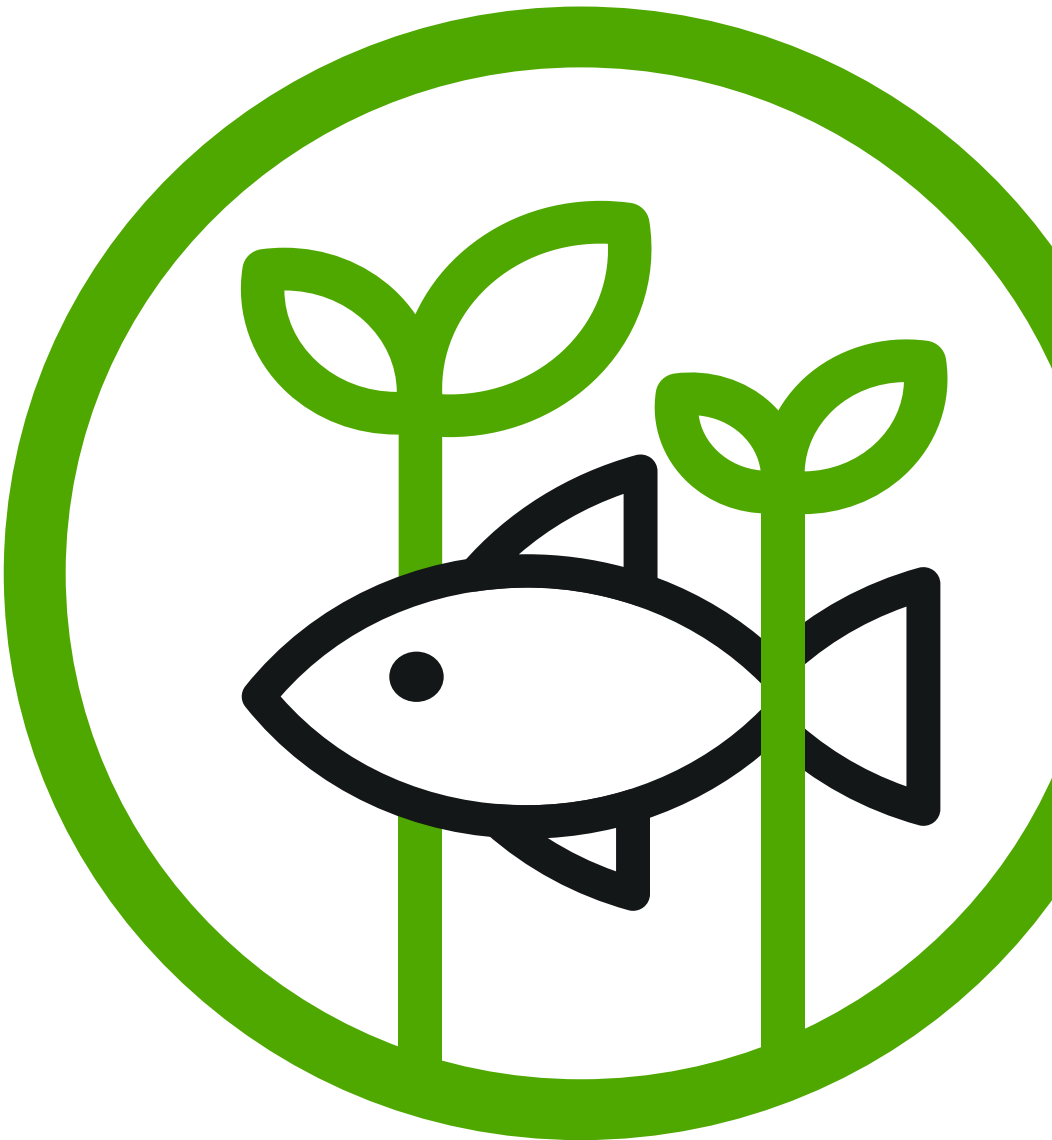
Ecosystem Services (ES) are the benefits that societies obtain from NR. These include the direct provision of material goods, such as food, fuel and fibre, as well as the regulation of undesired events, such as climate change and flooding. Many non-material benefits, such as spiritual or aesthetic enjoyment, are also obtained from nature.

Our scientific work at BC3 on NR can be best communicated by mastering the discourse on ecosystem services. This is a key mission of the Natural Environment (NE) Research Line. NE uses the ES as a language that has gained momentum in science and policy after the publication of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment. As a science-policy interface, using an ecosystem services

framework, allows NE to focus on connecting climate change with human well-being through the management of NR and ecosystems. The language of ES is unique for being both rooted in science and understood by policy makers. By focusing directly on benefits to humans through ES, from BC3 we can bridge climate change science and decision-making, allowing the consequences of action to be understood by all actors.

The physical, biological, economic and political ecology strands of the NE Research Line necessitate integrative research methodologies. Further, research in NE inherently requires an effort to gather and organize field data for detailed multi-scale analyses and modelling applications. It should be emphasized that our studies are not constrained by the use of existing models and tools. Rather, we also develop our own new mathematical, empirical, and computational models and tools, which are best suited to investigate particular issues out of the many dimensions of Climate Change (spatial, temporal, social, cultural, economic, etc.).

To this aim, we use a variety of methods, ranging from multiscale modelling and renormalization to artificial intelligence and network flow analysis. For example, the NE Research Line is at the forefront of this innovation through the development of novel physical models (e.g. continuous diversity) and methodologies such as ARIES (www.ariesonline.org), one of a few methodologies to quantify physical flows of benefits and model the way they translate into economic value and well-being. Other research methods at the core of NE are based on the use of spatially explicit databases, life-cycle analysis, inventories and socio-economic approaches (e.g. cost benefit analysis, multicriteria analysis, behavioural economics, bio-economic modelling), hydro-economic modelling, and stakeholder participatory analyses. The range of methods and focus on integrating them is one of the core scientific values of the NE.





3.1 RESEARCH LINES | 3.1.2 Climate and Natural Environment

2017 RESEARCH IN ACTION: TOPICS

Development and testing of integrated models to assess the potential of green/ natural infrastructure to build climate resilient sustainable development policies: Test and demonstrate approaches to using portfolios of built and natural water infrastructure development to achieve more optimal outcomes for the multiple goals of poverty reduction, water-food-energy security, biodiversity conservation and climate resilience.

Systems-based approaches for integrated mitigation and adaptation strategies in agriculture at different spatial and temporal scales: Modelling the effect of new low-protein cow diets on overall GHG emissions; Review of grassland-based EU farm-level modelling approaches for research on integration of GHG mitigation and adaptation strategies; Modelling N2O emissions from most common cropping systems in Spain using the DNDC model; Modelling GHG emissions from bioenergy cropping systems in the Basque Country; Simulating the effect of climatic and management conditions on the main interactions between carbon and nitrogen and sustainability of dairy farms in the Basque Country; Simulation of livestock housing climate for region-specific barn concepts and climate boundary conditions; Strategies for adapting ruminant livestock systems to climate change in different regions of Europe Potential EU network on mitigation of GHG emissions from agricultural systems; Risk analysis and natural resources to identify optimal adaptation strategies to climate change: Adaptation strategies to environmental risks (drought) in agriculture.

Developing theoretical frameworks, and methods to assess the role of biodiversity for ES delivery and its impact on the adaptive capacity of the poor to climate change stressors.

Development of scientific research on ES that supports climate policy in the Basque Country: specific sectorial levels addressed (e.g. agriculture, forest, water and natural protected areas). This includes integrated strategies on: (i) drought and flooding, (ii) forest and agricultural management, (iii) soil management, (iv) sea level rise, (v) freshwater provision and (vi) biodiversity conservation.

Integrating bioeconomic models across temporal and spatial scales that link biodiversity, ecological processes, ecosystem services and social well-being: Connecting biodiversity to ecosystem services with regard to the role of soil biodiversity in agricultural soils.

Marine ecosystem services and adaptation strategies.

Sea-level rise scenarios for the Basque coast and related economic impacts.

Climate Change in Extreme Environments: The Cryosphere: We investigate how the cryosphere (ice sheets, glaciers, sea ice, icebergs, snow, and permafrost) records, affects, and responds to climate change on diverse size and time scales.

Climate Change in Extreme Environments: Natural Hazards.

Ecosystem Dynamics in a Changing Climate: Biodiversity Change.

Ecosystem Dynamics in a Changing Climate: Populations with Continuous Diversity.

SOME ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- During 2017, the CNE line has been very active in international science and policy, particularly through the Intergovernmental Panel on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES). Unai Pascual provided a leadership role within the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services through his work in the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel, Management Committee of the Global Assessment. In addition, Ignacio Palomo acted as young fellow of the IPBES Global Assessment Fellow. Ignacio Palomo and David Moreno also participated as experts in the Global Assessment and Land Degradation assessment, respectively.
- The CNE RL surpassed expectations in terms of its achievements as regards scientific publications derived from the projects its members were working on. The high record of scientific publications in high impact scientific journals was noteworthy. High caliber journals in which the outputs of the CNE research line appear include, inter alia, Nature Communications, Nature Ecology & Evolution, Environmental Research Letters, Global Environmental Change, Current Opinion in Environmental Sustainability, Ecosystem Services, Land Use Policy, PLoS ONE, and World Development.
- ARIES team, headed by Prof. Ferdinando Villa, launched the Integrated Modelling (IM) Partnership, with the aim of enabling easier, more widespread and more efficient use of data and models among public and private sector decision-makers, whose actions affect large swaths of land and the future of many people.
- The senior researcher, Dr. David Moreno continued his research, funded by MINECO “Retos Programme”, on how the effects of anthropogenic alterations on ecosystems evolve over centuries-old time scales and how biodiversity and ecosystem functionalities are compromised in long periods of time.
- Within this multidisciplinary line, conceptual models for adapting to climate change were also studied, incorporating and improving the capacity to capture inter sectoral perspectives through cognitive maps that allow, for example, to understand how heat waves affect different sectors and how these impacts interact with each other. This analysis, conducted by Dr. Marta Olazabal, resulted in a study that addresses complexity and unintended consequences.
- The role of thresholds and non-linearity in the delivery of ecosystem services by green infrastructures, was investigated, as well as the economic analysis of adaptation strategies with variable time thresholds.
- Prof. Agustín del Prado's group focused its research on the development and use of scenarios in mitigation and adaptation models for different agricultural systems (greenhouse gas emissions, pollution, carbon sequestration in the agricultural and livestock industry, and climate-smart solutions to relieve heat stress in European dairies).



3.1 RESEARCH LINES | 3.1.2 Climate and Natural Environment

MAIN COLLABORATORS

- UPV/EHU
- BCAM
- NEIKER
- CIEMAT
- Miguel Hernández University of Elche
- CSIC
- Greenwich University
- McGill University
- ETH Zurich
- University of Bordeaux,
- Stockholm Resilience Centre
- University of Leicester
- Osnabrueck University
- ICIMOD
- CIFOR
- Laval University
- Colorado State University
- Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul
- NIPR
- Nagaoka University of Technology
- University of Massachusetts
- Central University of Ecuador
- Alfred Wegener Institute for Polar and Marine Research (AWI)
- The Autonomous University of Mexico among others.

MAIN RESEARCH PROJECTS

- CLOCK (ERC Starting Grant)
- AQUACROSS (EU H2020)
- ISAGE (EU H2020)
- ALICE (INTERREG ATLANTIC AREA)
- EQUIVAL (FUTURE EARTH)
- OPTIBARN (ERA-NET)
- ESPERA (MINECO RETOS)
- REBECOM (MINECO RETOS)
- SEES (E)/GV – Research Projects)
- DEFRA AC-0122
- ATLANTIC ACTION PLAN (EU DG-MARE Contract)
- among others.

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RESEARCH APPLICATION IN THE BASQUE COUNTRY

The Basque Country is an ideal region to analyse the interlinkage between climate change and human well-being through the impacts on the natural environment. The multi-tiered institutional structure of the Basque Country creates a fertile ground for applying the research conducted under the CNE research line in order to understand how its institutional structures can be optimized in the face of climate change through an integrated management of natural capital assets and the flow of ecosystem services at multiple social and ecological scales.

At BC3, through the CNE Research Line, we are committed to developing new tools to support policy in the Basque Country with an ecosystem services-centric decision making prism to achieve environmentally sustainable, economically efficient and socially acceptable management of natural habitats, as well as the definition of new incentives and mechanisms for an integrated management of ecosystems services.



3.1 RESEARCH LINES | 3.1.3 Health and Climate

OBJECTIVES OF THE RESEARCH LINE

Climate change addresses not only environmental and development issues, but it also represents a big threat to human health, and in the public mind, this impact gives rise to great concern. Health assessment in BC3 focuses on these threats, and analyses in this context the social, economic and behavioural factors that influence vulnerability of people, communities and social systems. This social dimension is however not fully integrated in the decision policy yet, and BC3 research line on health attempts to contribute in filling this gap.

Climate affects health through direct and indirect pathways. The expected increase in temperature will have a direct impact on both the incidence and the geographic distribution of climate-sensitive health outcomes, such as those related to heat waves, floods and infectious diseases. Human health will also be indirectly impacted by increased pressure via other pathways affecting natural and socio-economic systems, such as air pollution, ecosystem services, water, agriculture and food. On all these pathways, there are still considerable uncertainties. Yet the need for policy action is strong, in the form of capacity building, drawing up appropriate adaptation plans, and ensuring that health is appropriately considered in decision making related to other sectors, such as energy, transportation and agriculture.

In addition to the above, another important link between climate policy and health is in the area of co-benefits. Measures taken to reduce emissions of GHGs (e.g. sustainable policies on household energy, agriculture, transport) can often also reduce local pollutants such as particulate matter that have a detrimental effect on the health of the population. This means that the cost of a shift to sources of energy that have low GHG emissions is lower than would be the case of such benefits were not taken into account. At the same time, these benefits can provide strong political motivation.

The Health Research Line can be seen as a seed area that is developing along with all the other related research lines (Low Carbon, Natural Environment and Climate Policy). We are working with some of the leading research groups in the world on these issues in well-defined areas that address some important questions. The methodologies employed are diverse, including epidemiological and socio-economic models in the frames of health economics, environmental economics, health impact assessment, environmental impact assessment, environmental fate analysis, and uncertainty analysis.





3.1 RESEARCH LINES | 3.1.3 Health and Climate

2017 RESEARCH IN ACTION: TOPICS

- Health impacts and costs/benefits of adaptation strategies (vector-borne, water-borne, heat). Bottom-up approaches and upscaling methods.
- Specific focus on heatwaves impacts and adaptation.
- Human health and exposure to green spaces.
- Application to national and local contexts.

SOME ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A project called OSATU, funded by IHOBE, ended in 2017 and enabled the development of a new project, OASIS, that was once more funded by IHOBE under the KLIMATEK programme. The added value of OASIS arises from its close collaboration with local agents (IHOBE, Basque Department of Health, Basque Emergency Services and the UPV/EHU).

The research work developed on modelling health benefits of green spaces and associated changes in lifestyle, in addition to analysing concepts on environmental sustainability and equality in health, enabled us to consolidate the collaboration with the University of Exeter and the Centre for Environment and Health in the United Kingdom, the ECEHH, and the University of Alcalá. This collaboration has facilitated the development of a series of ideas that were framed in an H2020 programme proposal and currently under other H2020 ongoing proposals.

MAIN COLLABORATORS

- UPV/EHU
- Basque Department of Health, IHOBE
- Academy of Medical Sciences
- University of Navarra
- University of Alcalá (Spain)
- University of Leicester (UK)
- University of Exeter (UK)
- CEHH-Centre on Environment and Human Health (UK)
- University of Montreal’s Public Health Research Institute, (Canada)
- University of Pretoria (South Africa)
- Makerere University (Uganda)

MAIN RESEARCH PROJECTS

- INHERIT (EU H2020)
- GLANCE (EU MARIE CURIE)
- COACCH (EU H2020)
- OASIS (IHOBE KLIMATEK)

SOME HIGHLIGHTED OUTPUTS

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3.1 RESEARCH LINES | 3.1.4 Climate Policy

OBJECTIVES OF THE RESEARCH LINE

The research line “Regional, National and International Climate Policy” focuses, as the title suggests, on the policy-side of climate research. Sound policy of course is based on the results of work done under the other research lines (Low Carbon, Natural Environment, and Health), but it also involves some further lines of investigation. This research line therefore involves drawing out the policy implications of the research undertaken under the other lines as well as undertaking research on issues directly related to the formulation of policy.

The methodologies employed are diverse and include – amongst others – micro-simulation models, CGE-modelling, multi-criteria analysis, cost-benefit analysis, game theory, and integrated assessment modelling.

Both adaptation and mitigation policies are topics of the research in this research line and much of it is aligned with energy aspects (e.g., using economic instruments to influence energy use in a sustainable way, vulnerability of the electricity sector). With respect to international policy, thematic foci of the mid-term research strategy are international environmental agreements and international climate finance. These involve aspects such as ancillary benefits, green bonds and private financing, instruments to ensure fairness and sustainable development while pursuing climate goals. Concerning national policy, the mid-term strategy is concerned with market-based instruments (e.g. environmental tax reform), technology and innovation policy and adaptation to climate change.

The role of regional and local governments in climate protection plays also an important role in the research line with special emphasis in supporting the Basque Climate Policy.

One of the most relevant activities of this group is related to the participation of BC3 researchers as scientific experts in the most important international scientific organization that deals with climate change: the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel of Climate Change) of the United Nations. We have actively contributed to its 5th Assessment Report (AR5), released in 2014 and we are also contributing to the next (6th) Assessment Report. This is the main report that this organization produces every 6 years and has deep global policy implications.

At BC3 we also help to define with the policy makers the strategic positioning of regional and national bodies in climate negotiations (such as the Conference of the Parties or COP or the EU). We closely follows and attend all COP meetings and have actively participated in the drafting of the Climate Change Plan for the Basque Government.

See Section **POLICY ORIENTED KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER**.





3.1 RESEARCH LINES | 3.1.4 Climate Policy

2017 RESEARCH IN ACTION: TOPICS

- Economic valuation of climate risks and adaptation in coastal cities worldwide.
- Tracking progress in adaptation planning.
- Design and evaluation of energy efficiency programmes in Europe.
- Evaluating the role of climate finance.
- Understanding behavioral implications of risk framing.
- Supporting the elaboration of plans and programs linked with climate change.

SOME ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- During the year 2017 stochastic modeling was further developed to analyse the economics of risks management and adaptation to climate change.
- With regard to the investigation of national policies, the medium-term strategy was oriented towards the study of economic instruments, and policies for innovation and adaptation to climate change.
- The role of local and regional governments in protecting the environment also played an important role in the strategic research objectives of this line during the year.
- Important research were was undertaken to better track progress in adaptation policies with special attention to understanding what is “successful adaptation” and how to align these policies to climate risks. Meaningful conclusions with policy implications were achieved as a result of a long-term collaboration where more than 30 researchers (including BC3 members) have tracked progress on local climate policies in Europe. Also, innovative participatory systems approaches have been used to generate new knowledge useful for adaptation policy making and planning.
- It is worth highlighting the active participation of BC3 in the COP 23 climate change summit, held in Bonn in November 2017.
- During 2017, this research line significantly supported the setting up and identification of collaborations for the “INCCETT 4CB - International Climate Change Centers of Excellence and Think Tanks for Capacity Building” launched at the COP 22 summit, of which we are founder member. BC3 also participated in two side events organized at UNFCCC in Bonn.

- And finally, as it is traditionally done, BC3 supported local, regional and national policy makers to better understand climate negotiations and enhance climate and energy policies. The BC3 team closely followed and attended all COP meetings, produced documents with the main outcomes of the summits and offered support to local and national media to understand climate negotiations.

MAIN COLLABORATORS

- UPV/EHU
- CICERO (Norway)
- Danish Board of Technology (Denmark)
- Economics for Energy (Vigo, Spain)
- World Bank (International)
- Centre for Energy, Environmental and Technological Research (CIEMAT)
- Grantham Research Institute for Climate Change and the Environment (UK)
- European Environmental Agency (Europe)
- Nagaoka University of Technology (Japan)
- UNDP (International)
- IHOBE
- Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei (Italy)
- University of Bath (United Kingdom)
- McGill University (Canada)
- UNEP (International)

MAIN RESEARCH PROJECTS

- RESIN (EU H2020)
- CONSEED (EU H2020)
- WISE-UP (BMU)
- CICEP (Collaboration Agreement)
- ENABLE (EU H2020)
- COACCH (H2020)
- REMEDIOSOST (IHOBE)

SOME HIGHLIGHTED OUTPUTS

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RESEARCH APPLICATION IN THE BASQUE COUNTRY

- The Basque Country counts on with a high level of self-government, including taxation. In terms of specific policies, the region has been recognized by EU institutions and the United Nations as one of the most active regions in climate change policy during the last years. Hence, it can be stated that the Basque Country has not only the capacity and the legal power to deal with climate change policy, but also the willingness to do so. Specifically, the research activities applicable to the context of the area are the following:
- Mitigation Policy related issues: Design of instruments to reduce greenhouse gases at regional, national and global levels; Policies to promote low-carbon economies; Uncertainty and climate policy: diverse tools to design bestpolicies to address climate change in the face of huge uncertainties and the long time periods involved.
 - Adaptation Policy related issues: Biophysical and socioeconomic impact assessment: health, agroforestry, ecosystems, water and infrastructure related; Costs and benefits of adaptation measures; Design of optimal adaptation strategies.
 - Support and dissemination.



3.2 RESEARCH PROJECTS

ONGOING RESEARCH PROJECTS

European Commission or other international funding programs

	CONSEED - CONsumer Energy Efficiency Decision Making	The European Union Horizon 2020 research and innovations programme
	ENABLE - Enabling the Energy Union through understanding the drivers of individual and collective energy choices in Europe	The European Union Horizon 2020 research and innovations programme
	ALICE - AcceLerate Innovation in urban wastewater management for Climate changeE	The European Union Horizon 2020 research and innovations programme
	ISAGE - Innovation for Sustainable Sheep and Goat Production in Europe	The European Union Horizon 2020 research and innovations programme
	INHERIT - INter-sectoral Health Environment Research for InnovaTions	The European Union Horizon 2020 research and innovations programme
	CLOCK - Climate Adaptation To Shifting Stocks	The European Union Horizon 2020 research and innovations programme
	TRANSRISK - Transitions pathways and risk analysis for climate change mitigation and adaption strategies	The European Union Horizon 2020 research and innovations programme
	RESIN_Climate Resilient Cities and Infrastructures	The European Union Horizon 2020 research and innovations programme
	AQUACROSS - Knowledge, Assessment, and Management for AQUAtic Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services aCROSS EU policies	The European Union Horizon 2020 research and innovations programme
	GLANCE - calculatinG heaLth impActs of atmospheric pollutioN in a Changing climatE	The European Union Horizon 2020 research and innovations programme
	COACCH - CO-designing the Assessment of Climate Change costs	The European Union Horizon 2020 research and innovations programme
	TALES -Tools and analyses of value chains, income and employment	JOINT RESEARCH CENTRE - JRC Tender



ALICE - Towards a better management of Atlantic Landscapes: developing tools to better characterise biodiversity and eCcosystem sErVices	INTERREG Atlantic Area
"UK Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA): Optimising the efficiency of dietary nitrogen use to reduce emissions and waste in dairy systems"	UK Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)
German Ministry for the environment, nature conservation and nuclear safety: Water Infrastructure Solutions from Ecosystem Services Underpinning Climate Resilient Policies and Programmes (WISE-UP)	German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety
DEItas, vulnerability and Climate Change; Migration as an Adaptation	Collaborative Adaptation Research Initiative in Africa and Asia (CARIAA)
EQUIVAL - Nurturing a Shift towards EQUitable VALuation of Nature in the Anthropocene	Future Earth Program, Pegasus Grant by Colorado State University (USA)



3.2 RESEARCH PROJECTS

ONGOING RESEARCH PROJECTS

MINECO or Spanish Institutions

	REBECOM - Estimación del tiempo de recuperación de bosques templados tras impactos antropogénicos históricos a lo largo de un gradiente de complejidad	MINECO – Spanish Ministry for Economy and Competitiveness
	CLIMAECOM - Políticas climáticas y transición a una economía baja en carbono	MINECO – Spanish Ministry for Economy and Competitiveness
	ESPERA - La Equidad Social en los Pagos por Servicios Ambientales (PSA): Una Perspectiva Socio- Ecológica.	MINECO – Spanish Ministry for Economy and Competitiveness
	OPTIBARN - Optimised animal specific barn climatisation facing temperature rise and increased climate variability	MINECO – National Institute for Agricultural and Food Research and Technology (INIA).
	MANURE - Gestión de deyecciones en sistemas productivos de vacuno de leche de la cornisa cantábrica. De la explotación al territorio: eficiencia del uso de nutrientes, mitigación de gases de efecto invernadero y reducción de la huella de carbono	MINECO – National Institute for Agricultural and Food Research and Technology (INIA).

Basque Government or Basque Institutions

	SEES - " El Papel de la Equidad Social en la Gobernanza de la Naturaleza desde una Perspectiva Socio- Ecológica" (The role of Social Equity in the Governance of Nature: A Social-Ecological approach)	Basque Government
	ihobe "La Protección de los Suelos en Euskadi y el Cambio Climático" (Land Protection and Climate Change at the Basque Country)	IHOBE
	REMEDIOSOST - "Diseño de una Metodología para la Evaluación de la Sostenibilidad De Planes de Remediación de Suelos Contaminados"" (Design of a Methodology for the Evaluation of the Sustainability of Contaminated Soil Remediation Plans)	IHOBE
	OASIS - "Olas de calor e impactos sobre la salud humana" " (Heatwaves and impacts of human health)	IHOBE
	La transición energética del País Vasco hacia un modelo más sostenible y bajo en carbono. "The energy transition of the Basque Country towards a low carbon and more sustainable model "	ARARTEKO

Other Funding Agencies

	Research Agreement	CICERO
	Research Agreement	Osnabruck University
	Analysis and Assessment On Determining Drivers of Global Land Use Change	The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
	The Potential of Sustainable Land Management Practices to Create Synergies Between Addressing Desertification, Land Degradation and Drought, and Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation	UNCCD
	Forecasting Sustainability of Productive Landscapes Across Environmental, Social, Political, Climatic and Economic Dimensions in San Martín, Peru	CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL



3.2 RESEARCH PROJECTS

RESEARCH PROJECTS: HIGHLIGHTS

European Commission or other international funding programs



H2020_CONSEED

GRANT AGREEMENT:	GA 723741
NAME OF THE PROJECT:	CONSEED - “CONsumer Energy Efficiency Decision Making”
FUNDING AGENCY:	The European Union Horizon 2020 research and innovations programme
TYPE:	H2020-EE-2016-RIA-IA
TIME FRAME:	2016-2019
FUNDING:	359.635 €
PARTNERS:	The Provost, Fellows, Foundation Scholars & The Other Members of Board of The College Of The Holy & Undivided Trinity Of Queen Elizabeth Near Dublin (Tcd) – Coordinator Cicero Senter Klimaforskning Stiftelse (Cicero) Asociacion Bc3 Basque Centre For Climate Change - Klima Aldaketa Ikergai (BcC3) Univerza V Ljubljani (UI) Agricultural University of Athens (AUA)

Project Description

Consumers do not minimize the total costs of their energy-consuming investments due to a range of market and non-market based failures. This is known as the ‘Energy Efficiency Gap’. To reduce the gap and provide customers with energy consumption information, the EU has mandated that electrical appliances, cars and buildings carry information to indicate their energy consumption. There is a large knowledge gap in terms of understanding which factors are salient in consumers’ decisions, the relative importance of these factors and how these factors change by consumer group and product type. The key idea behind CONSEED is to understand how consumers make decisions which involve an energy component, and to make (energy) operating costs more salient to consumers at the point of purchase to increase efficient behaviour. CONSEED will involve four key steps: Step 1) Develop a theoretical framework to base our work on the best available knowledge in the field and Step 2) Collect empirical data on consumer behaviour through a range of different methods. Our project will involve 27 focus groups, eleven large consumer surveys, three field experiments, and three discrete choice experiments, with tailored treatments to generate a novel database consisting of empirical evidence on the salient factors impacting on the consumer decision making process. Step 3) will validate the theoretical models using our empirical data. Step 4) will deliver evidence-based research on consumer decisions involving an energy component that will enable better, more efficient and effective energy policy. Many of the challenges relating to energy efficiency policy derive from the large number of factors which potentially play a role in influencing ultimate consumer decisions. CONSEED research will directly investigate the relative importance of these factors and isolate the aspects which are likely to provide the greatest impact in terms of future energy efficiency policy.

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Link with BC3 Research Line

Low Carbon
Climate Policy

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URL Address

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3.2 RESEARCH PROJECTS

RESEARCH PROJECTS: HIGHLIGHTS

European Commission or other international funding programs



H2020_ENABLE

GRANT AGREEMENT:	GA 727524
NAME OF THE PROJECT:	ENABLE “Enabling the Energy Union through understanding the drivers of individual and collective energy choices in Europe”
FUNDING AGENCY:	The European Union Horizon 2020 research and innovations programme
TYPE:	H2020-LCE-2016-2017 submitted for H2020-LCE-2016-RES-CCS-RIA
TIME FRAME:	2016-2019
FUNDING:	344.563 €
PARTNERS:	Istituto Di Studi Per L’integrazione Dei Sistemi Sc (Isinnova) – Coordinator Notre Europe - Institut Jacques Delors Association (JDI) Center for The Study Of Democracy (CSD) Cicero Senter Klimaforskning Stiftelse (Cicero) BC3 Basque Centre For Climate Change - Klima Aldaketa Ikergai Cambridge Econometrics Limited (CE) Rekk Energiapiaci Tanacsado Kft (Rekk) Ekonomski Institut Ad Beograd (EI) Westfaelische Wilhelms-Universitaet Muenster (WWU) Centre For Global Studies Strategy Xxi (Cgs21) Polski Instytut Spraw Miedzynarodowych (PISM) London School Of Economics And Political Science (Gri-Lse)

Project Description

The Energy Union Framework Strategy laid out on 25 February 2015 has embraced a citizens-oriented energy transition based on a low-carbon transformation of the energy system. The success of the energy transition pillar in the Energy Union will hinge upon the social acceptability of the necessary reforms and on the public engagement in conceptualizing, planning, and implementing low carbon energy transitions. The ENABLE.EU project will aim to define the key determinants of individual and collective energy choices in three key consumption areas - transportation, heating & cooling, and electricity – and in the shift to presumption (users-led initiatives of decentralised energy production and trade). The project will also investigate the interrelations between individual and collective energy choices and their impact on regulatory, technological and investment decisions. The analysis will be based on national household and business surveys in 11 countries, as well as research-area-based comparative case studies. ENABLE.EU aims to also strengthen the knowledge base for energy transition patterns by analysing existing public participation mechanisms, energy cultures, social mobilisation, scientists’ engagement with citizens. Gender issues and concerns regarding energy vulnerability and affluence will be given particular attention. The project will also develop participatory-driven scenarios for the development of energy choices until 2050 by including the findings from the comparative sociological research in the E3ME model created by Cambridge Econometrics and used extensively by DG Energy. The findings from the modelling exercise will feed into the formulation of strategic and policy recommendations for overcoming the gaps in the social acceptability of the energy transition and the Energy Union plan. Results will be disseminated to relevant national and EU-level actors as well as to the general public.

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3.2 RESEARCH PROJECTS

RESEARCH PROJECTS: HIGHLIGHTS

European Commission or other international funding programs



H2020_ALICE

GRANT AGREEMENT:	GA 734560
NAME OF THE PROJECT:	ALICE “AcceLerate Innovation in urban wastewater management for Climate changE”
FUNDING AGENCY:	The European Union Horizon 2020 research and innovations programme
TYPE:	HORIZON 2020-MSCA-RISE-2016
TIME FRAME:	2016-2020
FUNDING:	36.000 €
PARTNERS:	University of Ulster – Coordinator Northern Ireland Water Ltd The Queen’s University of Belfast Dublin City University Dionergy Ltd BC3 Basque Centre For Climate Change - Klima Aldaketa Ikergai Centro De Investigaciones Energeticas, Medioambientales Y Tecnologicas-CIEMAT Región De Murcia Universita Degli Studi Di Macerata Redinn Srl Aset University of Cyprus Militos Symvouleutiki A.E.



Project Description

The challenges facing society in urban wastewater management cannot be solved by any one sector alone. ALICE (AcceLerate Innovation in urban wastewater management for Climate changE) will accelerate innovation by bringing together and exchanging knowledge between the key players who can, together, address the future techno-economic, governance and societal challenges arising from climate change. It will boost international and interdisciplinary skills, as well as careers perspective of Experienced Researchers, Early Stage Researchers, and the workforce of industry, water utilities and public organizations. The results will 1) benefit water utilities, 2) support political and managerial decisions in wastewater, 3) benefit wastewater equipment manufacturers, identifying new market opportunities in the EU, 4) benefit EU citizens from the improved wastewater infrastructure, the environment and job creations. Higher precipitation and more frequent storms will require change in sewer water management. Moreover, higher risks of water scarcity and droughts require increased wastewater reuse, currently at 20% of its potential in the EU. These changes will lead to increased energy demand in a sector that is already a major contributor of carbon emissions. ALICE will promote effective solutions based on innovative technologies, green infrastructures, climate vulnerability assessments, governance and economic models, embracing stakeholders’ and citizens’ views to overcome barriers to the acceptance and uptake of new technologies. The excellence of the project lies in the joined-up thinking of different perspectives and disciplines. Academic and non-academic partners along the wastewater value-chain will exchange knowledge, develop training, research and innovation activities. ALICE will build lasting knowledge and cooperation networks and will provide the non-academic sector with practical solutions to respond in innovative ways to the challenges posed by climate change.

BC3’s contribution to the project

Develop a general framework for the vulnerability assessment which includes (I) compiling of climate and socioeconomic information; (II) evaluating the climate sensitivity and (III) determining the adaptive capacity. The framework will be applied to Belfast and Murcia.

Key BC3 researchers involved

- Dr. Marc Neumann
- Dr. Sebastien Foudi
- Dr. Elisa Sainz de Murieta
- Dr. Josue Polanco
- Dr. Marta Olazabal
- Alina Tepes

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Acknowledgement

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3.2 RESEARCH PROJECTS

RESEARCH PROJECTS: HIGHLIGHTS

European Commission or other international funding programs



H2020_ISAGE

GRANT AGREEMENT:	GA 679302
NAME OF THE PROJECT:	ISAGE “Innovation for Sustainable Sheep and Goat Production in Europe”
FUNDING AGENCY:	The European Union Horizon 2020 research and innovations programme
TYPE:	H2020-SFS-2015-2
TIME FRAME:	2016-2020
FUNDING:	474.259 €
PARTNERS:	Aristotle University of Thessaloniki - Coordinator ● Kentro Genetikis Beltiosis Zoon Neas Mesimvrias ● LEVER S.A. Development Consultants LEVER ● Agricultural Cooperative of Pieria Sheep and Goat Farmers ● Agricultural Livestock Cooperative of Western Greece ● Luke- National Resource Institute Finland ● ProAgria Association of Rural Advisory Centers ● Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique L’Institut de l’Elevage ● Capgenes ● Comite National Brebis Laitieres ● European Federation of Animal Science ● Universita Politecnica delle Marchelstituto per la Certificazione Etica ed Ambientale ● Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Zaragoza /International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic ● Instituto Nacional de Investigacion y Tecnologia Agraria y Alimentaria Agencia Estatal Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas ● BC3 Basque Centre for Climate Change – Klima ● Carnes Oviarogon SCL ● CABRANDALUCIA Federacion Andaluza de Asociaciones de Ganado Caprino de Raza Pura ● ASSAFE (ES); ARDIEKIN SL ● Asociación Nacional de Criadores de Ganado Ovino Selecto de Raza Manchega ● Asociacion Espanola de Criadores de Ovino Selecto de Raza Lacauene ● Nigde University ● Ataturk University ● Pan Hayvancilik Gida Sanayi Tic LTD ● Red Rock Agricultural Pastoral Tarim Limited Sirketi ● Gaziantep Ili Damizlik Koyun Keçi Yetistiricileri Birligi ● Scotland’s Rural College ● Organic Research Centre ● National Sheep Association ● The Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board ● Yorkshire Dairy Goats



Project Description

iSAGE will enhance the sustainability, competitiveness and resilience of the European Sheep and Goat sectors through collaboration between industry and research. iSAGE have a powerful consortium with 18 industry representatives from various EU production systems and socio-economic contexts. The sheep and goat sector will be investigated because it is sensitive to general socio-economic, demographic, and ecological and market challenges; nevertheless, the project’s approach and results will be made available and disseminated to other EU livestock industries. Therefore, at the core of iSAGE is a participatory approach centered on a multi-actor internal and external communication (WP) to build the project from the farmer level. This approach will ensure relevant issues are addressed and the project outcomes are applicable in practice and create a farm-level observatory and knowledge exchange network on the sustainability of livestock. This WP will also assist three assessment work packages that will deal with the sustainability assessment of sheep and goat farm systems and related supply chains, with socio-economic demographic and consumer trend analyses, and with the impacts of climate change. Assessment WPs will inform action WPs that will: (1) redesign holistic farming systems to best reconcile the various demands concerning productivity, sustainability and societal values. (2) identify industry solutions that aim to improve sustainability and productivity of sheep and goat systems through breeding, including new phenotypes linked to sustainable animal productivity. iSAGE, together with stakeholders and end-users, will draft a roadmap for further research and policy making. The stakeholder groups will be the key players in disseminating project outputs through case studies and demonstrations to act as a blueprint to other producers across Europe and create networks to assist wider implementation of iSAGE outputs.

BC3’s contribution to the project

BC3 is partner of a consortium led by Aristotle University of Thessaloniki with 33 partners. “Innovation for Sustainable Sheep and Goat Production in Europe”. PI_ Agustin Del Prado

Key BC3 researchers involved

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Acknowledgement

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RESEARCH PROJECTS: HIGHLIGHTS

European Commission or other international funding programs



H2020_INHERIT

GRANT AGREEMENT:	GA 667364
NAME OF THE PROJECT:	INHERIT “INter-sectoral Health Environment Research for InnovaTions”
FUNDING AGENCY:	The European Union Horizon 2020 research and innovations programme
TYPE:	Horizon 2020-H2020-PHC-4-2015
TIME FRAME:	2016-2018
FUNDING:	288.175 €
PARTNERS:	<p>EuroHealthNet – European Partnership for Improving Health, Equity and Wellbeing (EHNet) - Coordinator</p> <p>National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM)</p> <p>University College London (UCL) Health Equity Institute</p> <p>Institute of Preventive Medicine Environmental and Occupational Health (Prolepsis)</p> <p>University of Exeter Medical School, European Centre for Environment and Human Health (UNEXE)</p> <p>Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Faculty of Social Sciences and Technology Management (NTNU)</p> <p>Riga City Council, Housing, Environment and Welfare Department (RIGA)</p> <p>Collaborating Centre on Sustainable Consumption and Production (CSCP)</p> <p>Swedish Public Health Agency (FoHM)</p> <p>National Institute of Public Health (IJZRM)</p> <p>Basque Research Centre for Climate Change (BC3)</p> <p>Lisbon University Institute (ISCTE-IUL)</p> <p>Univerzita Karlova v Praze (CUNI), Environment</p> <p>University of Alcalá (UAH)</p> <p>Revolve Media (REVOLVE)</p> <p>Philips Electronics Nederland (PHILIPS)</p> <p>Flemish Institute for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (VIGeZ)</p> <p>Federal Centre for Health Education (BZgA)</p>



Project Description

The overarching aim of INHERIT is to define effective inter-sectoral policies and interventions that promote health and well-being across the social gradient by tackling key environmental stressors and related inequalities in the areas of living, consuming and moving. INHERIT will bring together relevant stakeholders from different sectors, including the private sector.

It will support inter-sectoral cooperation between environment, climate and health by: **a)** Analysing existing scientific knowledge on key environmental stressors to health and approaches to address these; **b)** Identifying existing promising inter-sector policies and interventions that enable conditions for more healthy and environmentally sustainable behaviours, in three main areas: living, consuming and moving; **c)** Developing a Common Analytical Framework using impact assessment tools and quantitative and qualitative indicators to assess the social, environmental and health benefits and the economic value in promising inter-sectoral interventions; **d)** Developing targets and future visions while considering overall economic and politics contexts and global trends (i.e. participatory back-casting, stakeholder and citizen consultations and household surveys); **e)** Implementing, testing and evaluating pilot interventions in different European contexts; **f)** Enhancing the leadership skills of public health professionals in inter-sectoral work to address key environmental stressors to health and promote healthy and environmentally sustainable lifestyles; **g)** Translating evaluation findings into models of good practice for effective inter-sectoral work and evidence based tools for policy development to contribute to the global and European environment, health and sustainable development policy agenda. The novelty of INHERIT lies in its support for health, environment and climate sectors to jointly pursue the inter-related goals of improving health and well-being of the population while preserving the environment.

BC3’s contribution to the project

BC3 is co-leader of WP5 for the quantitative evaluation of the identified best practices and is leading the cost-benefit analysis for 3 case studies (living environment, moving and nutrition). BC3 is also contributing to the literature review and to the scenario building.

Key BC3 researchers involved

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Acknowledgement

The INHERIT project (www.inherit.eu), coordinated by EuroHealthNet, has received funding from the European Union’s Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 667364.

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RESEARCH PROJECTS: HIGHLIGHTS

European Commission or other international funding programs



H2020_COACCH

GRANT AGREEMENT:	GA 776479
NAME OF THE PROJECT:	COACCH - CO-designing the Assessment of Climate Change costs
FUNDING AGENCY:	The European Union Horizon 2020 research and innovations programme
TYPE:	Horizon 2020-H2020-SC5-2016-2017
TIME FRAME:	2017-2021
FUNDING:	251.318 €
PARTNERS:	Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei - Coordinator Paul Watkiss Associates Ltd Internationales Institut Fuer Angewandte Systemanalyse Universitaet Graz Stichting VU Ecologic Institut Gemeinnützige Gmbh Univerzita Karlova Fondazione Centro Euro-Mediterraneo Sui Cambiamenti Climatici Ministerie Can Infrastructuur en Milieu BC3 Basque Centre for Climate Change Climate Analytics Gmbh Stiching Deltares GCF - Global Climate Forum EV Postdam Institut Fuer Klimafolgenforschung



Project Description

COACCH will develop an innovative science-practice and integrated approach to co-design and co-deliver an improved downscaled assessment of the risks and costs of climate change in Europe, working with end users from research, business, investment, and policy making communities throughout the project. COACCH will advance the evidence base on complex climate change impact chains, assessing their market, non-market, macroeconomic and social consequences in the EU.

The final objective of COACCH is to produce an improved downscaled assessment of the risks and costs of climate change in Europe that can be of direct usability and respond to the different needs of end users from the research, business, investment, and the policy making community. This overall objective is substantiated into five specific goals:

1. To develop technically excellent and innovative research on complex climate change impact chains, using downscaled climate information and advancing integrated assessment methods and models developed under early RTD research calls.
2. To develop a challenge-driven and solutions orientated research and innovation approach, involving proactively business, industrial, public decision makers and research stakeholders in the co-design, co-production and co-dissemination of policy driven research.
3. To significantly advance the knowledge and the evidence base not only on climate tipping elements and tipping points but also on socio-economic tipping points.
4. To advance the economic valuation of climate action (mitigation and adaptation) in the EU at various scales over short to longer-term timeframes to support a more informed policy process in the achievement of intended nationally determined contributions (INDCs) for the EU.
5. To enhance innovation capacity and integration of this new knowledge using co-dissemination of results.

Key BC3 researchers involved

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Dr. Aline Chiabai
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Ambika Markanday

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INTERREG_ALICE

GRANT AGREEMENT:	Ref # EAPA_261/2016
NAME OF THE PROJECT:	ALICE - Towards a better management of Atlantic Landscapes: developing tools to better characterise biodiversity and eCosystem sERvices
FUNDING AGENCY:	Interreg Atlantic Area
TYPE:	Interreg Atlantic Area 2016
TIME FRAME:	2017-2020
FUNDING:	285.178 €
PARTNERS:	Universidad de Cantabria - leading partner Consejería de Medio Rural, Pesca y Alimentación del Gobierno de Cantabria Universidade de Tras-Os-Montes e Alto Douro Agri Food and Biosciences Institute BC3 Université de Bretagne Occidentale Gistree Quercus Université de Rennes Le Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique National University of Ireland, SEMRU



Project Description

Eleven European institutions from 5 countries (France, Ireland, United Kingdom, Portugal and Spain) joined to develop an innovative approach to assess how Blue and Green Infrastructures can contribute to meeting the EU 2020 targets for biodiversity in Atlantic coastal and terrestrial landscapes. The team includes scientists, universities, research institutes, local and national governments, NGOs and SMEs, who have the appropriate environmental, social and economic experience. Fishing, tourism, agriculture and forestry provide essential economic assets (Ecosystem Services) to the development of many coastal and rural areas of the Atlantic region. All these activities have been identified as important within the Research and Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialization for many EU regions of the Atlantic region (ie RIS3 objectives). However, the Ecosystem Service provision from Atlantic landscapes could be seriously compromised by losses on biodiversity because of changes on land uses and climate change.

Aquatic ecosystems such as rivers and estuaries are especially vulnerable to the impacts of human activities in the watershed such as urbanization, pollution of rivers, application of fertilizers and bad land management.

Based in four Case Studies, the aim of ALICE is to develop a common methodology that recognizes the socioeconomic differences between the “Case Studies” to help transform the way, regional and local actors manage natural resources in the Atlantic region. This will assist on a more sustainable management of these landscapes by ensuring the conservation of biodiversity and ecosystem services provisioning.

Key BC3 researchers involved

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- Dr. Javier Martinez
- Dr. Ainhoa Magrach

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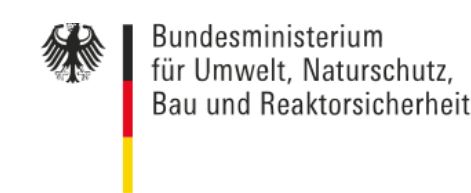
Acknowledgement

ALICE project, whose leading partner is Universidad de Cantabria, has received funding from the European Union’s Interreg Atlantic Area programme. Ref number:EAPA_261/2016

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European Commission or other international funding programs



BMU_WISEUP

NAME OF THE PROJECT:	German Ministry for the environment, nature conservation and nuclear safety: Water Infrastructure Solutions from Ecosystem Services Underpinning Climate Resilient Policies and Programmes (WISE-UP)
FUNDING AGENCY:	German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety
TYPE:	International Climate Initiative 2012 (German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety)
TIME FRAME:	2013–2018
FUNDING:	478.276 €
PARTNERS:	The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) - Coordinator BC3 Basque Centre for Climate Change Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, University of Nairobi International Water Management Institute University College London, Overseas Development Institute



Project Description

Major new climate financing for adaptation is coming on stream with water infrastructure as a priority. Ecosystem services need to be linked more directly and clearly into water infrastructure development, for climate change adaptation and integration into water, food and energy security. If river basins themselves are treated as natural infrastructure, based on the ecosystems services they provide, then infrastructure planning and investment can consider alternate ‘portfolios’ of built and natural infrastructure. This project will develop, test and demonstrate approaches to using portfolios of built and natural water infrastructure development to achieve more optimal outcomes for the multiple goals of poverty reduction, water-food-energy security, biodiversity conservation and climate resilience. WISE-UP will demonstrate the application of natural infrastructure as a ‘nature-based solution’ for climate change adaptation and more sustainable development in the Volta and Tana river basins of West and East Africa respectively.

The project will increase adaptive capacity for climate change in the Volta and Tana basins through identification of optimised portfolios of built and natural water infrastructure in decision making and consensus building. The project will collect and synthesise hydrological, ecological and economic data, enabling development and testing of innovative applications of cutting edge optimisation of multiple objectives for basin infrastructure. New evidence and tools will be tailored through participatory learning to end user needs, supported by analysis of political, institutional and stakeholder dynamics in decision making. Capacity building and communications will disseminate results, lessons, skills and recommendations from the project regionally and globally.

The project will contribute directly to realising the ‘nexus opportunities’ identified at the Bonn 2011 Conference on water, food and energy security, while facilitating action on the Aichi targets for biodiversity. An open-source platform will make evidence and tools from the project available to national experts and consultants to support development of new national and regional knowledge-based business.

BC3’s contribution to the project

BC3 is a partner of a consortium to provide Economic valuation and benefits of Water Infrastructure Solutions from Ecosystem Services Underpinning Climate Resilient Policies and Programmes.

Key BC3 researchers involved

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DECCMA

NAME OF THE PROJECT:	DEltas, vulnerability and Climate Change; Migration as an Adaptation
FUNDING AGENCY:	Collaborative Adaptation Research Initiative in Africa and Asia (CARIAA)
TYPE:	Collaborative Adaptation Research Initiative in Africa and Asia (CARIAA)
TIME FRAME:	2014-2018
FUNDING:	£229.484
PARTNERS:	University of Southampton - Coordinator BC3 Basque Centre for Climate Change University of Dundee University of Exeter International Water Management Institute Met Office Hadley Centre Plymouth Marine Labs UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)"



Project Description

With their large and often poor populations in low-lying areas, deltas have long been seen as highly vulnerable to climate change and non-climate drivers with, in the most extreme, large-scale displacement of people being the result. Migration is a complex process which is already occurring in all deltas, largely independent of climate change. Most research on deltas and migration tends to focus on individual system elements and issues rather than taking a systems-level perspective. This fails to consider the wider consequences of climate change and the interdependence between these phenomena and people’s behaviour. In contrast to previous research, this programme of research will take a systemic and multi-scale analytical perspective to understand gendered vulnerability and adaptation in deltas under a changing climate by analysing four contrasting populous delta systems in South Asia and Africa where there is significant potential for migration.

- The dual research aims are:
1. To assess migration as an adaptation in deltaic environments with a changing climate.
 1. To deliver policy support to create the conditions for sustainable gender-sensitive adaptation.

BC3’s contribution to the project

BC3 partner of a consortium for the project DECCMA, assess how people adapt to climate change in deltas; case studies in Asia and Africa.

Key BC3 researchers involved

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RESEARCH PROJECTS: HIGHLIGHTS

MINECO or Spanish Institutions



MINECO_RETOS 15_REBECOM

REFERENCE NUMBER:	CGL2015-70452-R
NAME OF THE PROJECT:	REBECOM “Estimation of the recovery time of temperate forests after historical anthropogenic impacts along a complexity gradient”
FUNDING AGENCY:	MINECO – Spanish Ministry for Economy and Competitiveness
TYPE:	Programa Estatal de I+D+i Orientada a los Retos de la Sociedad 2015
TIME FRAME:	2016-2018
FUNDING:	141.000 €
PARTNERS:	University of the Basque Country (UPV-EHU)

Project Description

In order to reduce the accelerated loss of ecosystem diversity, functions and services, a multitude of restoration strategies and programs have been launched around the world driven by the initiatives of the Convention on Biological Diversity or the European Commission. However, it has been found in wetlands, rivers and other habitats that restored ecosystems are less functional and less diverse than those preserved (relatively undisturbed) for long periods of time (> 100 years). This may be due to many factors, but it is related to the time it takes ecosystems to fully recover and the parameters used to measure the success of the restoration. In this project, we measure the evolution of some interactions along a chronosequence of 500 years to understand the process of recovery of the deep structure of ecosystems. In this study we consider a recovered ecosystem as one that reaches stability from a multidimensional perspective, including biogeochemical means (carbon and nitrogen in the soil), community structure (fungivorous insects and ectomycorrhizas) and architecture of interaction networks (Among ectomycorrhizae, trees and insects) all related to essential functions of the ecosystem, such as the production and cycling of nutrients in the system. To know these recovery times, we will measure these parameters in a chronosequence in two mining areas of the massif of Peña del Aia and surroundings in the provinces of Navarra and Guipuzcoa. This will also allow us to study the temporal evolution of interactions in the ecological networks studied and to identify possible groups of species with a key role in the recovery and functioning of the system. This will have applications in the regulation of the restoration of ecosystems, within the mitigation policies, as it will allow to know the true magnitude of the degradation that must be compensated and will also have application for the practice of the restoration and the forest management for Conservation, since it will guide efforts towards key elements that regulate the recovery and functionality of temperate forests after cessation of human impacts.

BC3’s contribution to the project

This research project is led by Dr. David Moreno.

Key BC3 researchers involved

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RESEARCH PROJECTS: HIGHLIGHTS

MINECO or Spanish Institutions



MINECO_RETOS 15_CLIMAECON

REFERENCE NUMBER:	ECO2015-68023-C2-1-R
NAME OF THE PROJECT:	CLIMAECON “Climate policies and transition to a low carbon economy”
FUNDING AGENCY:	MINECO – Spanish Ministry for Economy and Competitiveness
TYPE:	Programa Estatal de I+D+i Orientada a los Retos de la Sociedad 2015
TIME FRAME:	2016-2018
FUNDING:	6.700 €
PARTNERS:	University of the Basque Country (UPV-EHU)

Project Description

The main objective of this research project is to contribute to the advancement of scientific knowledge to promote the reduction of carbon emissions and to promote the transition to a low carbon economy. This project is specifically aimed at acquiring new knowledge to advance the resolution of Challenge 5 (“Action on climate change and efficiency in the use of resources and raw materials”) identified in the Spanish Strategy for Science and Technology and Innovation. There is a growing scientific consensus that, if we are to avoid the potential adverse effects of climate change, carbon emission levels should be reduced globally by 50% by 2050. Achieving this objective without the economic and social well-being of each country, especially for the most vulnerable, is disadvantaged is not an easy task. In fact, this international and intergenerational dimension of climate change explains the difficulties encountered in the negotiations in the context of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. There is, therefore, a need to investigate different national and / or international strategies for reducing CO2 emissions. In this project we will analyze different key dimensions related to the design of climate policies to favor the transition towards a low carbon economy. For example, the importance of financial mechanisms for climate policy, the interaction between climate policy and international trade, or how to design climate policies that incorporate the risk and uncertainty inherent in climate change will be analyzed. We will also explore alternative ways to achieve mitigation objectives through changes at the macroeconomic level, technological changes and changes in consumption patterns, to foster the decoupling of economic growth and CO2 emissions. In addition, the economic impact (in terms of efficiency and equity) of different policies and instruments such as different types of fiscal reform, as well as the additional benefits in terms of local pollution and public health associated with some climate policies will be studied.

BC3’s contribution to the project

This project is led by Dr. Mikel González-Eguino.

Key BC3 researchers involved

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- Dr. Iñaki Arto
- Dr. Mikel González-Eguino
- Dr. Luis M^a Abadie
- Dr. Ignacio Cazarro

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RESEARCH PROJECTS: HIGHLIGHTS

MINECO or Spanish Institutions



MINECO_RETOS 15_ESPERA

REFERENCE NUMBER:	CSO2015-71243-R
NAME OF THE PROJECT:	ESPERA "Social Equity in Payments for Environmental Services: A Socio-Ecological Perspective"
FUNDING AGENCY:	MINECO – Spanish Ministry for Economy and Competitiveness
TYPE:	Programa Estatal de I+D+i Orientada a los Retos de la Sociedad 2015 MINECO
TIME FRAME:	2016-2018
FUNDING:	15.000 €

Project Description

The main objective of ESPERA is to contribute to the knowledge of the impact of PESs (Payment for Ecosystem Services) on social equity and its trade-offs with environmental effectiveness and economic efficiency, from the socio-ecological perspective of Ecosystem services. ESPERA will advance in the development of a conceptual framework by introducing power relations among PES actors, a variable usually overlooked in the literature on PES. The governance of nature conservation is evolving towards the use of voluntary economic incentives, and within these, towards the so-called Payments for Environmental or Ecosystem Services (PES). The PES are now at the center of the international conservation agenda promoted by various actors such as intergovernmental institutions (eg World Bank, UNEP, etc.), national governments (eg, Costa Rica, Colombia, Mexico, etc.) and the private sector (eg Vitell-Danone). PSAs are justified for reasons of economic efficiency and for the ability to achieve public-private financing. However, there is a weak integration of aspects of social equity in the PES. Social equity is understood in a multidimensional manner including aspects of (I) distribution of the benefits of payments and conservation responsibilities among stakeholders; (II) recognition of values from the ethical point of view on the relationship between society and nature; And (III) participation in the design and implementation of PES by the main actors. The main objective of ESPERA is to contribute to the knowledge of the impact of PES on social equity and its trade-offs with environmental effectiveness and economic efficiency from the socio-ecological perspective of ecosystem services. To study empirically the social equity in PES already established PES programs, through meta-analysis and two case studies in depth in Latin America; One in Costa Rica, a pioneer country in the implementation of PES programs, and another in Colombia.

BC3’s contribution to the project

This research project is led by Dr. Unai Pascual.

Key BC3 researchers involved

- Prof. María José Sanz (PI)
- Dr. Unai Pascual Ikerbasque Professor (PI)
- Dr. Sebastien Foudi
- Dr. Ignacio Palomo
- Dr. Eneko Garmendia

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Basque Government and Basque Institutions



IHOBE_OASIS

NAME OF THE PROJECT:	(OASIS) “Olas de calor e impactos sobre la salud humana” (Heatwaves and impacts of human health)
FUNDING AGENCY:	IHOBE
TYPE:	KLIMATEK : Proyectos de Innovación y Demostración en Adaptación al Cambio Climático en Euskadi 2017-2018. IHOBE
TIME FRAME:	01/07/2017 - 30/10/2018
FUNDING:	78.650 €
PARTNERS:	BC3 Basque centre for Climate Change Euskoiker - Grupo de Investigación Atmosférica de la Universidad del País Vasco/ Euskal Herriko Unibertsitatea (UPV/EHU). Environment and Systems

Project Description

The main objectives of the OSATU project are:

- 1 The development of a dynamic methodological framework to characterise heatwaves, based on the impacts on human health and other relevant local environment parameters, including recommendation on possible indicators.
- 2 The evaluation of the additional economic costs at short-medium term for the public health system due to the heatwaves compared with the long-term cost (OSATU Project)

Key BC3 researchers involved

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RESEARCH PROJECTS: HIGHLIGHTS

Basque Government and Basque Institutions



IHOBE_REMEDISOST

NAME OF THE PROJECT:	REMEDIHOST "Design of a Methodology for the Evaluation of the Sustainability of Contaminated Soil Remediation Plans"
FUNDING AGENCY:	IHOBE
TYPE:	Proyectos de Ecoinnovación durante el ejercicio 2016. IHOBE
TIME FRAME:	11/07/2016-26/05/2017
FUNDING:	23.209 €
PARTNERS:	Gaiker IK4 - Coordinator Neiker Tecnalia AFESA Medioambiente S.A. BC3 Basque Centre for Climate Change

Project Description

The REMEDIHOST project aims to develop a rigorous, reliable and robust methodology that can carry out an analysis and evaluation of the sustainability of the different remediation plans of contaminated soils that, from the technical point of view, allow to recover a soil from an initial contamination situation to a final situation according to the intended use of the soil.

Key BC3 researchers involved

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3.3 Collaborators

In BC3, we operate under the philosophy that effective research can only be conducted in collaboration with other research groups. As a result, BC3 researchers were directly involved in collaborative research projects, dissemination and training activities both locally and worldwide. Besides, our international collaboration programs have enabled us to establish collaborations and own networks that span five continents.

This networking involves:

- THE DEVELOPMENT OF SHARED RESEARCH PROJECTS.
- THE EXCHANGE OF RESEARCHERS.
- THE EXCHANGE OF PHD STUDENTS.
- THE TRANSFER OF BEST PRACTICES.
- THE COOPERATION AND PARTICIPATION IN DISSEMINATION AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES.

At BC3 we were actively involved in attracting external funds from international funding bodies, with a special focus on the European Union Research projects (H2020), which also were an interesting way of creating scientific networks, collaboratively with the consortium partners.

On top of that, the research lines maintained their collaboration with the most prestigious universities and research centers at international level among which we stand out the following during 2017: Grantham Research Institute for Climate Change and the Environment (UK), ECEHH Centre on Environment and Health (UK), McGill University (Canada), KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Environmental Humanities Lab (Sweden), Alfred Wegener Institute for Polar and Marine Research (Germany), among others.

Several contracts and agreements were also obtained with scientific prestigious institutions at local and international level allowing us to widen our collaborators’ net.

- **Basque Government** – Design of the Training program on climate change for Basque Government or Basque Public Agencies’ employees.
- **IHOBE** – Preparation of the report on “Land Protection and Climate Change at the Basque Country”.

- **Fundación BBK** – Financial support for master students on “Green growth in Bizkaia”.
- **Private consultancy Donna Lee Consulting LLC** – Preparation of the report on “GhG Atmospheric fluxes of forests”.
- **JRC Joint Research Centre** – Generating a user-friendly code and graphical user interface (GUI) allowing the user to calculate and represent in the desired aggregation levels the domestic and foreign embodied employment and value added in bilateral gross exports using the WIOD (2016) database and other related labour statistics. Production of a pocketbook.

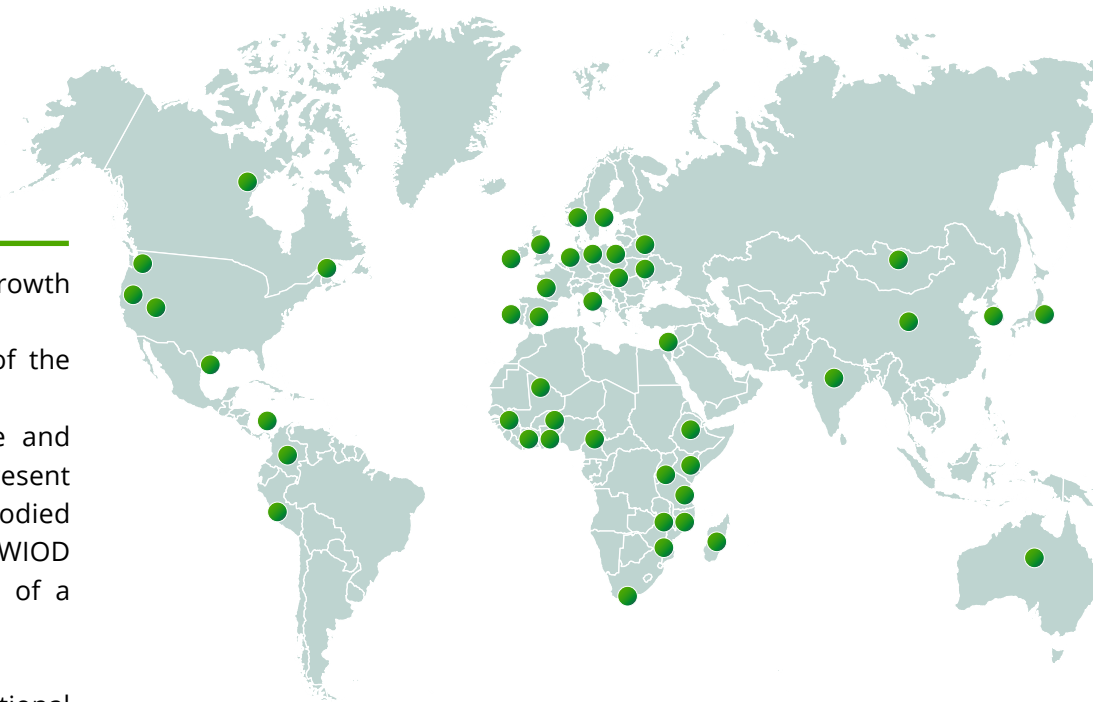
Our **visiting programme** was another important way to attract international and national climate change experts to the Basque Country, as well as to begin new relationships with other institutions.

Besides, BC3 was dynamic and active part of the Basque Science, Technology and Innovation Network, promoting and collaborating in Research projects with the different members of the network.

The University of the Basque Country (UPV / EHU) is our academic partner and therefore the joint work carried out covers different areas such as research, training and scientific dissemination. Since our centre was created in 2008, we have kept a close relationship with UPV/EHU and, over the years, we have consolidated different programs: joint seminars, the Klimagune Workshop, our participation in the “EUSKAMPUS” initiative, collaboration in various proposals and research projects or in masters and doctoral programs, among others.

REINFORCING COLLABORATIONS THROUGH REMEDIA NETWORK

In 2011, we fostered the establishment of REMEDIA network (Scientific Network on the Mitigation of GHG Emissions from Agroforestry Activities) to promote exchanges among the researches working the mitigation of GHG emissions from agriculture and forestry sectors, as well as to exchange dissemination of scientific and strategic information with both public institutions and private sector in Spain. At an international level, this network fosters a closer research collaboration with other international networks. Spanish Ministry of



Agriculture and Fisheries, Food and Environment (MAPAMA), acknowledged the importance of this initiative –nowadays made of around a hundred and fifty of researchers, spread through very diverse geographic regions and academic fields- for its contributions to the improvement of the scientific basis of the estimated GHG inventory for the Spanish agroforestry industry. More info: <https://www.redremedia.org>.

NUT_GLOBAL UNIVERSITY NETWORK

BC3 is coordinating at European level the innovative project for a worldwide campus of excellence, led by the Nagaoka Technological University of Japan, which in 10 years will make possible the creation of a “Global University” that will facilitate the international mobility of students and researchers, and will strengthen the international presence of SMEs in the field of sustainable technologies.

This exchange model is a strategic initiative of the Japanese government to generate a global campus of excellence, with permanent connections in countries such as Germany, South Africa, Vietnam and Mexico. According to their estimates, the project will be fully deployed in a decade, and will count on with an average of 900 participants annually. The program is entirely financed by the Japanese government, through endowments intended for this purpose. During 2017, NUT and BC3 signed an agreement to set a coordination office at BC3 premises with the aim of:



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- Managing and supporting the GIGAKU Education and Research Network, and GIGAKU Techno Park Network in Europe.
- Collecting and providing information on scholarships and exchange of students within the frame of GIGAKU.
- Promoting Industry-Academia activities and exploring the companies which could be potentially interested in GIGAKU Techno Park activities.

The agreement was made possible by the work done by the BC3 team, led by Professor Ikerbasque and researcher Ramón y Cajal, Sérgio Henrique Faria, with the collaboration of Bizkaia Talent, the association promoted by the Provincial Council of Bizkaia to attract, retain and link highly qualified people to Bizkaia (Basque Country), in the scientific, technological and business fields.

INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE AND CLIMATE CHANGE THINK-TANKS FOR CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT (INCCCETT 4CB)

BC3, jointly with other 11 international reference research centers, announced on the 14 November at the COP 22 its participation in the creation of a pioneering network of research centers of excellence (INCCCETT 4CB) “International Network on Climate Change Centres of Excellence and Think Tanks”.

This network, whose technical secretary is in charge of the recently created Center of Compétences Changement Climatique du Maroc (4C Maroc), is participated by first level centers such as the International Institute for Climate and Society of Columbia (IRI), the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI), the International Institute for Global Change Research (IAI) and the International Institute for Climate Change For Sustainable Development (IISD), and its purpose is:

- To achieve climate action in the climate contributions of all countries through better South-South-North collaboration between Think-Tanks and centers of excellence, thus responding to the needs of policy makers at all levels of government (local, regional, national).
- To increase the impact of capacity development by improving outreach and focusing on practices that have a sustainable impact.





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Some of our collaborators in 2017

Center for International Forestry Research - CIFOR (Indonesia)	Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei (FEEM) (Italy)	National Taiwan University (Taiwan)	Universidad de Valencia (Spain)	University of Southampton (UK)
Central University of Ecuador (Ecuador)	Grantham Research Institute for Climate Change and the Environment (UK)	Neiker Tecnalia (Spain)	Universidad Miguel Hernández de Elche (Spain)	University of Texas(USA)
Centro de Investigaciones Energéticas, Medioambientales y Tecnológicas – CIEMAT (Spain)	Greenwich University (UK)	National Institute of Polar Research - NIPR (Japan)	Universidad Miguel Hernández de Elche (UMH) (Spain)	University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU) (Spain)
Centro Euro-Mediterraneo per i Cambiamenti Climatici - CMCC (Italy)	Catalan Institute for Water Research - ICRA (Spain)	Nagaoka University of Technology -NUT (Japan)	Universidad of Alcalá (España)	University of Vigo (Spain)
Charles University Environment Centre (Czech Republic)	IH Cantabria (Spain)	Osnabrueck University (Germany)	Université de Bordeaux (France)	UPM (Spain)
CICERO (Norway)	IHOBE (Spain)	Queen’s University Belfast (UK)	Université Laval (Canada)	Wageningen University (Netherlands)
Colorado State University (USA)	Instituto Carlos III (Spain)	Rothamsted Research Centre (UK)	University of Alcala (UAH) (Spain)	World Bank (International)
Conservation International (USA)	International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development - ICIMOD (Nepal)	Stockholm Resilience Centre (Sweden)	University of Bath (UK)	
CSIC (Spain)	IPTS (Spain)	Technical University of Berlin (Alemania)	University of Exeter (UK)	
Danish Board of Technology (Denmark)	ISPRA (Italy)	The International Renewable Energy Agency (Irena)(Germany)	University of Leicester (UK)	
ECEHH Centre on Environment and Health (UK)	KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Environmental Humanities Lab (Sweden)	Universidad Autónoma de México (Mexico)	University of Massachusetts (USA)	
Economics for Energy - University of Vigo (Spain)	Leibniz Institute for Agricultural Engineering and Bioeconomy (ATB) (Germany)	Universidad de Alcalá (Spain)	University of Montreal - Public Health Research Institute (Canada)	
ETH Zurich (Switzerland)	London School of Economics and Political Science (Gri-Lse)	Universidad de Cádiz (Spain)	University of Oldenburg (Germany)	
European Environmental Agency (Europe)	London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (UK)	Universidad de Castilla la Mancha (Spain)	University of Oulu (Finland)	
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations - FAO (International)	Makerere University (Uganda)	Universidad de las Palmas de Gran Canaria (Spain)	University of Pretoria (South Africa)	
Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (Brasil)	McGill University (Canada)	Universidad de Navarra (Spain)	University of Rome – Roma Tre (Italy),	



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Since our creation in 2008, we have been aimed at publishing in the first-class international peer-reviewed journals and with the world-class most influential leading academic publishers. As a result, our volume of publications has increased, and so has their quality and impact.

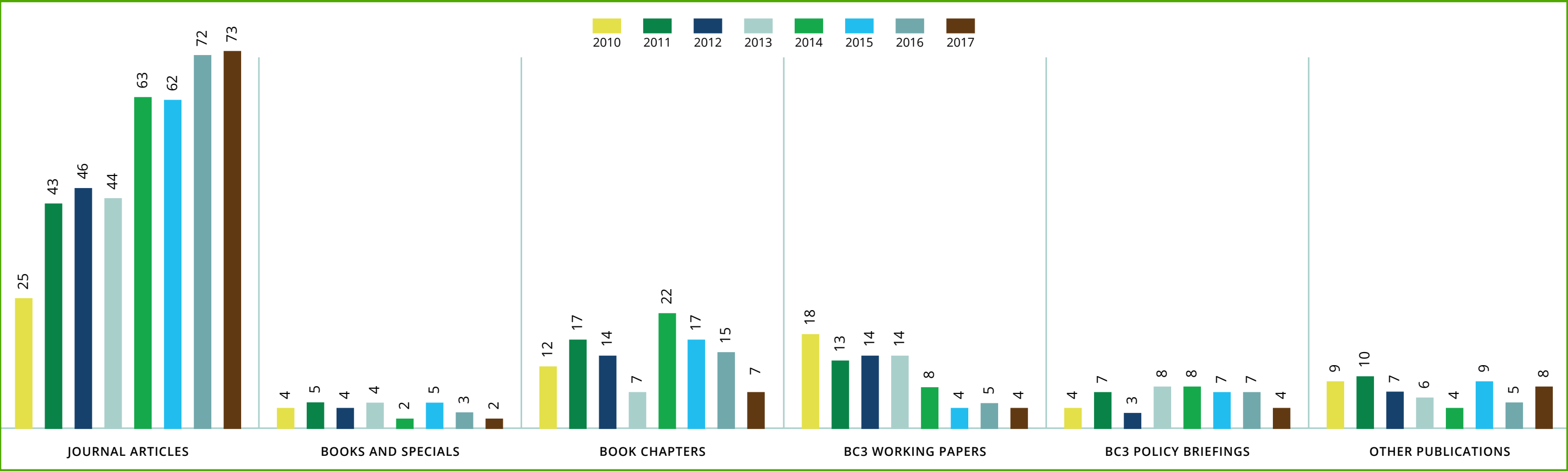
Prove of this, is that during 2017, the 79 % of the 73 peer-reviewed articles produced by BC3 and indexed in Scopus were published in first quartile (Q1) journals. These outstanding metrics, have taken BC3 to be ranked among the top ten climate change research institutions worldwide (based on standardized ranking of ICCG (International Centre for Climate Governance) in the latest 4 years. All the research lines of the centre contributed to these results through inter and multidisciplinary work in the area of climate and global change. Many of the publications demonstrate the multidisciplinary nature of the centre.

Following BC3’s classification system, the scientific production of the centre in 2017 was as follows:

During 2017, we published:

- 73 JOURNAL ARTICLES*
- 2 BOOKS
- 15 BOOK CHAPTERS
- 4 BC3 WORKING PAPERS
- 4 BC3 POLICY BRIEFING
- 8 TECHNICAL REPORTS

* The journal articles production of 2016 has been corrected as two of the publications were finally published in 2017.





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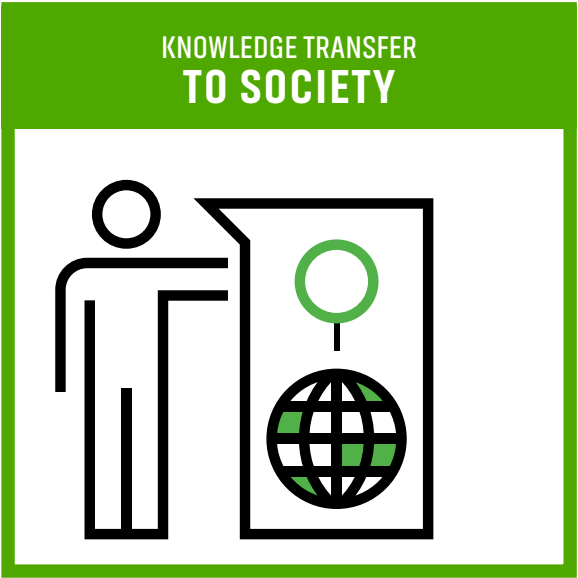
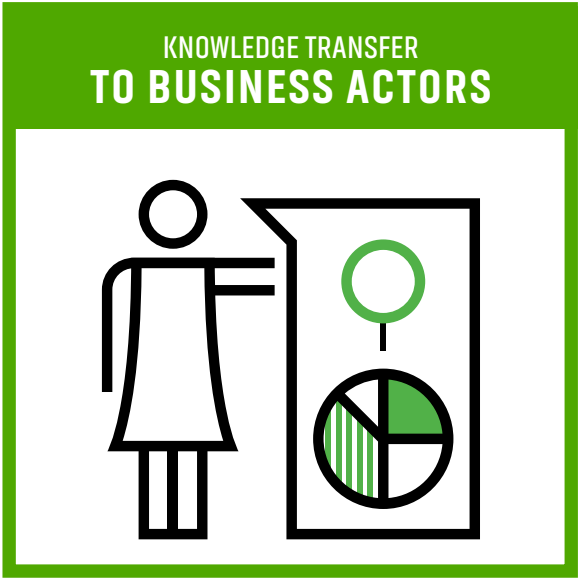
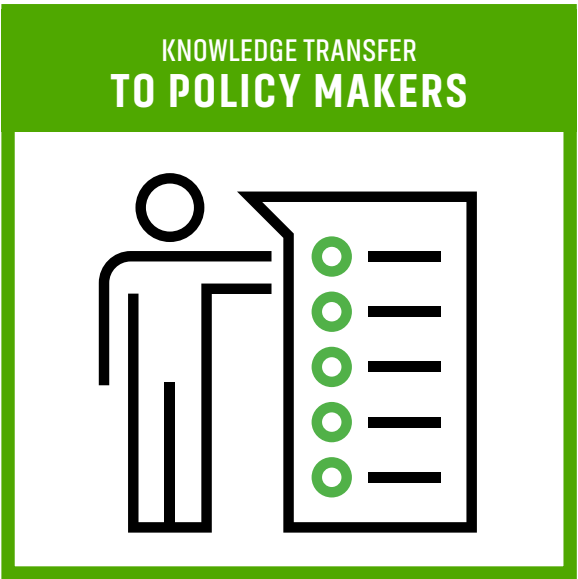
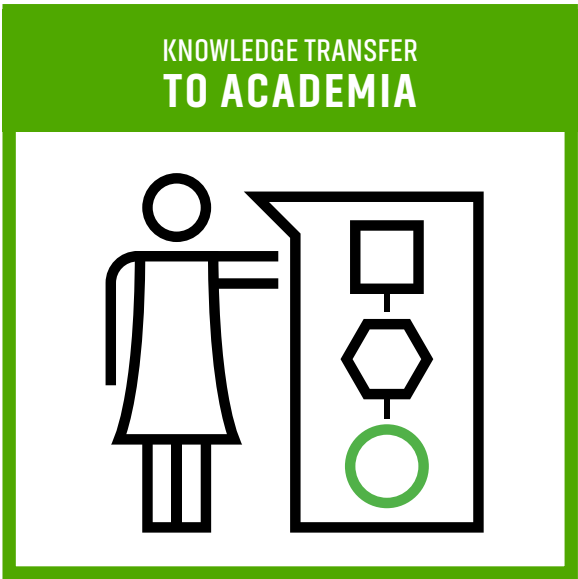


4. KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER

The role of science in shaping climate policies, building capabilities and raising awareness has become increasingly important, since climate change is nowadays at the top of political agendas. In fact, it is a fundamental part of our work is to contribute, through science, to the climate policy making process.

The BC3 Knowledge Transfer deployment is brought into action through the centre’s Dissemination and Strategic Communication Plan (SCP) 2014-2017, which was designed in 2013 and it is being implemented since then. This plan pursues excellence in research, training and dissemination making the knowledge generated in our centre broadly available to the following target audiences:

- SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY (ACADEMIA)
- POLICY MAKERS
- BUSINESS ACTORS
- SOCIETY





BC3’s Dissemination, Training & Capacity Building and Science Outreach permanent initiatives



DRIVING ACTIONS
designed to disseminate and disclose rigorous information on climate change.

- Dissemination:**
of research findings in Key Scientific Meetings.
- Dissemination:**
BC3 Seminar Programme.
- Dissemination:**
BC3 Visiting Programme.
- Dissemination:**
BC3 Working Papers Serie.

TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING
activities to "bridge knowledge" in terms of scientific advancements.

- Training:**
Supervised Phd and Master Students.
- Training:**
Classes given in Post graduate Courses.
- Capacity building:**
Workshops: Klimagune and ad-hoc organized events
- Training & Capacity Building:**
BC3 - UPV/EHU Summer School.
- Training & Capacity Building:**
Spring University on Ecosystem Services Modeling.
- Capacity building:**
Policy Briefing Series.
- Capacity building:**
Contribution to UNFCCC COPs.

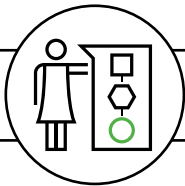
SCIENCE EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS
Raising awareness of Climate Change at Basque Country Scale

- Science Education:**
Training Caravan (Researchers at Classroom).
- Public awareness in the media.**



4.1 TO ACADEMIA

4.1.1 Dissemination in Scientific Meetings



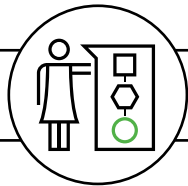
During 2017, BC3 researchers participated in major science conferences and congresses related to their specialties all around the world. Following a selected contributions are listed.

NAME OF THE CONFERENCE/CONGRESS	CITY	HOST INSTITUTION	TITLE OF THE CONTRIBUTION
1st International Conference on Energy Research and Social Science	Sitges	Elsevier	The role of behavioural changes in the climate change mitigation portfolio
YOUMARES 8 Conference, Oceans across boundaries: Learning from each other	Kiel	University of Kiel and the GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research	Catch distribution shifts in tropical tuna fisheries
JGCRI Annual Integrated Assessment Workshop GCAM Community Modeling Meeting	College Park, Maryland	Joint Global Change Research Institute	Health co-benefits associated with different mitigation pathways
IAEE Conference	Viena	IAEE	The role of energy efficiency and label information on consumer’s purchasing preferences towards appliances: Results from a focus group in Bilbao (Spain)
Adaptation capacity-building initiatives for the implementation of NDCs	Bonn	INCCETT 4CB	Science based decision making for adaptation: Adaptation tracking and definition of acceptable level of risks
Conference of the Spanish Association for Energy Economics	Salamanca	University of Salamanca & AEEE	Consumer purchases of energy efficient cars: behavioural implications for policy
EAERE Conference	Athens	European Association of Environmental Economics	Economic viability of the national-scale forestation program: The case of success in the Republic of Korea
Primer Foro Regional de Incentivos a la Conservación	Florencia-Caquetá	Gobernación de Caquetá, Patrimonio Natural, Fundación Picachos	Equidad social en pagos por servicios ambientales (PSA)
ICMaSS2017 International Conference on Materials and Systems for Sustainability	Nagoya	Nagoya University	Modelling beneficiaries in dynamic Ecosystem Services assessments
Global Forest Observation Initiative Plenary (GFOI, under the Global Earth Observation Group)	Ho Chi Minh City	Global Forest Observation Initiative	REDD+ progress: Forest towards solving Climate Change
6th International Symposium on Soil Organic Matter Healthy soils for sustainable agriculture: the role of SOM	Harpenden	Rothamsted Research	Stoichiometric and litter quality effects on microbial communities along the decay continuum of perennial energy crops
Symposium Filling current knowledge gaps: understanding the role of plant-soil interactions in the MTEs	Seville	XIV MEDECOS & XIII AEET meeting	Soil respiration in drylands: controlling factors and thresholds
68th Annual Meeting of the European Federation of Animal Science	Tallin	EAAP	Modelling the effects of heat stress of dairy cattle at farm scale
10th European Public Health Conference Sustaining resilient and healthy communities	Stockholm	European Public Health Conference Foundation, the European Public Health Association (EUPHA) and Swedish Association of Social Medicine	Cost-benefit evaluations –approaches and effects
IAEE 2017	Viena	IAEE European Conference	Implications of different mitigation portfolios based on stakeholder preferences
Biodiversity and Health in the face of Climate Change. Challenges, opportunities and evidence gaps	Bonn	German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN) and the European Network of Heads of Nature Conservation Agencies (ENCA)	Exposure to green areas: Modeling health benefits in a context of study heterogeneity



4.1 TO ACADEMIA

4.1.1 Dissemination in Scientific Meetings



NAME OF THE CONFERENCE/CONGRESS	CITY	HOST INSTITUTION	TITLE OF THE CONTRIBUTION
14th International Conference on Urban Health. Health Equity: The New Urban Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals	Coimbra	Convent São Francisco Convention Centre	Natural environment and urban green areas: effects on human health and equity
3rd European Adaptation Conference	Glasgow	Three EU-funded projects (IMPRESSIONS, Helix and RISES-AM)	Linking soil degradation control to climate change adaptation: a cost and benefit inventory of soil protection techniques in Europe
VII World Conference on Ecological Restoration	Iguaçu	Society for Ecological Restoration	Anthropogenic ecosystem disturbance and the recovery debt
Symposium for European Freshwater Sciences (SEFS) 10	Olomouc	European Federation for Freshwater Sciences (EFFS)	Jointly accounting for biodiversity and ecosystem services for optimizing freshwater management: a projection and optimization framework
5th Advances in Marine Ecosystem Modelling Research Symposium (AMEMR 2017)	Plymouth	Plymouth Marine Laboratory	An example of end-to-end model coupling for marine ecosystem services using ARTificial Intelligence for Ecosystem Services
International Conference on Materials and Systems for Sustainability 2017 (ICMaSS2017)	Nagoya	Nagoya University	Modeling the Effect of Solar UV Radiation on Plant Litter Decomposition
European Society for Ecological Economics (ESEE) 2017 Conference	Budapest	Corvinus University of Budapest	Biophysical and socioeconomic of deltaic areas vulnerable to Climate Change: gender and spatial relations
Economies in an age of limits: time for (R)evolution	Montreal	Société Canadienne en Économié Écologique	Modern irrigation double edge: Farmers’ vulnerability through the lens of legitimacy and equity



4.1 TO ACADEMIA

4.1.2 Supervised post-graduate students

As one of the BC3 training key activities, during 2017 the following PhD and Master students were supervised by BC3 Knowledge body.

PhD Students

TITLE	PHD STUDENT	SUPERVISOR
Distributional implications of environmental policies.	Xaquín García	Mikel González
Economics of Climate Finance	Mavi Román	Iñaki Arto
Use of multi-criteria analysis in the prioritization of policy options for the improvement of urban air quality in a Latin American setting: the case of Lima, Peru	Gerardo Sánchez	Aline Chiabai
Statistical analysis of climate and paleoclimate records	Gonzalo Morcillo	Sérgio H. Faria
Modelling of public opinion and awareness of climate change	Itxaso Ruiz	Sérgio H. Faria
Implications of uncertainties for adaptation decision making in the agriculture sector	Alina Tepes	Ibon Galarraga
On economics of adaptation	Ambika Markanday	Ibon Galarraga
Integrated Assessment and behavioural options for mitigation	Dirk Jan Van de Ven	Mikel González
Integrated Assessment and the co-benefits of mitigation	Jon Sampedro	Mikel González
Economics of ecosystem services	Laetitia Pettinotti	Anil Markandya
Recuperación de la estabilidad de las redes de interacción en bosques templados tras impactos causados por la minería durante la Edad Media	Asunción Rodríguez	David Moreno
Análisis y evaluación integral de sistemas de pastoreo de ovejas lecheras: propuesta de escenarios y herramientas de gestión	Aitor Andonegi	Agustín del Prado & Eneko Garmendia
Tesis sobre Eficiencia energética (Titulo sin definir)	Alessandro Silvestri	Sebastien Foudi
Tesis sobre Eficiencia energética (Titulo sin definir)	Elena Lopez	Ibon Galarraga
Tesis sobre Eficiencia energética (Titulo sin definir)	Maria del Mar Solá	Ibon Galarraga
Territorialidad, resiliencia tradicional/ancestral y cambio climático: pueblos y nacionalidades indígenas de la Amazonía ecuatoriana del Cantón Mera de la Provincia de Pastaza 2016-2018	Freddy Eliseo Michel Portugal	Sergio H. Faria
Desarrollo de herramientas para evaluar los efectos de las medidas de adaptación al cambio climático	Pablo Martinez	Aline Chiabai
Assessing the sustainability of dairy cattle production systems in Karrantza region (aproximate title, PhD in progress)	Karlos Mas	Agustin del Prado Santeodoro

PhD Students

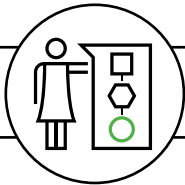
TITLE	PHD STUDENT	SUPERVISOR
Social and Biophysical Dimensions of Clean Electricity Production	Sofia Ávila	Alev Sorman
Incorporating the social-ecological approach to landscape planning in Colombia	Juanita Aldana	Ignacio Palomo
Incorporating complexity into ecosystem services governance	Javier Moreno	Ignacio Palomo
Modelling soil C stocks in grazed grasslands in northern Spain	Asma Jebari	Agustín del Prado Santeodoro
Tradeoffs between effectiveness and equity in Payments for Ecosystem Services	Bosco Lliso	Unai Pascual
A socio-institutional analysis of wildlife conservation in Africa	Giulia Wegner	Unai Pascual
Development of agent-based approaches to integrate supply and demand of selected ecosystem services, within the Local Action Group Alto Bellunese, Eastern Alps	Michele Zen	Stefano Balbi
Influence of habitat uniqueness on species assemblage and potential implications for biodiversity conservation	Roxanne Leberger	Javier Martínez

Master Students

TITLE	MASTER STUDENT	SUPERVISOR
Adaptation to climate change in coastal cities in China	Wu Quan	Elisa Sainz de Murieta
Impactos de los cambios de usos del suelo en el suministro y demanda de servicios en Madrid	Alberto González	Ignacio Palomo
The effects of Medieval mining on mycorrhizal communities of a beech forest in Navarre	Pablo Rodhes Pérez	David Moreno
The (crop, pasture and forest) Land footprints and virtual trade across the World, with a particular focus on the case of Colombia	Mateo Felipe Ortiz Moreno	Iñaki Arto/ Ignacio Cazcarro
Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting (MER) mechanisms for local climate change adaptation planning	Lies Huitema	Marta Olazabal



4.1 TO ACADEMIA | 4.1.3 Courses given in post-graduate courses

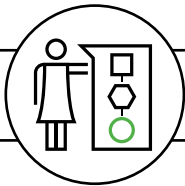


Among our training activity drivers, we may also find the classes offered by our researchers in post-graduate and advanced courses in different universities during the year.

TYPE OF COURSE	TITLE OF COURSE	UNIVERSITY
Advanced course	Principales retos del cambio climático. Una visión desde la adaptación	University of the Basque Country UPV/EHU
IV Curso de Economía Ecológica	Universidad del País Vasco/ Euskal Herriko Unibertsitatea (UPV/EHU)	University of the Basque Country UPV/EHU
Advanced course	Incidencia del cambio climático en las ciudades y regiones	IVAP-EVETU
Advanced course	2017 ARIES Masterclass: a follow-up course on the ARIES ecosystem services model and integrated semantic modelling	BC3
Advanced course	3 days ARIES crash course	National Institute for Environmental Studies (Japan)
Master course	Economics for the Environment and Climate Change: basic concepts	University of the Basque Country UPV/EHU
Master course	Climate Change Challenges: Adaptation and Mitigation	University of the Basque Country UPV/EHU
Master course	Master on Environment and Sustainability	University of the Basque Country UPV/EHU
Master course	Understanding Protected Areas as Social-ecological Systems	Universidad Autónoma de Madrid
Master course	Course on environmental & economic top-down and bottom up link with GIS	Universidad de Zaragoza



4.1 TO ACADEMIA | 4.1.4 Seminars given



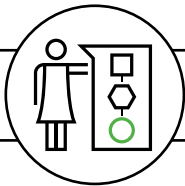
From BC3 we organized in 2017 a series of interdisciplinary lectures that contributed to climate change knowledge transfer. Focused on key theoretical and methodological issues on climate change, these lectures brought together professors, researchers and PhD students. Some of these seminar series were jointly organized with the University of the Basque Country.

BC3 Seminars

DATE	LECTURER	INSTITUTION	SEMINAR TITLE
19/12/2017	Leandro Farina	Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Brasil	Dimensionality reduction for the ocean wave dynamics
15/12/2017	Leslie W. Morland	School of Mathematics, University of East Anglia Norwich	Role of Antarctic and Arctic Ice in Climate Change
13/12/2017	Fernando Estelles	Universitat Politècnica de València (UPV)	Un-Sustainable Intensification of Livestock Production
11/12/2017	Teresa E. Gimeno	UMR ISPA, INRA-Bordeaux (France)	Tracking water use and carbon uptake in a global change scenario: bridging scales and approaches
29/11/2017	Guadalupe Arce	University of Castilla – La Mancha	Carbon footprint of human settlements in Spain
27/11/2017	Prof. Toshihiko Nakata	Department of Management Science and Technology, Graduate School of Engineering, Tohoku University	“Integrated Design and Analysis for Sustainable Energy Systems”
25/05/2017	Jean-Christophe Pereau	University of Bordeaux	Groundwater Management in a Food Security Context
01/06/2017	Unai Álvarez-Rodríguez	Universidad del País Vasco/ Euskal Herriko Unibertsitatea (UPV/EHU)	Beyond Quantum Biomimetics
27/10/2017	Peter Alexander	School of Geosciences, University of Edinburgh	Losses and inefficiencies in the global food system
24/05/2017	Sanjay Sharma	Grossman School of Business, University of Vermont, USA	Building Organizational Capacity for Sustainable Innovation



4.1 TO ACADEMIA | 4.1.5 Visiting Programme



The aim of our Visiting Programme is to promote research and dialogue between BC3 and other institutions by supporting and hosting local and international researchers wishing to establish a link with us. Additionally, this programme allows our institution to contribute to climate change knowledge at the Basque Country by inviting visitors to participate in the UPV/EHU – BC3 joint seminar programme. Our Visiting Programme may be considered therefore an additional source for talent attraction, as well as a chance to join international research initiatives.

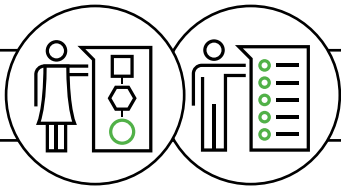
List of 2017 visitors

VISIT DATE	VISITOR	INSTITUTION	POSITION	LINK WITH BC3 RESEARCH LINE
DIC. 17	Leandro Faria	Universidade Federal do Rio Gabde do Sul, Brasil	Professor	Climate and Natural Environment, Low Carbon, Climate Change Policy
DIC. 17	Leslie Morland	University of East Anglia (UEA, UK)	Prof.Emeritus	Climate and Natural Environment
DIC. 17	Fernando Estellés	Universitat Politècnica de València (UPV)	Assistant Professor	Terrestrial Ecosystems, Adaptation Lab
DIC. 17	Teresa E. Gimeno	INRA	IEF Marie Curie Fellow	Terrestrial Ecology
NOV. 17	Guadalupe Arce	Universdad de Castilla-La Mancha	Researcher Global Energy and Environmental Economics Analysis Research Group	Low Carbon
NOV. 17	Toshihiko Nakata	tohoku university	Professor	Integrated modelling
OCT. 17	Peter Alexander	School of Geosciences, University of Edinburgh	Interactions within food systems and land use	Terrestrial Ecosystems
JUN. 17	Unai Álvarez-Rodríguez	Universidad del País Vasco / Euskal Herriko Unibertsitatea (UPV/EHU)	GV-EJ Postdoctoral researcher	Integrated modelling
MAY. 17	Jean-Christophe Pereau	University of Bordeaux	Professor	Terrestrial Ecosystems
MAY. 17	Sanjay Sharma	Grossman School of Business, University of Vermont, USA	Dean and Professor of Management	Integrated modelling



4.1 TO ACADEMIA & POLICY MAKERS

4.1.6 Organization of Scientific Events



BC3 plays an active role organizing international Climate Change scientific events and workshops involving the most influential researchers in the field. During 2017, we organized with this objective a series of different dissemination activities, such as workshops, directed to nurture ongoing research, support decision-making processes and enhance the engagement of key players (stakeholders) by establishing a dialogue with them.

SOME HIGHLIGHTED WORKSHOPS

IPCC Meeting

"FIRST LEAD AUTHOR MEETING (LAM1) FOR THE ELABORATION OF THE 2019 REFINEMENT TO THE 2006 IPCC GUIDELINES FOR NATIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORIES"
7TH – 14TH SEPTEMBER, 2017. LEIOA.

More than 190 experts met in Bilbao on June 7-14 to work on a new Methodology Report, which will update the guidelines that countries use for estimating greenhouse gas emissions and removals, bringing them into line with the new requirements of the 2015 Paris Agreement.

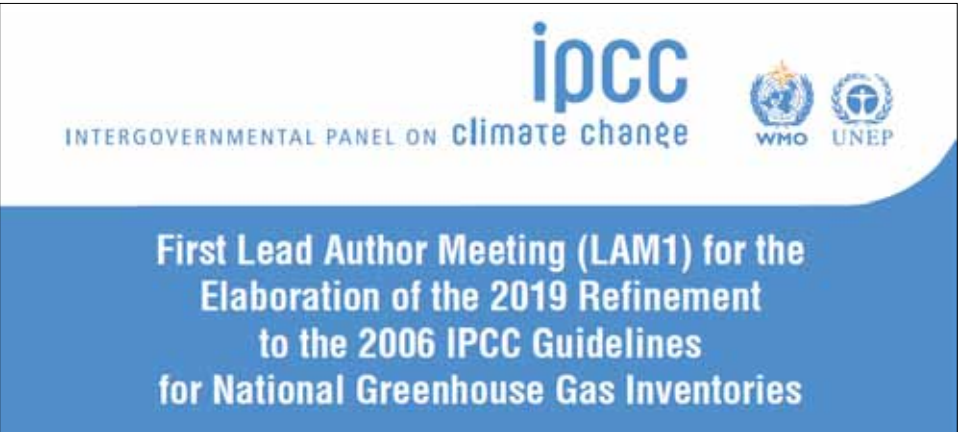
The meeting launched the preparation of the new Report 2019 Refinement to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (2019 Refinement). In particular, the authors elaborated the chapter outlines, allocated tasks among Lead Authors, and decided milestones between this and the Second Lead Author Meeting. After another two meetings in 2018, the 2019 Refinement is planned to be finalized, and be adopted and accepted by the IPCC Plenary, in May 2019.

Bureau of the IPCC Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories concluded that the 2006 IPCC Guidelines still provide a technically sound methodological basis of national greenhouse gas inventories; however, in

order to maintain their scientific validity, certain refinements are required, taking into account scientific and other technical advances that have matured sufficiently since 2006. Therefore the IPCC has decided to produce a new Methodology Report to refine the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, which is titled the "2019 Refinement to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories" (2019 Refinement)," said Mr. Kiyoto Tanabe, Co-Chair of the IPCC's Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories.

The meeting was organized by BC3, with the collaboration of the Basque Government's Department of Environment, the University of the Basque Country and the Spanish Climate Change Office.

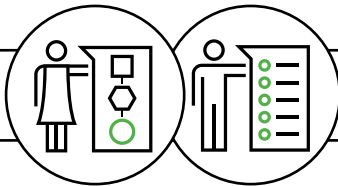
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4.1 TO ACADEMIA & POLICY MAKERS

4.1.6 Organization of Scientific Events



SOME HIGHLIGHTED WORKSHOPS

Klimagune Workshop 2017

CLIMATE CHANGE AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT.
31ST MAY, 2017. BILBAO.

Since its first edition, 7 years ago, more than 500 people have participated in the Klimagune Workshop, a science-policy forum on Climate Change jointly organized by BC3 and the University of the Basque Country, open to all agents in the Basque Science and Technology Network, as well as to other social agents interested in climate change. It is its aim to share knowledge, new ideas and developments in terms of scientific and policy advancements on climate change. “Climate Change and public engagement” was the title of this 7th edition, which took place in Bilbao.

The 21st Conference of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP21) held in Paris, and the agreement reached (Paris Agreement) prove that we are in a new stage of the fight against climate change. A stage where, once the scientific evidence on climate change is globally accepted, it is urgent and mandatory that institutions, production structures and all private and public social players play an active, coordinated role. However, social activation and scientific knowledge must go hand-in-hand. This requires new scientific tools to find environmentally sustainable solutions that are economically efficient and socially just. This is attained through the participation, not only of different institutions, but of all citizens in general.

Given that reporting, taking part or being a part is not the same thing, at Klimagune, we analysed the different methods and degrees of social participation for climate change. What perceptions do citizens have of climate change? What participation methods are there, and what purpose do they serve? What does science, and citizen science have to say about participating in climate change? To which extent can we be involved as citizens in this challenge, for which we are both responsible and victims at the same time?

Participation in sustainability issues is based on regulations and instruments to: (1) democratise decision-making, (2) empower participants and avoid conflicts, (3) integrate different kinds of knowledge, and (4) increase the effectiveness and fairness of the effects of both public and private projects and programmes. In a post-modern society undergoing constant change, participating against climate challenges is not an option; rather it is a citizen responsibility, related to the concepts of social perception, legitimacy, climate justice, corporate social responsibility, citizen science and trans-disciplinary science.

KLIMAGUNE COUNTED, AMONG OTHER RELEVANT LECTURERS, WITH THE FOLLOWING KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

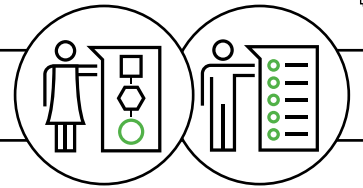
- **JAMIE CLARKE**, Executive Director of Climate Outreach, “Talking Climate - From Research to practice In Public Engagement”
- **FRANCISCO HERAS**, Department of Adaptation Strategies, Spanish Climate Change Office, Spanish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Food and Environment, “Social participation a tool for sustainability”





4.1 TO ACADEMIA & POLICY MAKERS

4.1.6 Organization of Scientific Events



SOME HIGHLIGHTED WORKSHOPS

TRANSRISK Workshop

ASSESSING UNCERTAINTIES AND RISKS IN THE TRANSITION
TO LOW CARBON AND SUSTAINABLE SOCIETIES.
3RD - 4TH JULY, 2017. BILBAO.

The main objective of the workshop was to coordinate the efforts and to use the different existing pathways through a risk and uncertainty lens and also for implementing these pathways and transferring this information into the cases studies. For this purpose, a selected list of contributions was presented and discussed. Contributions from partners who had the challenge of thinking on transition pathways for their case studies, as well as on the main risks (barriers, negative outcomes) and uncertainties associated with them. They also discussed and designed the different inter-model comparison exercises that will take place in TRANSrisk (in WP6 and WP7).

Finally, they also dedicated specific time to discuss three dissemination activities proposals: a book, a special issue for a scientific journal and a potential joint-paper (or comment/letter in a top journal) with TRANSrisk's partners.

REMEDIOSOST Workshop

SUSTAINABILITY OF POLLUTED LAND
REMEDIATION SOLUTIONS.
16TH MARCH, 2017, LEIOA.

REMEDIOSOST workshop contributed to the design of sustainability criteria for the methodology that REMEDIOSOST project partners were elaborating to measure the sustainability of polluted land remediation solutions. The workshop brought the opportunity to meet different stakeholders that actively participated in this design.

PARTNERS IN REMEDIOSOST:

- Gaiker IK4 - Coordinator
- Neiker Tecnalia
- AFESA Medioambiente S.A.
- BC3 Basque Centre for Climate Change
- IHOBE - Funding agency of REMEDIOSOST



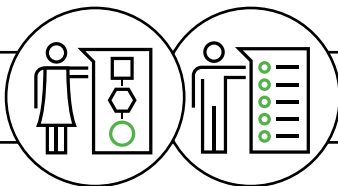
TRANSrisk

TRANSITION PATHWAYS AND RISK ANALYSIS
FOR CLIMATE CHANGE POLICIES





4.1 TO ACADEMIA | 4.1.7 BC3 Working Papers — 4.1.8 Open Access



4.1.7 BC3 WORKING PAPERS

BC3 produces also its own Working Paper Series, which serves to illustrate and disseminate the scientific work developed by our researchers and collaborators, as well as triggers the scientific debate on hot topics. They are accessible via several media channels, including our website, Research Papers on Economics (RePEc) and the public repository of the University of the Basque Country (ADDI).

- [2017-04] **Cost-effectiveness and incidence of alternative mechanisms for financing renewables.** Xaquín García-Muros, Christoph Böhringer and Mikel González-Eguino.
- [2017-03] **Traveling for happiness, moving to adapt: An agent-based perspective on population mobility.** Stefano Balbi.
- [2017-02] **Drivers of climate change opinion.** Itxaso Ruiz, Sérgio Henrique Faria and Marc B. Neumann.
- [2017-01] **Towards successful adaptation: a checklist for the development of climate change adaptation plans.** Marta Olazabal, Ibon Galarraga, James Ford, Alexandra Lesnikowski and Elisa Sainz de Murieta.

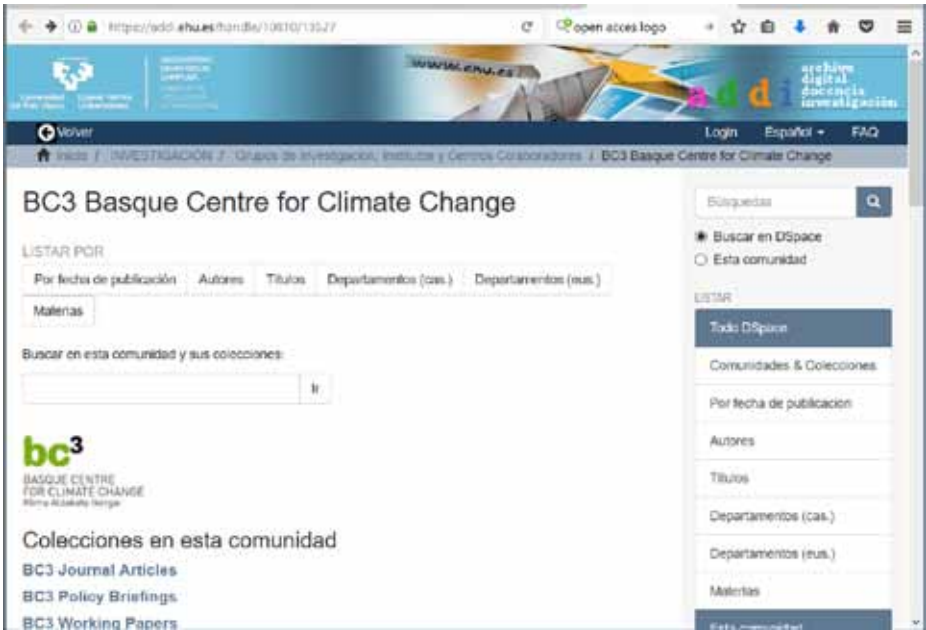
4.1.8 OPEN ACCESS

In 2014, we reached a collaboration agreement with the ADDI platform (public repository of publications of the University of the Basque Country) for the delegated archive of our Working Papers series of publications and Policy Briefings in a public repository. During 2017, we continued making available through ADDI all its publications series at ADDI platform and scientific journal publications

ADDI public repository platform, is interconnected with OPENAIRE in a way that optimizes the visibility of open access BC3 publications series.

The publications are available at:

- <https://addi.ehu.es/handle/10810/13527>



4.2 TO POLICY-MAKERS | 4.2.1 Policy relevant contributions: Highlights



Climate change is nowadays at the top of political agendas and it is a fundamental part of our work to contribute to the design of related policies, as well as to facilitate, through science, their application in a regulatory framework, consistent with the protection of the planet.

Hence, our involvement in the most authoritative organizations, such as IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change), IPBES (Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services) and the UNFCCC (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change) is strategic for us, as it shows our ability to play an active role among the most authoritative actors in the field of climate change and climate policy. Such involvement is also a sign of international recognition, and a demonstration of our capacity to build relevant links and connections, addressing policy-makers at the highest levels.

One of our relevant contributions to the EU policy making process is taking part in the UNFCCC Side Events. These were established as a platform for observer organizations to highlight diverse climate change issues at UNFCCC conferences, and are a vital component of the UNFCCC sessions, as they provide opportunities for information dissemination, capacity building, policy discussion, as well as a way to legitimize global governance.

Recognized by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) as a Non-Governmental Organization, we contributed to several side events at the Conferences of the Parties at COP23 in Bonn jointly with other leading Climate Change scientific and policy institutions. BC3's Scientific Director, María José Sanz, and BC3's researchers, Anil Markandya and Ibon Galarraga actively participated at the COP23 events.



IPCC contributions

BC3 Increased its involvement in the scientific Special Reports (SRs) and the Assessment Reports (ARs) of the IPCC. From one Lead Author in the Fifth Assessment Report (A. Markandya 5AR, 2014) to the selection of four BC3 Researchers for the next cycle of IPCC documents:

- **SR on 1.5 °C Scenarios** (A. Markandya)
- **SR Refinement of the 2019 GHGs Inventory Guidelines** (M.J. Sanz and A. del Prado)
- **SR on Land and Climate Change** (M.J. Sanz)
- **and, 6th Assessment Report, Working Group I Chapter 1: Framing, context, methods** (Sérgio H Faria).

In this context BC3 hosted the First Lead Authors Meeting of the SR Refinement of the 2019 GHGs Inventory Guidelines with the support of the UPV-EHU Faculty of Science and Technology, IHOBE, and the Spanish Office of Climate Change in June 2017.



Spanish Parliament Reporting

On November 22, the Scientific Director of BC3, María Jose Sanz attended as an expert the Spanish Congress of Deputies (Commission for the Study of Climate Change), to report on future legislative measures on climate change and energy transition.



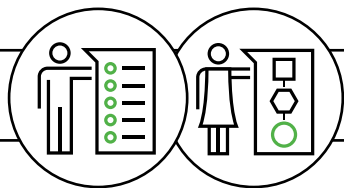
BC3, member of the Advisory Council for Foreign Affairs of the Basque Government

BC3 is member of Advisory Council for Foreign Affairs of the Basque Government since its creation in 2016 and has contributed to the update of the 2020 Internationalisation Framework Strategy of the Basque Country. During 2017, BC3 participated in the Advisory committee celebrated at the Basque Government.





4.2 TO POLICY-MAKERS | 4.2.2 Policy making supporting methodology tools

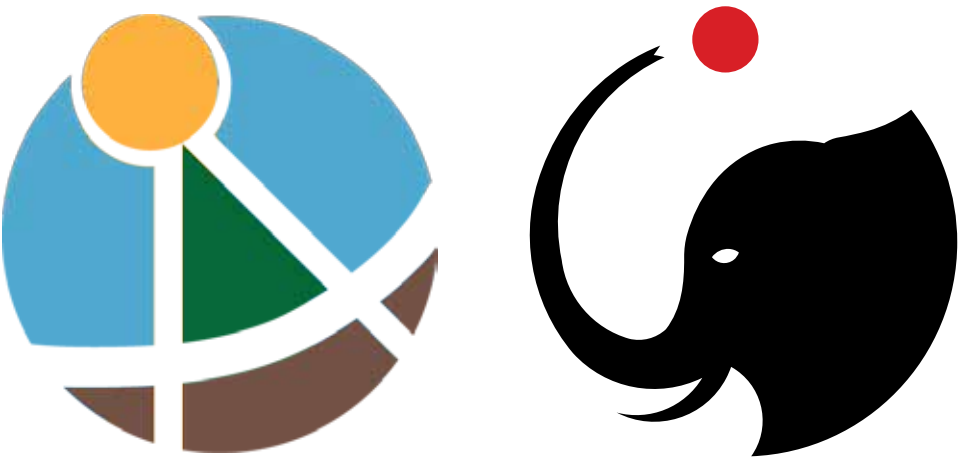


ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

BC3 has also developed decision making supporting tools in the context of ecosystem services, such as **ARIES** (Artificial Intelligence for Ecosystem Services), a web-based free modelling technology offered to users such as practitioners, scientists and decision-makers including members of NGOs, academic, or governmental institutions worldwide, to assist rapid ecosystem service assessment and valuation (ESAV).

BC3, with ARIES has developed some of the most advanced methodologies (assembling deterministic or probabilistic models) to quantify and value flows of ecosystem services at the appropriate spatial scale, ecological and socio-economic context. ARIES maps concrete, spatially explicit beneficiaries of ecosystem services, and quantifies their demand for each service. Conceptualizing ecosystem services as a concrete list of benefits for concrete beneficiary groups avoids the problem of “double counting” of benefits that has plagued past ecosystem service valuation efforts.

In this context, the Integrated Modelling Partnership was launched in late 2017. **The Integrated Modelling Partnership**, brings together institutions contributing to designing and building a fully integrated information landscape for the science of the future. The partnership develops and maintains the IM worldview, the k.IM language and the k.LAB software stack. It provides training in semantic modelling and supports partners and users in creating unprecedented model-data integration in projects such as ARIES.



LOW CARBON TRANSITION PATHWAYS

Regarding low carbon transition pathways, BC3 has developed different tools and methodologies that can capture the interlinkages between the socio-economic, energy, environmental and the climate systems to better understand the measures to control GHG emissions at national and global level. These tool/models are very diverse and include different types of CGE/input-output models, integrated assessment models and micro-simulation models.

DERIO

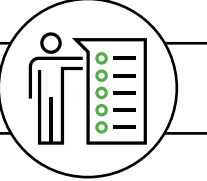
(Dynamic Econometric input-output Model for the Basque Country)

A team of researchers from the Basque Centre for Climate Change (BC3) led by Iñaki Arto, in collaboration with Professor Kurt Kratena (Center for Economic Scenario Analysis and Research, CESAR and Austrian Institute of Economic Research, WIFO) developed an economic- energy-environment model for the Basque Country oriented the analysis of scenarios and policies in different areas of decision. The model was successfully used for the analysis of the economic impact of the Basque Country's 2050 Climate Change Strategy.

The DERIO (DERIO) model, developed under the Bizkaia: Talent program, follows the philosophy of the FIDELIO (Fully Interregional Dynamic Econometric Long-term Input- Output) created by Professor Kurt Kratena together with Iñaki Arto for the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission. This model has recently contributed to the analysis of the impact of the Clean Air Package of the European Union.

DERIO is characterized by a detailed description of the Basque economy in terms of sectors (88 sectors), products (105 products), consumers (5 groups of consumers differentiated by income level), categories of final consumption (16 categories), energy system (processing industry, exchanges, final consumption, etc.) and environmental extensions (energy, CO2 emissions and other pollutants). For the development of the model, different official statistical sources such as economic accounts (EUSTAT), family budget survey (INE), energy balances (EVE) or emission inventories (IHOBE) were been used.

One of the main characteristics of the model is that the user can adapt it according to his needs. This feature, together with its multi-dimensional character, makes it especially useful for the analysis of scenarios and policies in different areas of decision. In addition, its flexibility and versatility make it suitable for the analysis of specific policies such as the promotion of energy efficiency (households, industry or transport), Renove plans, tax reforms, etc.



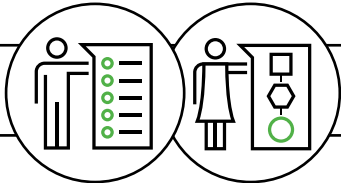
4.2.3 Policy making supporting information: Policy Briefing Series

- ## List of 2017 BC3 Policy Briefings



4.2 TO POLICY MAKERS & ACADEMIA

4.2.4 Training & Capacity Building



International Spring University on Ecosystem Services Modelling

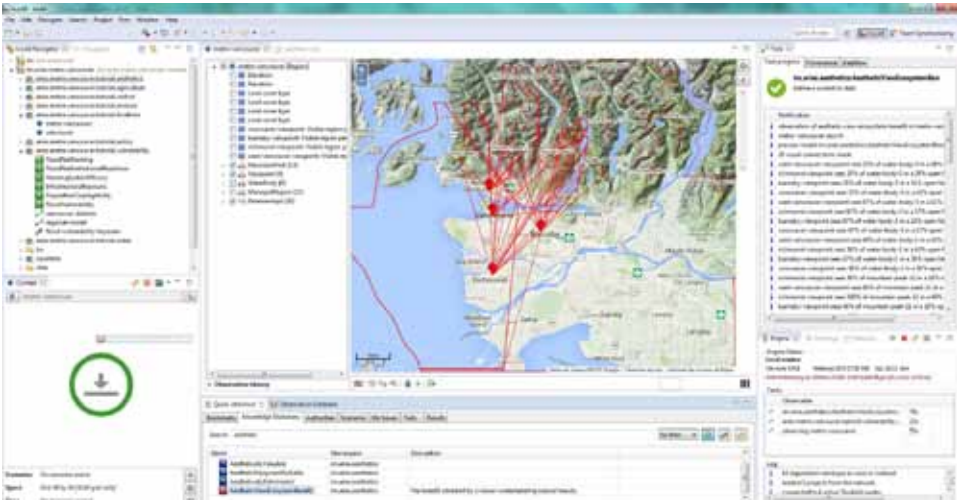
BC3 launched in 2013 a very successful training programme, “International Spring University on Ecosystem Services Modelling”, in collaboration with Conservation International (USA) and the University of Vermont (USA).

The International Spring University (ISU) on Ecosystem Services Modelling has completed up to the moment four editions of an annual 2-week intensive course.

This initiative, an annual two week intensive advanced course, enables simple use of complex models through artificial intelligence. The course is meant to build a new generation of scientists and policy analysts, capable of using coupled human-environmental models in research, and policy, to address and solve complex sustainability problems.

The training plan covers the theory and practice of collaborative, integrated modelling on networked repositories, applied to concrete ecological and social issues of interest of the participants and of the larger community built around the ARIES project.

In 2017, instead of repeating the 2-week intensive course, the Ecosystem Services modelling team decided to launch in Leioa a Hackaton that took place from the 12th to the 25th of June and a Masterclass that took place from the 20th to the 24th of November in order to adapt to the new needs of the community. This Masterclass was conceived as a mastering course and update on the latest developments in k.LAB, targeted for previous editions’ 25 selected participants.



BC3- UPV/EHU Summer School 2017: “Climate Change in an Era of Uncertainty”

Another relevant course for BC3, is the annual Summer School on Climate Change, launched in 2010 with the collaboration of the University of the Basque Country. The objective of this 3-day school, is to offer an updated and recent view of the ongoing trends in climate change issues, gathering leading experts in the field and students from top universities and research centres worldwide.

Its 8th edition took place in San Sebastian, from the 5th- 7th of July 2017. It was entitled “Climate Change in an Era of Uncertainty”, and leaded by Dr. Alberto Ansuategi (UPV / EHU) and Dr. Mikel González-Eguino (BC3).



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Artificial Intelligence for Ecosystem Services

International Spring University on Ecosystem Services Modeling

Bilbao, 8th – 12th October 2018

The International Spring University (ISU) is an initiative of the Basque Centre for Climate Change (BC3), addressing a 1 week training on Ecosystem Services Modeling.

The 2018 event is directed to a new generation of scientists and policy analysts who can effectively use coupled human-environmental models in research, policy and management to address and solve sustainable problems. This year's event is also intended as an update on the latest developments in the k.LAB modelling software, including key updates to make model coding and reuse more user friendly, targeted for both: new participants and those from previous years.

Video

This video features the insights of the

Geospatial Solutions

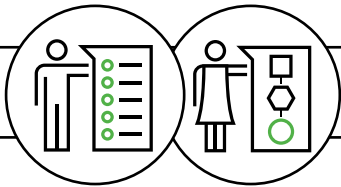
BC3 is leading the development of state-of

The Software

The ARIES team continues an innovative

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4.2.5 Other highlighted contributions



State of Knowledge on Climate Change, Water and Economics

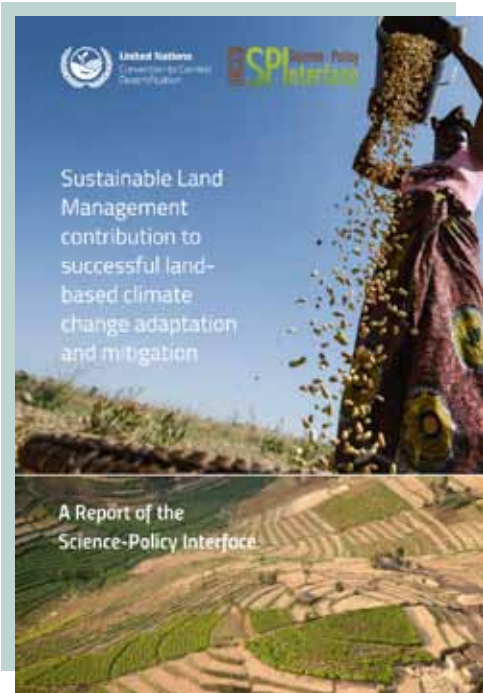
This book book edited in 2017 by BC3 researcher Anil Markandya reviews the current state of knowledge on climate change and water points to predominantly negative effects. Moreover, the publication reviews the literature on these effects by geographical region and notes the differences as well as the uncertainties. An important feature is the fact that the climate effects will occur on top of water scarcity that currently prevails in many parts of the world. The impact of climate change on scarcity is present but generally small compared to the impact of the socioeconomic factors. Changes in efficiency of water use could make a big contribution to water problems, including those caused by climate change.

In-depth estimates of damages from climate change related to water have been made to 2060 and, less accurately, to 2100. The 2060 estimates indicate that the impacts from water supply changes or changes in water-related extreme events and marine flows add up to about 1.5 of GDP in 2060 in the absence of mitigation or adaptation. This average figure, however, may be an underestimate of a number of reasons. Estimates to 2100 of potential damages in economic terms are even more uncertain but there are strong reasons to believe they will be greater as a percentage of GDP, perhaps around 10 globally and possibly even higher. Adaptation can make a major contribution to reducing damages from climate change for all mitigation scenarios, and more so when mitigation is absent or limited. Adaptation will require both private and public actions.



Sustainable Land Management contribution to successful land-based climate change adaptation and mitigation

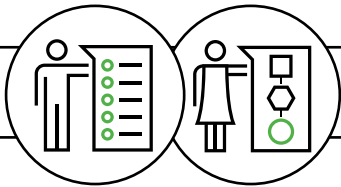
An assessment of the benefits and tradeoffs of Sustainable Land Management in the context of combating desertification/land degradation and climate change adaptation and mitigation was presented to the UNCCD Thirteen Conference of the Parties (September 2017) (M.J. Sanz, J. de Vente, J.-L. Chotte, M. Bernoux, G. Kust, I. Ruiz, M. Almagro, J.A. Alloza, R. Vallejo, V. Castillo, A. Hebel, and M. Akhtar-Schuster. 2017. Sustainable Land Management contribution to successful land-based climate change adaptation and mitigation. A Report of the Science-Policy Interface. United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), Bonn, Germany).





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4.2.5 Other highlighted contributions



GHG Fluxes from Forests: An assessment of national GHG estimates and independent re-search in the context of the Paris Agreement

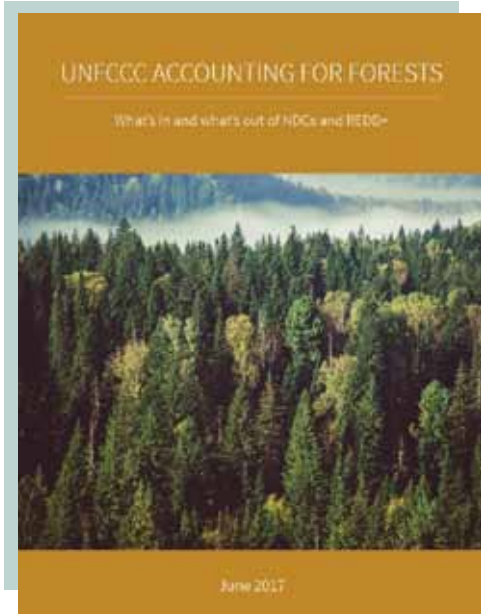
A comprehensive assessment of the transparency and robustness of GHGs fluxes from forest, and the reasons of discrepancies from top down and bottom up scientific estimated fluxes was done to shape the near future support to research and action relevant for the multilateral debate on the Global Stocktake under the Paris Agreement (Federici, S., Grassi, G., Harris, N., Lee, D., Neeff, T., Penman, J., Sanz, M.J., and Wolosin, M. 2017. GHG Fluxes from Forests: An assessment of national GHG estimates and independent research in the context of the Paris Agreement.) Which conclusions are critical to move towards the reconciliation of conflicting GHGs estimates emerging for the latest top scientific papers on the issue and the national GHGs Inventories that follow the IPCC methodological guidance and Paris Agreement transparency discussions.



UNFCCC Accounting for Forests: What's In and What's Out of NDCs and REDD+

This policy brief developed by BC3's Scientific Director, María José Sanz, together with Donna Lee seeks to explain how forests are represented in GHG inventories, Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and REDD+ reference levels. It includes information on:

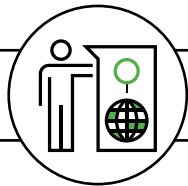
- The differences on how forests are reported in GHG inventories from how they are accounted in NDCs and REDD+.
- The way forests are accounted within NDCs including how comprehensive their coverage is and issues around transparency in counting mitigation performance.
- The way countries are measuring REDD+ performance, including a snapshot of the scope of forest fluxes in current REDD+ reference levels.





4.3 TO SOCIETY. Science Education and Public Awareness

4.3.1 Outreach activities



Pursuing Science Impact on Society

The role of science in shaping climate policies and raising awareness among the general public has become increasingly important. “Bridging knowledge” is a crucial issue, as we understand at BC3.



Thus, we organize events and activities, which enable us to reach and attract all the sectors of society, making the science produced at the institution available to a broad public. This way, we raise awareness on specific subjects and scientific advancements among the people who will eventually play an important role in demanding policy-makers to reshape their policy agendas or to plan concrete actions.

The central message of this first year of the post-Paris era was a unanimous call to action, both political and social. So far, science has played a decisive role of warning about climate change and issues related to global environmental

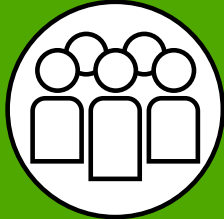
issues. From now on, the issue is not to continue to alert, but to innovate, to seek and test urgent solutions, and to evaluate its impact and effectiveness.

Providing tools for training and developing innovative ways to connect climate change science with society will help make science more attractive to citizens and open up new research and innovation activities. In this sense, we promoted our communication activity to citizens and the implementation of different knowledge transfer actions, contributing to the awareness of society about what the European Commission describes as one of the of the greatest European social challenges. These actions included the Training Caravan program, the knowledge transfer program to the teachers of the Basque Country in joint collaboration with Ingurugela (Basque Government Environmental Science Education platform) and the knowledge transfer program target at general public through the media.



Our activities pursue an impact of the research findings on policy, managerial and professional practices, and social behavior, and they were directed to:



- BUILDING CAPACITIES AND DEVELOPING INNOVATIVE WAYS OF CONNECTING CLIMATE CHANGE SCIENCE TO SOCIETY (SCIENCE EDUCATION).



- TAKING THE “CLIMATE CHANGE CHALLENGE” CLOSER TO THE SOCIETY.



- BUILDING A MORE SCIENTIFICALLY LITERATE SOCIETY ABLE TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN AND SUPPORT DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES.

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4.3.1 Outreach activities



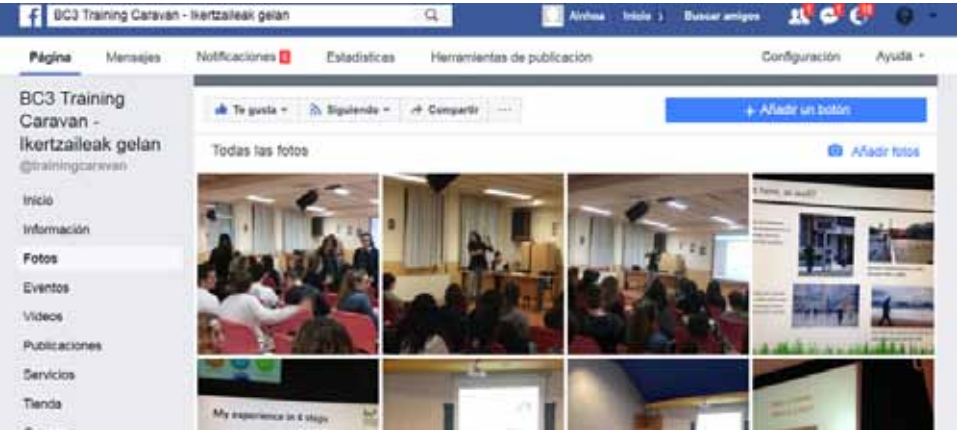
TRAINING CARAVAN. Climate Change Researchers at Classrooms



Under BC3's Responsible Research Programme Framework (Sub-area of Science Education), and together with the Basque Ministry of Education and the BERC (Basque Excellence Research Centre), we jointly organize the Training initiative since 2010.

The main objective of this activity targeted at Basque student's aged 16-17, is to provide science-based answers to some central questions about climate change, drawing on the best current scientific understanding and at the same time, making science education and careers attractive for young people. With this purpose, a selection of BC3 researchers feature the Climate Change Science at the classrooms and present the research career. Firmly committed with Climate Change Science Education, our philosophy tries to anticipate and assesses potential implications and societal expectations with regard to climate change research in order to foster the design of inclusive and sustainable research.

For the past years, we have reached over 6.000 students of the Basque Country Autonomous Community through 86 Training Caravan Speeches altogether. For more info, check our <http://trainingcaravan.bc3research.org/> or their social network activity (#trainingcaravan).



LIST OF TRAINING CARAVAN SPEECHES OFFERED DURING 2017

DATE	HIGH SCHOOL	LOCATION	BC3 LECTURER
26th April	Zumaia institutua	Zumaia	Marta Pascual
26th April	Oteitza Lizeo Politeknikoa	Zarautz	Marta Pascual
27th April	Goierri Eskola	Ordizia	Marta Pascual
27th April	Haztegi Ikastola	Legazpi	Marta Pascual
4th May	IES Fray Juan De Zumarraga Durango BHI	Durango	Amaia de Ayala
4th May	Ibaizabal Ikastola	Durango	Amaia de Ayala
10th May	Karmelo Ikastola IPI	Bilbao	Stefano Balbi
10th May	Berrio-Otxoa Ikastetxea	Bilbao	Stefano Balbi
11th May	El Carmelo	Amorebieta	David Moreno
11th May	San Jose Maristak	Durango	David Moreno
12th May	IES Beurko BHI	Barakaldo	Bosco Lliso
12th May	IES Balmaseda BHI	Balmaseda	Bosco Lliso

COLLABORATION WITH INGURUGELA Science Education initiative focus on High School Teachers and members of local municipalities



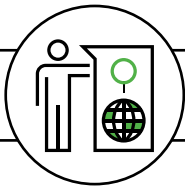
The objective of this initiative, is the Knowledge Transfer on Climate Change to the Basque teachers of the CAV. This collaboration emerged from the organization of the initiative Training Caravan (researchers at Classrooms) initiative. We found that high school teachers demanded a training in climate change that could be transferred to the classroom after having many of them participated in the TC initiative. Through a close collaboration with Ingurugela and having as its axis of action the School Agenda21, a selection of BC3 senior researchers developed training activities for the teaching and technical staff of different CAV local governments on climate change, for its later implementation in the classrooms and in the municipal organs.





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4.3.2 BC3 in the media



Besides the publication of our research results in leading scientific journals, at BC3 we make a special effort to build an institutional reputation in order to be a benchmark at the local, national or international level. In 2013, we designed the Strategic Communication Plan with this aim, which settled the different channels and tools to be used in the 2014-2017 period. Thus, our outreach activities are based on a comprehensive stakeholder analysis.

In 2014, we added to our webpage and blog, our social media channels (Twitter, LinkedIn, Vimeo, Slideshare, Facebook, among others) with the objective of reaching targeted stakeholders. Furthermore, we worked on the reinforcement of relations with media, both at national and regional levels, and we agreed different permanent collaborations with the local television and with several radio programmes.

BC3 is regularly consulted by different media as an expert adviser in climate change. In this regards, we had significant presence in national and international communication media. Besides, we developed a permanent collaboration with two programas on the Basque TV channel, EITB, (Azpimarra and Ahoz aho) with the objective to transfer knowledge about climate change.

As regards to the impact obtained in different media channels during 2017, we launched 5 press releases, 4 interviews were done in TV programmes, 28 interviews were published in newspapers and magazines. We also recorded 11 appearances in digital media and 24 radio interviews were offered.. Besides, our web page and social platforms received more than 43.106 visits along the year.



IMPACT IN MEDIA DURING 2017:

TV — 4

Magazines — 4

Press — 24

Digital media — 11

Radio — 24

Press Releases — 5



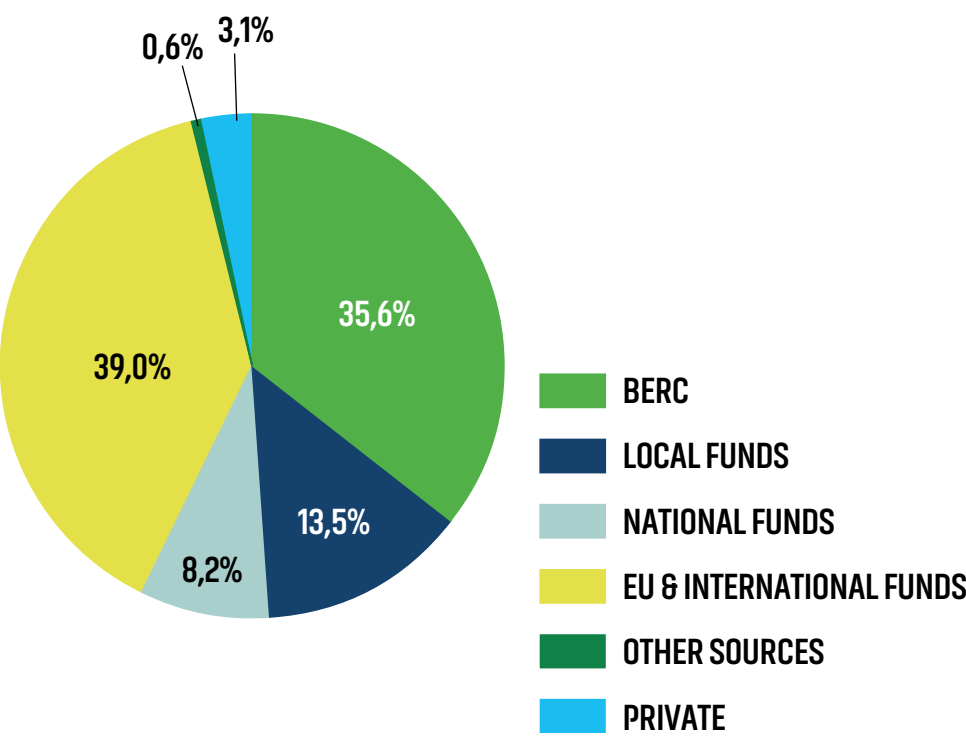
5. FUNDING

5.1 FUNDING SOURCES

The outstanding scientific records of BC3 since its inception have contributed to its remarkable success in attracting external funds during the period 2014–2017. As a BERC Centre it was a set goal to attract at least 34 % of annual funds from external sources for this period, and 2017 proved to be overwhelmingly successful, with external funding making up 64% of the year’s budget.

The following chart shows the external financing structure of BC3 in 2017.

DISTRIBUTION OF BC3 FUNDS





6. SET OF INDICATORS

PUBLICATIONS (Production)	
● Total number of publications published in the given year (* Published on line)	96
● Number of articles published in the given year (* Published on line)	73
● Number of Books and Chapters published in the given year	10
● Other publications published in the given year	5
● BC3 Policy Briefings published in the given year	4
● BC3 Working papers published in the given year	4
PUBLICATIONS (Impact Factor)	
● % of Indexed articles in Quartile 1	79%
● Citation number per year	1858
● H index	35
TRAINING	
● PhD - Defended thesis	3
● PhD - Supervised students	26
● Master - Supervised students	5
EXCELLENCE	
● ERC (Requested)	3
● Ikerbasque Researchers	8
FUNDING	
● % of Funding (non BERC)	64%
PEOPLE	
● Total BC3 Team	51
● Number of researchers	46
● Number of administration staff	5

* number of people at 31st of December of the given year.

Fig. 1: Quartile distribution of the articles indexed in SCOPUS:

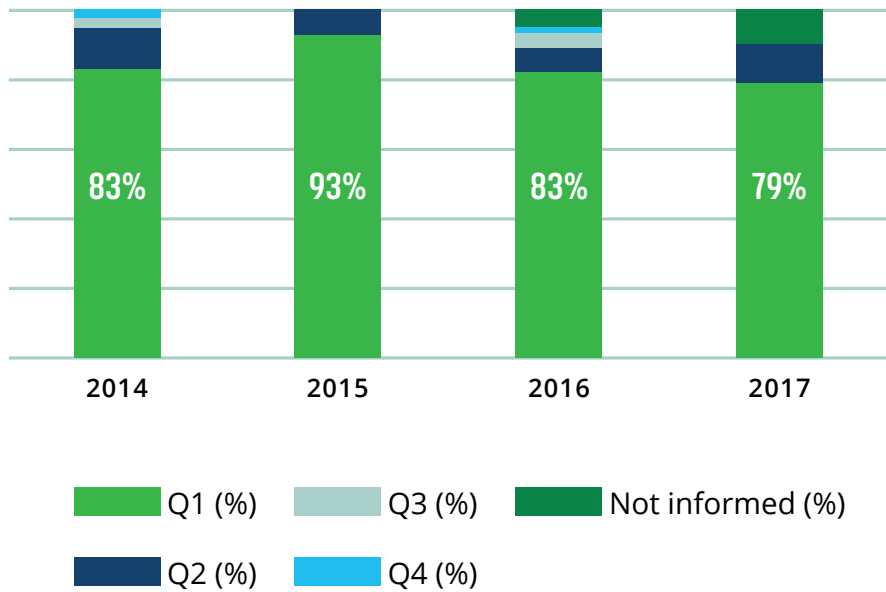
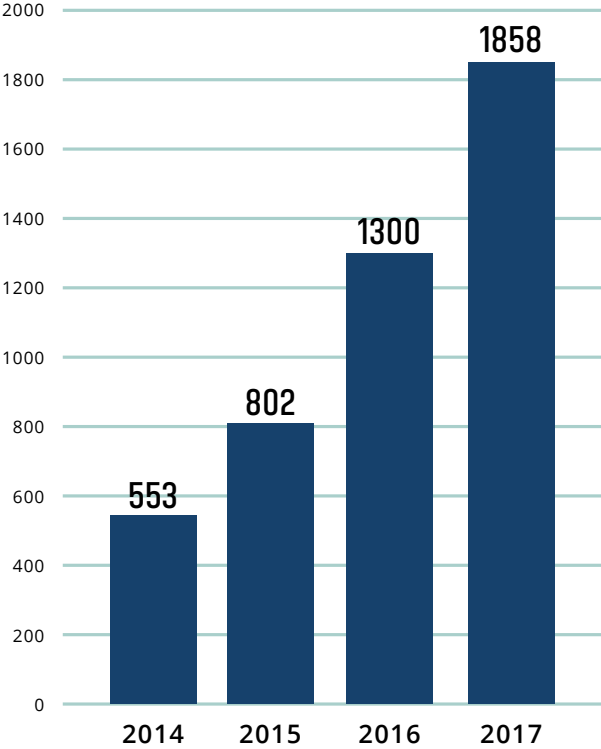


Fig. 2: Evolution of the Citation number per year:





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