

# Euskararen Nazioarteko Eguna 2024

December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 marks the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Day of the Basque Language proclamation.

In dire circumstances, with the Basque Country suffering the aftermaths of the Spanish War and World War II, with large parts of the population exiled or displaced, with Gipuzkoa, Araba, Bizkaia, and Nafarroa under Franco's rule, the Basque Studies Society, Eusko Ikaskuntza, itself banned in Hegoalde, decided in its 8<sup>th</sup> Congress to proclaim December the 3<sup>rd</sup> Euskararen Nazioarteko Eguna, the International Day of the Basque Language.

The status of the Basque language is nowadays, if not ideal, much better than 75 years ago. It is a government language in large parts of the Basque Country, many Basques can attend school from pre-K to college in Euskara, and many opportunities exists to learn Basque both in the Basque Country and the Diaspora around the world.

That status is partly thanks to the many individuals and grassroots associations in the Basque Country and the Diaspora that supported the language and fought for its recognition. This pop-up exhibit is no more than a sample of all the efforts than have been made in favor of the Basque language.

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