

THE BCSC DEMONSTRATES THE STRENGTHS OF THE BASQUE RESEARCH ECOSYSTEM TO THE MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (MIT)

- **Speaking at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Javier Diéguez, the CEO of the BCSC, described the great research potential here in the Basque Country.**
- **At the same time, Ana Ayerbe, of Tecnalia, who was speaking in Brussels, presented the example of the Basque Country's model of cooperation between innovation and public financing as Best Practice for SMEs in this sector.**

The Basque Cybersecurity Centre (BCSC) has performed two internationally significant actions which place the Basque Country as a European reference point for cybersecurity and will strengthen the position of Basque industrial and research cybersecurity ecosystems beyond our borders, following the strategy designed by the Basque Government's Department for Economic Development and Infrastructures and the Grupo SPRI.

To this end, the head of the BCSC, Javier Diéguez, has presented the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) with the strengths of the Basque ecosystem for cybersecurity research. Likewise, Ana Ayerbe of Tecnalia, member of the Permanent Committee of the BCSC, and member of the steering committee of the European CyberSecurity Organization (ECISO), presented Brussels with the example of the Basque Country as a model of cooperation between innovation and public financing as Best Practice for the sector's SMEs.

The two presentations showcasing the Basque cybersecurity ecosystem took place almost simultaneously.

Javier Diéguez presented the Cybersecurity research team at MIT with the innovative profile of the ten most active agents in the Basque Science, Technology and Innovation Network currently investigating into cybersecurity. These agents are: Tecnalia, Vicomtech, Ikerlan, BCAM, DeustoTech, Mondragon Unibertsitatea, UPV-EHU, Ceit, Tecnun and Innovalia.

The ten agents are listed in the recently published Basque White Paper on Cybersecurity. During his presentation, the head of the BCSC described some of the most important projects relating to the transfer of cybersecurity

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technology to other strategic sectors within our industry, as well as highlighting various success stories concerning the creation of technological start-ups.

Meanwhile, in Brussels, the European CyberSecurity Organization (ECSO) has proposed the Basque Centre for Cybersecurity and, in this case, the Basque Country as an exemplary region for public-private cooperation for innovation. There was also a mention of our being an example to follow of public funding and Best Practice for cybersecurity SMEs.

Stepping in for Javier Diéguez who was in the USA at that moment, Ana Ayerbe of Tecnalia, member of the Permanent Committee of the BCSC, and member of the steering committee of the European CyberSecurity Organization (ECSO), presented the experience of the Basque Centre as an example of the work of a European region. The session was organised by the European Union Agency for Network and Information Security (ENISA).

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