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Inova-Ria promotes mission to Belgium, Netherlands and to the basque country



Organized by Inova-Ria in cooperation with Fraunhofer Portugal, a fact-finding visit to Belgium and the Netherlands took place between March 27 and 31. The visit aimed to establish contact with institutions and reference companies, with the goal of promoting strategic collaborations between technological and specialized ecosystems throughout Europe. A Collaborative Protocol was established with Gaia Cluster as part of these efforts. .

This mission was focused on 5 days and the following themes were addressed: Smart Cities, Microelectronics, Medical Devices and Digital Transformation.

The following organizations were visited:

HaDEA (EC), AGORIA, UMC Utrecht, MedVIA(TBC),

The Beacon, IMEC IDLAB, UA Nexor, Smart Flanders (TBC), AICEP Brussels and also the City of Antwerp and the City of Amsterdam as examples of Sma.

Mission to the Basque Country.

As part of the PT HUB ICT project, financed by Portugal 2020, through Compete 2020 and the European Union, the Mission to the Basque Country was lined up in thematic days with a view to both promoting the national ICT sector and knowledge of the Basque Country's technological ecosystem and the various entities that comprise it. The objective was to identify good practices and possible opportunities for collaboration between Portugal and the Basque Country, whether at the level of companies, R&D or Education entities, but also at the level of the Public Authorities.



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On the first day, dedicated to Microelectronics and Creative Industries, the following entities and companies were contacted: Gaia Cluster, SoC-e System-on-Chip engineering, S.L., BDCC Basque District of Culture and Creativity, and the EIBasque Lab. Some companies, such as beXReal, OROI, Trama Learning, and Siemsa, presented their solutions. A Collaborative Protocol was established with Gaia Cluster, aiming to promote strategic collaborations between technological and specialized ecosystems throughout Europe.

The second day was dedicated to Industry 4.0 and Smart Cities. We were presented the projects of the new zone of Zorrotzaure by the Municipality of Bilbao - BilbaoEkintza, the company Idom and its projects in the area of territory, industry and digital, and we also got to know the Basque Digital Innovation Hub, an initiative of SPRI. There was also a networking event at the BAT - B Accelerator Tower. In the days connected to Digital Health we got to know the following entities: Basque Health Cluster, BioCruces Bizkaia, Irisbond, Naru Intelligence and IBERMATICA.

We also had the opportunity to visit the Bilbao office of Zabala Innovation.

On the day dedicated to Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence, we visited Mondragon Unibertsitatea in Zorrotzaure. We headed to the Derio Technology Park and met with Asociación BAIDATA, an Iberian association dedicated to the promotion of data sovereignty and the economy linked to it, in articulation with the International Data Spaces Association (IDSA). We also visited the Innovalia Association. We also visited TECNALIA Research & Innovation