


LIFE PLATFORM MEETING ON CLIMATE STRATEGIC INTEGRATED PROJECTS

DELEGATE GUIDANCE PACK

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This meeting is organised by ELMEN

Welcome.

We look forward to welcoming you to the event **LIFE Platform Meeting on Climate Strategic Integrated Projects**, which takes place on 21-23 April 2026 in Bilbao, hosted by the Coordinator of the LIFE strategic project URBAN KLIMA 2050.

Ahead of your arrival, this guidance pack contains important information that will help you plan your visit and make the most of your time at the meeting. Please read the contents of this pack carefully.

- Key locations
- Map of key locations
- Hotel information
- Agenda
- Media and Social media guidance
- Key contacts

Key locations

● EUSKALDUNA CONFERENCE CENTRE (BILBAO)

[Abandoibarra Avenue., 4, Abando, 48011 Bilbao, Biscay](#)

- Venue for the 21 and 23 April programme
- Meeting point for the field visits on April 22

● ABBA EUSKALDUNA HOTEL (BILBAO)

[Ventosa Street 34, Basurtu-Zorrotza, 48013 Bilbao, Biscay](#)

- Location for the networking dinner on April 22

● EKOETXEA URDAIBAI (BUSTURIA)

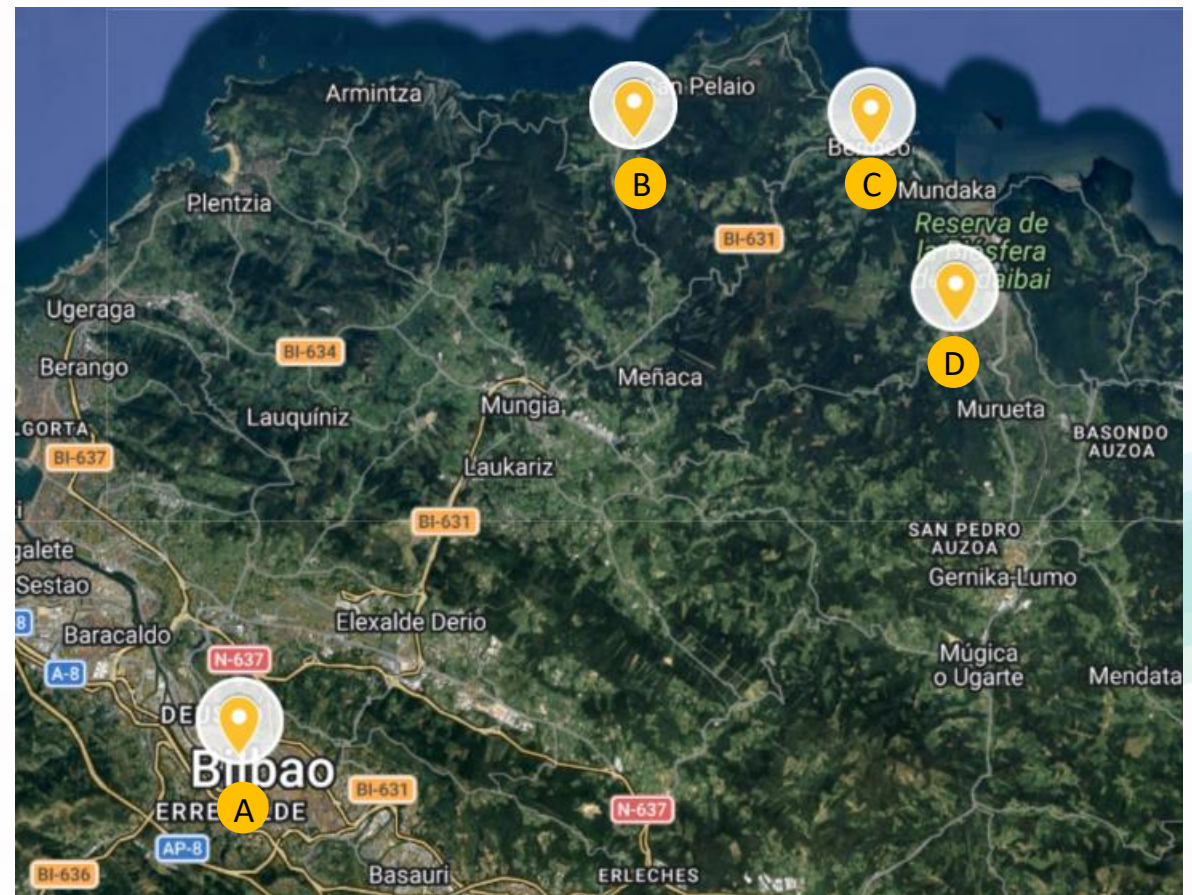
[Bo. San Bartolomé, 35, 48350 Axpe-San Bartolome, Biscay](#)

- Location for lunch, poster session and networking on April 22



Map of key locations

- **A-** Euskalduna Conference Centre (Bilbao)
- **B-** Bakio (about 35 minutes from Bilbao)
- **C-** Bermeo (about 25 minutes from Bakio)
- **D-** Ekoetxea Urdaibai (about 15 minutes from Bermeo and 45 minutes from Bilbao)



Travel information

TRAVEL ADVICE

The closest international airport is **Bilbao Airport**, which is 20 kilometers from the city center. There is no train station at the airport, but buses run frequently from outside the arrivals hall to the center.

- Bus A3247 runs every 15-minutes, the journey time is about 20-minutes and costs about €4,5. It has 4 different stops. You can see the routes in the following links:

- [Route Airport – Bilbao Centre](#)
- [Route Bilbao Centre – Bilbao Airport](#)



It is also possible to travel to **Adolfo Suárez Madrid-Barajas Airport (Madrid)** and take a **direct bus** from Terminal T4 to Bilbao Intermodal Station. The journey takes around 4.5 hours and costs around €40.

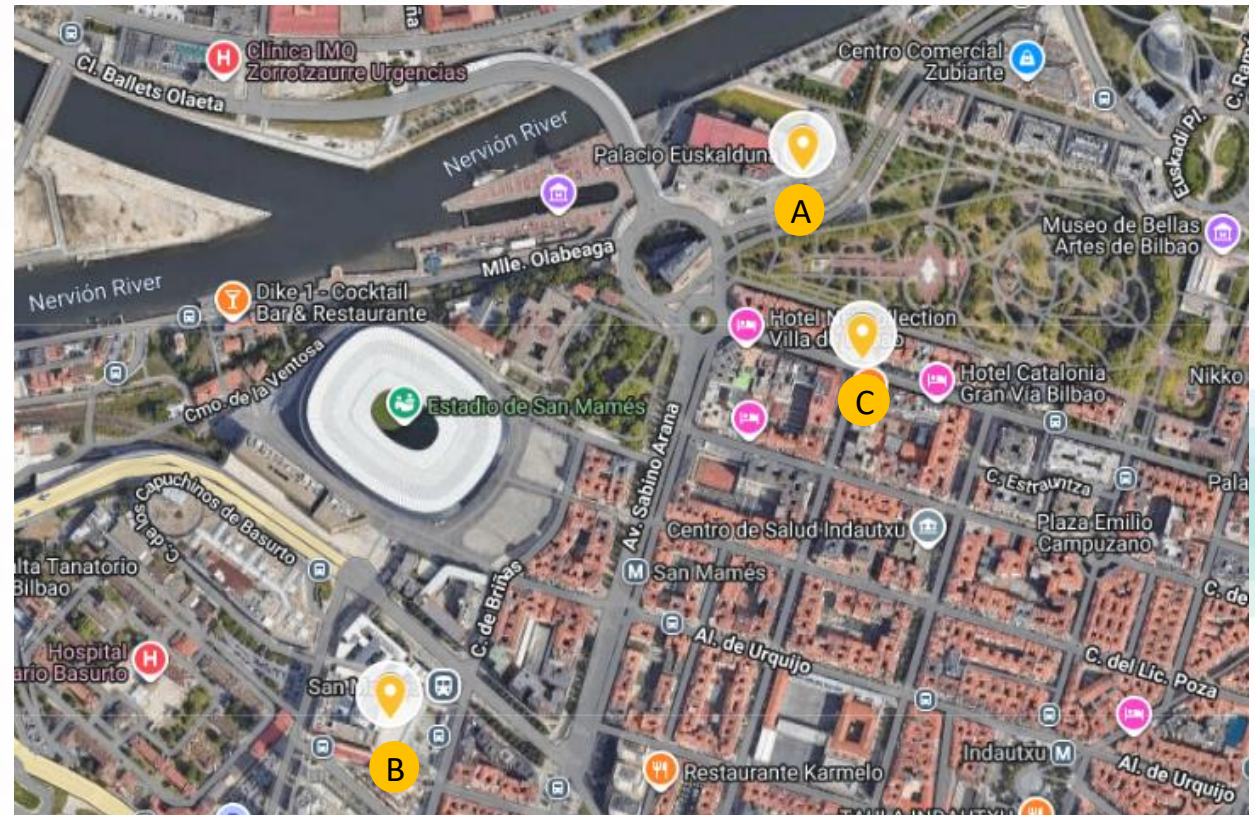
- [Route Adolfo Suárez Madrid-Barajas T4 – Bilbao Intermodal Station](#)
- [Route Bilbao Intermodal Station – Adolfo Suárez Madrid-Barajas T4](#)

If you choose to travel to Bilbao **by car**, the city offers excellent accessibility via the main motorways (A-8 / AP-8) and a wide range of parking options both near the venue and around the suggested hotels. Some of these hotels offer on-site parking. We recommend contacting the hotel directly to check availability and conditions.

- [Euskalduna Parking](#)
- [Intermodal Parking \(Bus station\)](#)
- [Indautxu Parking](#)

Travel information

- A - Euskalduna Conference Centre
- B - Intermodal Bus Station
- C - Gran vía 74 Bus Stop



Erronka Garbia

Clean Challenge in Basque

The **Erronka Garbia label** recognizes events that are organized following environmental, social and economic sustainability criteria. Its aim is to reduce the environmental impact of activities, promote good practices and encourage participants to take an active role in caring for the environment.

In the context of events, this label promotes concrete measures to minimize the ecological footprint and encourage responsible behavior among attendees and organizers. These include:

- Attend the event by public transport. We encourage collective transport for field visits.
- Consume locally sourced water. The quality of the water we provide is guaranteed.
- Reduce your consumption of plastics, minimize waste, and recycle what you generate. Zero plastic event.
- Try to be part of the solution to climate change. We offset the CO2 emissions associated with the event.



Hotels

● ABBA EUSKALDUNA HOTEL****

Abba Euskalduna Hotel is a four-star hotel located in the center of Bilbao, opposite San Mamés Stadium and very close to the Guggenheim Museum. It offers spacious and comfortable rooms, a panoramic terrace with views, a restaurant, and services such as parking and free Wi-Fi.

[Website](#)

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Catalonia Gran Vía Bilbao stands out for its contemporary design and strategic location on one of the city's main avenues. The hotel combines comfort, functionality, and a carefully curated range of services, offering spaces suited both for relaxation and for professional stays, all within a well-connected urban setting.

[Website](#)

+34 944 00 79 46

bilbao.reservas@cataloniahotels.com

● CATALONIA HOTEL GRAN VÍA BILBAO****

Hotels

● NH COLLECTION VILLA DE BILBAO ****

NH Collection Villa de Bilbao is a stylish and contemporary hotel located in a quiet area of Bilbao, offering easy access to the city's cultural and commercial highlights. The property combines modern comfort with personalized service, featuring spacious guest rooms, a relaxing lounge area, and quality amenities designed for both leisure visitors and business travelers alike. Its refined atmosphere and excellent connectivity make it a great choice for a memorable stay in Bilbao.

[Website](#)

+34 91 26 65 708

nhcollectionvilladebilbao@nh-hotels.com



● MELIÁ BILBAO ****



Meliá Bilbao is a contemporary hotel located in the heart of Bilbao, offering modern comfort and stylish design just steps from the main cultural, shopping, and business areas. With well-appointed rooms, excellent guest services, and facilities tailored for both leisure and corporate stays, it provides a welcoming base for exploring the city. Its central location and thoughtful amenities make it a strong choice for travelers seeking quality and convenience.

[Website](#)

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● ILUNION BILBAO ***

Ilunion Bilbao is a contemporary hotel located a short distance from Bilbao's city center, offering comfortable and accessible rooms with thoughtful amenities for all types of travelers. The hotel places a strong emphasis on inclusive design and customer service, making it especially suitable for guests seeking both comfort and convenience. With good transport links and easy access to key cultural and commercial areas, Ilunion Bilbao is a practical and welcoming choice for both leisure and business stays.

[Website](#)

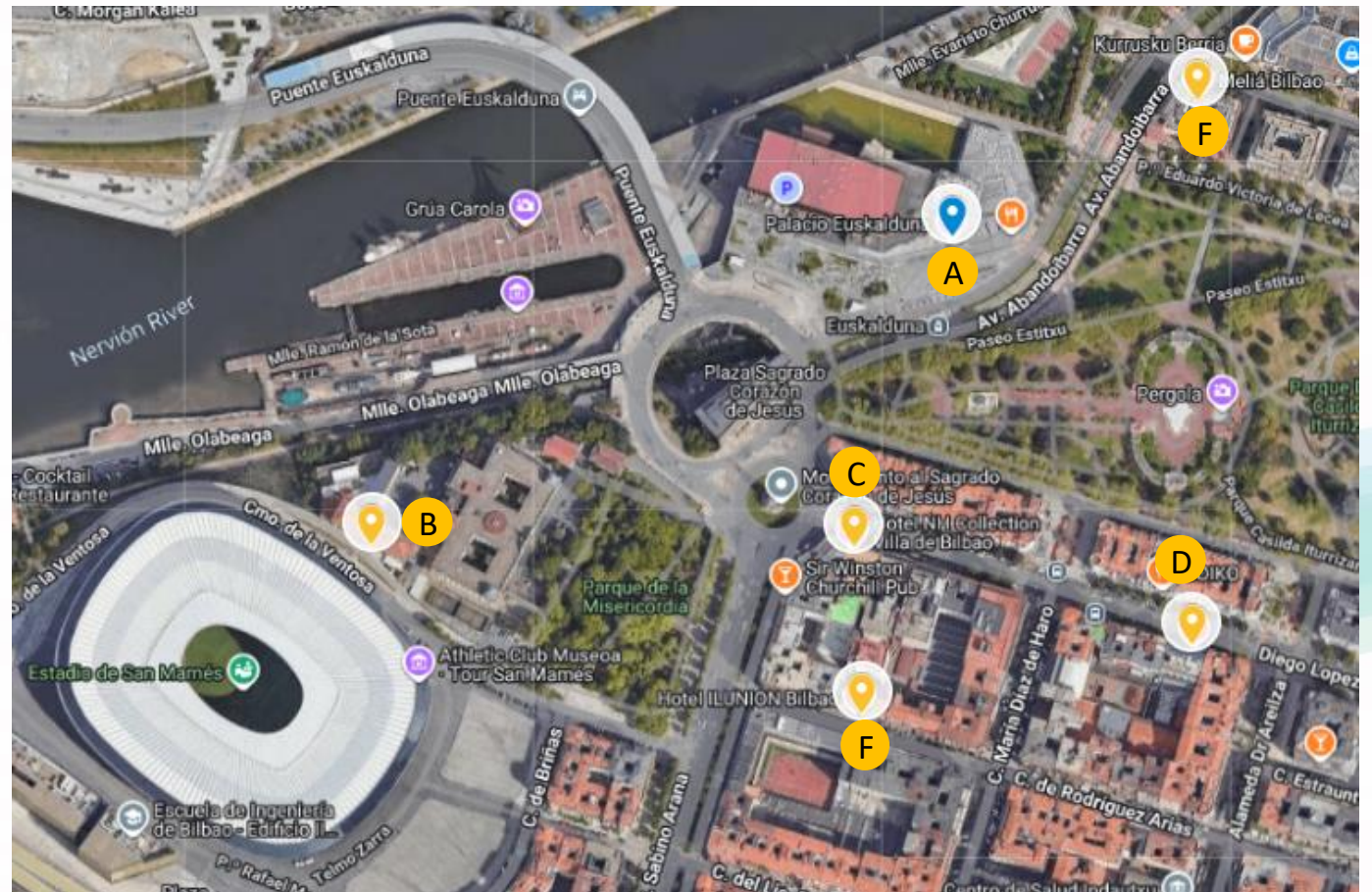
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Map of hotels

- A - Euskalduna Conference Centre
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- C - Catalonia Hotel Gran Bilbao
- D - NH Collection Villa de Bilbao
- F - Meliá Bilbao
- G - Ilunion Bilbao



Discover Bilbao

TO SEE

● GUGGENHEIM MUSEUM BILBAO

One of the most iconic contemporary art museums in the world, designed by architect Frank Gehry. The building itself is a landmark, combining titanium, glass and limestone, and it hosts major international exhibitions alongside works from the Guggenheim collection. Tickets are required. They can be purchased online through the official website or at the museum ticket office. Buying in advance is recommended, especially during weekends and high season.

www.guggenheim-bilbao.eus/en



● BILBAO FINE ARTS MUSEUM

Located next to Doña Casilda Park, this museum offers an outstanding collection spanning from medieval art to contemporary works, with a strong focus on Spanish and Basque artists. It is considered one of the most important fine arts museums in Spain. Tickets are required. They can be purchased at the entrance or online. Some time slots or days may offer free or reduced admission.

www.bilbaomuseoa.eus/en



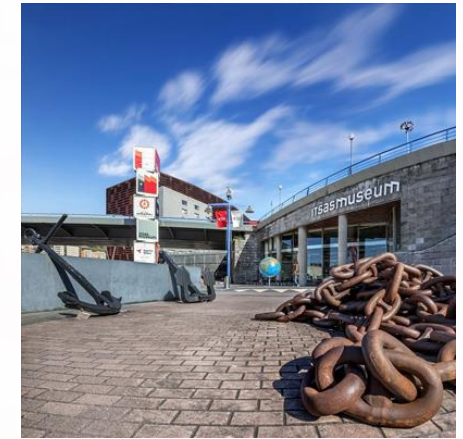
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TO SEE

● ITSASMUSEUM BILBAO

Located along the former shipyards by the Bilbao estuary, this museum explores the maritime and industrial history of the city and its close relationship with the river and the sea. It offers both indoor exhibitions and outdoor areas with historic vessels and shipyard structures. Tickets are required. They can be purchased at the museum entrance or online via the official website. Some temporary exhibitions may have specific conditions.

www.itsasmuseum.eusen/



● AZKUNA ZENTROA

A former wine warehouse transformed into a cultural and leisure centre by designer Philippe Starck. It hosts exhibitions, cultural activities, a cinema, library and sports facilities. General access is free. Some exhibitions or activities may require a ticket, which can be purchased on-site or online.

www.azkunazentroa.eus/en/



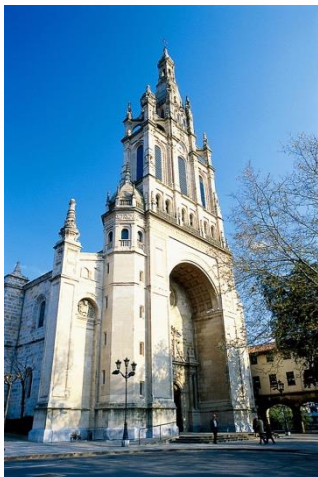
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TO SEE

ARRIAGA THEATRE

A neo-baroque theatre inspired by the Paris Opera, located in the heart of the Old Town area. It hosts a varied programme including opera, theatre, concerts and dance performances throughout the year. Tickets are required for performances. They should be purchased in advance via the official website or at the theatre box office, depending on availability.

www.teatroarriaga.eus/?lang=en



BASILICA OF OUR AMATXU OF BEGOÑA

One of Bilbao's most important religious and cultural landmarks, dedicated to the Virgin of Begoña, the patron saint of the city. Located on a hill overlooking Bilbao, the basilica is a place of pilgrimage and offers panoramic views over the city. Its Gothic-style architecture dates back to the 16th century, with later additions and restorations. Access is free. Visitors are asked to respect religious services and opening hours.

www.begona.org/en/saint-mary-of-begona/

Discover Bilbao TO SEE

Beyond Bilbao's city centre, visitors can discover other outstanding landmarks and natural sites, all within a 20–30 minute drive.

URDAIBAI BIOSPHERE RESERVE

A UNESCO-designated Biosphere Reserve located east of Bilbao, known for its wetlands, forests, beaches and traditional villages. Urdaibai represents one of the most important natural and ecological areas in the Basque Country and is ideal for nature walks, birdwatching and coastal scenery. Tickets: No general entrance ticket is required to access the reserve. Some specific sites, visitor centres or guided activities within Urdaibai may require tickets or prior booking.

www.turismourdaibai.com/en/home



SAN JUAN DE GAZTELUGATXE

A dramatic islet on the Basque coast connected to the mainland by a stone bridge and a winding staircase of over 200 steps. At the top stands a small chapel dedicated to Saint John, offering spectacular views of the Cantabrian Sea. The site gained international fame after appearing in the Game of Thrones series. Access is regulated. Visitors must book a free time-slot ticket in advance through the official website to control capacity. Guided tours are available and require a paid ticket.



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BIZKAIA BRIDGE

A UNESCO World Heritage Site and the world's oldest transporter bridge still in operation. Built in 1893, it connects the towns of Portugalete and Getxo and is a remarkable example of industrial iron architecture. Visitors can cross the river using the suspended gondola or walk along the upper walkway. Crossing the bridge by gondola requires a ticket, which can be purchased on site. Access to the upper walkway requires a separate ticket, available online or at the visitor centre.

www.puente-colgante.com/en/



URKIOLA NATURAL PARK

Located between the provinces of Bizkaia and Álava, Urkiola Natural Park is a mountainous natural area known for its dramatic limestone landscapes, forests and hiking trails. It is a place of great natural and cultural significance, closely linked to Basque mythology and rural traditions. The park is ideal for outdoor activities such as hiking, climbing and nature observation. No entrance ticket is required. Access to the park is free, although some facilities or guided activities may require prior booking or payment.

[Website](#)



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TO EAT

BILBAO OLD TOWN

Bilbao's historic heart and one of the liveliest areas to eat and drink, commonly known as Las Siete Calles (the Seven Streets). The Old Town is especially famous for its pintxos bars, where visitors can sample a wide variety of traditional Basque flavours in an informal and social atmosphere. In addition to pintxos, the area also offers traditional restaurants and small local eateries, making it ideal for both casual meals and evening dining.

[Website](#)



[Website](#)



NEW SQUARE

Within the Old Town, Plaza Nueva stands out as one of the most emblematic gastronomic spots. Surrounded by arcades, it concentrates some of the city's most traditional pintxos bars and taverns, making it a popular meeting point for both locals and visitors. Its lively atmosphere throughout the day makes it an ideal place for pintxos, aperitifs and informal meals.



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LA RIBERA MARKET

Located next to the estuary and adjacent to the Old Town, La Ribera is centred around La Ribera Market, one of the largest covered markets in Europe. The area combines traditional food stalls with modern bars and restaurants, offering fresh local products and contemporary dining spaces. It is a popular spot for relaxed lunches and casual dinners in a vibrant setting.

[Website](#)



PROVINCIAL COUNCIL AREA & LEDESMA STREET

This central area, around Diputación Street and Calle Ledesma, is known for its wide selection of restaurants and bars. It offers a more urban and polished dining experience, with options ranging from traditional Basque cuisine to modern and international proposals. The area is also an excellent place to try some of Bilbao's most famous pintxos, such as those served at El Globo. It is particularly popular for business lunches, after-work dining and evening meals.

[Locations in Maps](#)

Media and Social media guidance

- The **Platform Meeting will be recorded** (via video and photography) for future reference on a variety of platforms (website, social media, etc.). The audience and non-speaking participants will not be photographed individually without permission. They may however be identified in panoramic and group photographs.
- We encourage you to use social media to report on your experience at the Forum. The **hashtags** are:

#LIFEProgramme #LIFEproject #LIFEprojects #ClimateAction

- **Social media**

Organisation	Facebook	LinkedIn	Instagram
Life Programme	LIFE Programme	LIFE Programme	LIFE Programme
CINEA	CINEA	CINEA	-
DG CLIMA	EU Climate Action	EU Environment and Climate	Our Planet
DG ENV	EU Environment	EU Environment and Climate	Our Planet
Mission Adaptation	-	@MIP4Adapt	-
EIB	-	European Investment Bank (EIB)	-
LIFE IP Urban Klima 2050	-	LIFE Urban Klima 2050	-
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Key contacts

- We hope this information pack contains all the information you need, but if you have any urgent enquiry and a member of staff is not visible, you can reach our team at the numbers below.

Name	Role	Phone number	Email	Reason to contact
Ludovico Susani Yael Meroz	ELMEN Organisation team	-	lifestrategiclima@elmen-eeig.eu	Organisational issues
Iñigo Urrutikoetxea Alvarez Iratxe Ruiz Merodio	Urban Klima 2050 Coordination team	+34 94 423 07 43	urban.k2050g@ihobe.eus	Local coordination

- Emergency and useful contacts

Organisation	Phone Number	Reason to contact
Radio Taxi Bilbao	+34 944 448 888	Taxi travel
Emergency services (Ambulance, Fire Department & Police)	112	In case of emergency

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