



## Visit to the Ekainberri Caves in the heart of Gipuzkoa

A group of twelve highly qualified professionals took part in the second sociocultural event of the year organised by Bizkaia Talent

April 2019. To coincide with the arrival of spring, on the 6th April Gipuzkoa Talent organised a guided visit to the Ekainberri cave complex in Zestoa within the framework of the *Relocation* and *Be Basque Dual Career Centre* whose main objective is to foster interpersonal and professional relationships to improve social integration.

The Ekainberri Cave is a replica of the original Ekain Cave which has been declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. It dates back to prehistoric times and features cave paintings with figures of animals of exceptional archaeological value.

Twelve highly qualified professionals gathered together for this sociocultural activity to discover the secrets of life in the Palaeolithic Period. In the caves they were able to see how the people who inhabited this place lived 15,000 years ago and they learned how to make fire, hunt and paint as their prehistorical predecessors had done. After this experience in Ekainberri they completed the tour by visiting the mouth of the original cave.

The professionals who visited Zestoa come from several different countries including Mexico, the United States, India and Venezuela. There were also people from other parts of the Spanish State and returning Basques in the group. All of them are working in organizations such as Ikor,



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