



## **Gipuzkoa Talent organizes a visit to the Albaola Basque Maritime Factory on the coast of Gipuzkoa**

Around thirty professionals descended into the bowels of the flagship of the Basque whaling fleet

*June 2019.* On the threshold of the summer and accompanied by glorious weather, Gipuzkoa Talent organized another sociocultural event on the 8th June. On this occasion the visit took place at the Albaola Factory in the bay of Pasaia, where the professionals and family members participating in the activity were able to witness on site the construction work which is being carried out on an exact replica of the legendary vessel San Juan, which sank in 1565.

The participants arrived at the museum by boat, where a guide was waiting to explain to them the intimate relationship which has existed over the ages between the Basque people and the sea. They discovered how sailors used to live in days gone by and had the opportunity to observe the authentic 16th century techniques which were used by the carpenters of the period on the construction of the replica.

The highly qualified professionals who took part in the activity come from Germany, China, the United States, Ireland, Mexico, the United Kingdom, the Dominican Republic and Russia. There were also people from other parts of the Spanish State and returning Basques in the group. They are all currently working in Basque companies such as Angulas Aguinaga, Basque Center on



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