

# Curriculum Vitae

## Personal information

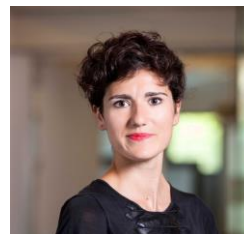
First name(s) / Surname(s) **Miren Estensoro Garcia**

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Date of birth 18/08/1984

Gender Female

Nationality Spanish



**Profile** Miren Estensoro has a PhD in Economics from the University of the Basque Country. She is a researcher in the Basque Institute of Competitiveness (Orkestra). Her research focuses primarily on local economic development, social innovation, public-private partnership networks and territorial governance. In addition, action research is at the core of her current research work. She has worked in the field of local development, specifically facilitating the processes involved in public-private partnerships through local development agencies. Her training to work in the field of action research development included a stay in Norway collaborating with Agderforskning, the regional research centre. She has collaborated with the MIF-IDB on different research projects in the area of territorial development, which has seen her undertaking several stays in Argentina and Chile. Currently she is leading several action-research projects together with different territorial actors, such as Local Development Agencies, the City Town Hall of Bilbao or the Provincial Council of Gipuzkoa

## Work experience

**Dates** 10/2012 - Current

**Occupation or position held** Researcher

**Main activities and responsibilities** Develop and participation on research projects in the following knowledge area: Territorial Development and Action Research; publish research output in academic journals, books and reports.

**Name and address of employer** Orkestra-Basque Institute of Competitiveness / Deusto Foundation  
Mundaiz 50, San Sebastian 20012, Spain

**Type of business or sector** Research

**Dates** 01/2012 – 10/2012

**Occupation or position held** Researcher-temporary stay

**Main activities and responsibilities** Develop and participation on research projects in collaboration with Multilateral Investment Fund (Fomin)- member of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and University of San Martin (Buenos Aires)

**Place** Argentina and Chile

**Type of business or sector** Research

**Dates** 08/2011 – 12/2011

**Occupation or position held** Researcher-temporary stay

**Main activities and responsibilities** Participation on research projects within the Innovation department

**Name and address of employer** Agder Research- Agderforskning  
Gimlemoen 19, 4630 Kristiansand, Norway

**Type of business or sector** Research

**Dates** 07/2006 – 07/2011

**Occupation or position held** Technician in the Department of Services for Firms

**Main activities and responsibilities** Management of a public-private collaboration network for local economic development

**Name and address of employer** Goieki  
Mallutz ind. 18, Ordizia 20240, Spain

**Type of business or sector** Local development agency

## Education and training

Dates **2012**  
Title of qualification awarded PhD Cum Laude (Economics)  
Principal subjects / occupational skills covered Thesis title: *Local networks and socially innovative territories. The case of the Basque region and Goierri county*  
Name and type of organisation providing education and training University of Basque Country, Spain

Dates **02/2007-06/2007**  
Title of qualification awarded Postgraduate certificate in *European Spatial Planning*.  
Name and type of organisation providing education and training School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape, Newcastle University, UK

Dates **2002-2006**  
Title of qualification awarded Degree in Economics (Regional and urban economy). 2nd reward to the best academic qualifications  
Name and type of organisation providing education and training University of Basque Country, Spain

## Selected recent projects

Dates **October 2013-Current**  
Title Bilbao Next Lab-Economic transformation in Bilbao  
Principal subjects / occupational skills covered by the researcher Project leader. Facilitation of an action-research project related to the economic transformation strategy of Bilbao City  
Name of organisation providing funding Municipality of Bilbao (Local Government)

Dates **October 2013-Current**  
Title Local Economic Development based on technological innovation and social innovation  
Principal subjects / occupational skills covered by the researcher Project leader. Facilitation (through action research) of a learning process between two Basque counties in order to support their LED initiatives  
Name of organisation providing funding Provincial Council of Gipuzkoa

Dates **October 2012-Current**  
Title Industrial Forum  
Principal subjects / occupational skills covered by the researcher Project leader. Facilitation of an action-research project to build a shared vision among public and private actors for industrial development  
Name of organisation providing funding Goieki-Local Development Agency

Dates **August 2012-Current**  
Title Case studies on Local Governance  
Principal subjects / occupational skills covered by the researcher Participant researcher. Understanding of how public-private management models emerge around local economic development processes and what role these public-private partnerships play in guiding change  
Name of organisation providing funding Multilateral Investment Fund (Fomin)- member of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)

Dates **May 2013- July 2013**  
 Title The role of Local Development Agencies (LDAs) on productive diversification strategies  
 Principal subjects / occupational skills covered by the researcher Project leader. Facilitation of an action-research project to understand the role that LDAs can play on facilitating diversification processes on local productive systems  
 Name of organisation providing funding Garapen- Basque Association of LDAs

Dates **February 2012- August 2012**  
 Title Learning from differences-The role of training on territorial development processes  
 Principal subjects / occupational skills covered by the researcher Participant researcher. Analysis of the training offer in Argentina and comparison analysis with the Basque Country  
 Name of organisation providing funding Orkestra and ConectaDEL (program of the Multilateral Investment Fund-Fomin/IDB)

### Personal skills and competences

Mother tongue(s) **Basque/Spanish**

Other language(s)

Self-assessment

*European level (\*)*

**English**

**French**

#### Understanding

#### Speaking

#### Writing

Listening Reading Spoken interaction Spoken production

C1 Proficient user C1 Proficient user C1 Proficient user C1 Proficient user C1 Proficient user

A2 Basic user B2 Intermediate user A1 Beginner A1 Beginner A1 Beginner

(\*) [Common European Framework of Reference \(CEF\) level](#)

Computer skills and competences Command of Office tools; basic knowledge of statistical tools such as SPSS or R.

Other skills and competences Organisational and coordination skills, developed in the management of projects as well as in the organisation of workshops and project meetings. Networking and team-working skills developed in several research projects and at my current position, which includes direct relationship with private and public agents.

### Annexes

- Annex 1: Selected academic publications and contributions to conferences/courses

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### a) Publications in Journals/books

- Authors M. Estensoro and M. Zurbano  
Title *Innovación social en la gobernanza territorial. Los casos de Innobasque y de las redes comarcales de la Comunidad Autónoma del País Vasco*  
Journal *Ekonomiaz*, 2010, Vol. 74, p. 132-159. ISSN: 0213-3865
- Authors M. Estensoro, M. Zurbano and M. Larrea  
Title *Tokiko ekonomia-gobernantza berrikuntza sozialaren begiradatik*  
Journal *Uztaro*, 2011, Vol. 77, p. 23-41. ISSN: 1130-5738
- Authors M. Estensoro and M. Larrea  
Title *The evolution of local development agencies from service providers to facilitators in knowledge networks in the Basque Country: The role of academic expertise in the change process*  
Book Bellini, N., Danson, M. and Halkier, H. (eds.) (2012) *Regional Development Agencies: The Next Generation?* Routledge. ISBN: 978-0415688482. Best book of 2012 by RSA members
- Authors M. Estensoro  
Title *How Can Social Innovation be Facilitated? Experiences from an Action Research Process in a Local Network*  
Journal *Systemic Practice and Action Research*. Published online: 27th March 2015. DOI 10.1007/s11213-015-9347-2
- Authors M. Estensoro and M. Larrea  
Title *Hacia un nuevo modelo de desarrollo territorial: reaprendiendo formas de trabajar*  
Book Working Paper published by Pacto Industrial de la Región Metropolitana de Barcelona (forthcoming in 2015)

### b) Contribution to Conferences/Courses

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| 1 | Type of Contribution<br>Authors /Title<br>Event | Oral contribution<br>M.Estensoro / <i>Social innovation for the improvement of the regional competitiveness</i><br>Contemporary Society and Cultural Shifts in Public Policy Workshop.<br>Aveiro University, 22-23 June, 2009   |
| 2 | Type of Contribution<br>Authors /Title<br>Event | Oral contribution<br>M. Estensoro and M. Larrea / <i>Local Networks for Self Organized Upgrading Processes: A new approach to competitiveness policies in the county development agencies of the Basque Country</i><br>12nd European Conference on Industrial Policy (EUNIP)<br>Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Reus, 9-11 June, 2010   |
| 3 | Type of Contribution<br>Authors /Title<br>Event | Oral contribution<br>M. Estensoro and M. Larrea / <i>The evolution of local development agencies from service providers to facilitators in knowledge networks in the Basque Country: the role of academic expertise in the change process</i><br>International Workshop on Regional Development Policies (Regional Studies Association)<br>University of Newcastle, Newcastle (UK), 17-20 April, 2011 |
| 4 | Type of Contribution<br>Authors /Title<br>Event | Oral contribution<br>M. Estensoro / <i>Local networks advancing towards socially innovative territories. The case of the Basque Country and Goierri County</i><br>PhD Course on Redefining a Critical Edge of Sustainability:<br>possibilities from an action research approach (ARALIG network)<br>Roskilde, Denmark, 6-9 June 2011  |

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| 5  | Type of Contribution<br>Authors /Title<br>Event     | Oral contribution<br>M. Estensoro / <i>Analysis of the training offer on Territorial Development in Argentina</i><br>Seminar on "Learning from differences". ConectaDEL program (Fomin-IDB)<br>Buenos Aires, Argentina, 24 April, 2012  |
| 6  | Type of Contribution<br>Authors /Title<br>Event     | Oral contribution-training<br>M. Estensoro / <i>Investigación Acción-Action Research</i><br>Master in Local Development. University of San Martin.<br>Buenos Aires, Argentina, 1 June, 2012   |
| 7  | Type of Contribution<br>Authors /Title<br><br>Event | Oral contribution<br>M. Estensoro / <i>Challenges for developing an innovative multilevel governance mode: the role of social researchers in change processes</i><br>Workshop within the Department of Social Sciences and Politics. Catholic University of Uruguay<br>Montevideo, Uruguay, 26 September, 2012            |
| 13 | Type of Contribution<br>Authors /Title<br><br>Event | Oral contribution<br>M. Estensoro / <i>Challenges for developing an innovative multilevel governance mode: the role of social researchers in change processes</i><br>TCI International Conference.<br>Donostia, Spain, 16-18 October, 2012  |
| 14 | Type of Contribution<br>Authors /Title<br><br>Event | Oral contribution<br>M. Estensoro / <i>The "germination" of new governance modes: the case of Arauco Province in Chile</i><br>International LASA (Latin American Studies Association) Conference<br>Washington D.C., USA, 30 June-1 June, 2013  |
| 15 | Type of Contribution<br>Authors /Title<br><br>Event | Oral contribution<br>M. Estensoro / <i>How does social innovation occur? Experiences from an action research process in a local network</i><br>4th EMES International Research Conference on Social Enterprise<br>Liege, Belgium, 1-4 July, 2013  |
| 16 | Type of Contribution<br>Authors /Title<br><br>Event | Oral contribution<br>M. Estensoro / <i>How does social innovation occur? Experiences from an action research process in a local network</i><br>International Conference on Regional Innovation Policy<br>Donostia, Spain, 9-11 October, 2013  |
| 17 | Type of Contribution<br>Authors /Title<br><br>Event | Oral contribution<br>M. Estensoro / <i>Articulación entre instituciones de investigación, empresariado y estado: El caso de Orkestra-Instituto Vasco de Competitividad (Fundación Deusto)</i><br>Conference on Innovation for Territorial Development (Perú-EU cooperation framework)<br>Lima, Perú, 11-13 December, 2013 |
| 18 | Type of Contribution<br>Authors /Title<br><br>Event | Oral contribution<br>M. Estensoro and E. Magro / <i>Policy-learning for economic transformation in cities: The case of Bilbao</i><br>Regional Studies Association European Conference<br>Izmir, Turkey, 15-18 June, 2014  |
| 19 | Type of Contribution<br>Authors /Title<br><br>Event | Oral contribution<br>M. Estensoro and E. Magro / <i>The role of cities in regional Smart Specialization Strategies: policy-learning and multilevel governance</i><br>9th International Seminar on Regional Innovation Policies<br>Stavanger, Norway, 16-17 October, 2014  |
| 20 | Type of Contribution<br>Authors /Title<br><br>Event | Oral contribution<br>M. Estensoro and M. Larrea / <i>New territorial development paradigms: redefining modes and roles</i><br>Workshop on Culture Based Rural Development. Kvinesdal, Norway, 18-19 May, 2015   |

