

# THE BASQUE DECLARATION AND THE GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY FRAMEWORKS



On September 25th 2015, countries adopted a set of 17 goals to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all as part of a new sustainable development agenda. These are the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In December 2015, at the Paris climate conference (COP21), 195 countries adopted the first-ever universal, legally binding global climate deal. The aim is to avoid dangerous climate change by limiting global warming to well below 2°C.

**PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT**



## HOW CAN CITIES CONTRIBUTE WITH THEIR NATIONAL LEVEL TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS?

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The Basque Declaration was adopted at the 8th European Conference on Sustainable Cities & Towns held in the Basque Country

### WHAT IS THE BASQUE DECLARATION?

It is an inspirational document to create productive, sustainable and resilient cities for a liveable and inclusive Europe. It focuses on HOW local and regional governments can contribute to the global goals.

### 1. THE BASQUE DECLARATION TRANSLATES THE SDGs AND THE PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT INTO 10 AGENDAS AT LOCAL LEVEL

- ✓ Decarbonisation
- ✓ Urban mobility
- ✓ Biodiversity
- ✓ Greenfield land and natural space
- ✓ Water resources and air quality
- ✓ Climate change
- ✓ Public space
- ✓ Housing
- ✓ Social inclusion and integration
- ✓ Local economies and employment

### 2. THE BASQUE DECLARATION DEFINES THREE TYPES OF TRANSFORMATION NEEDED FOR CHANGE

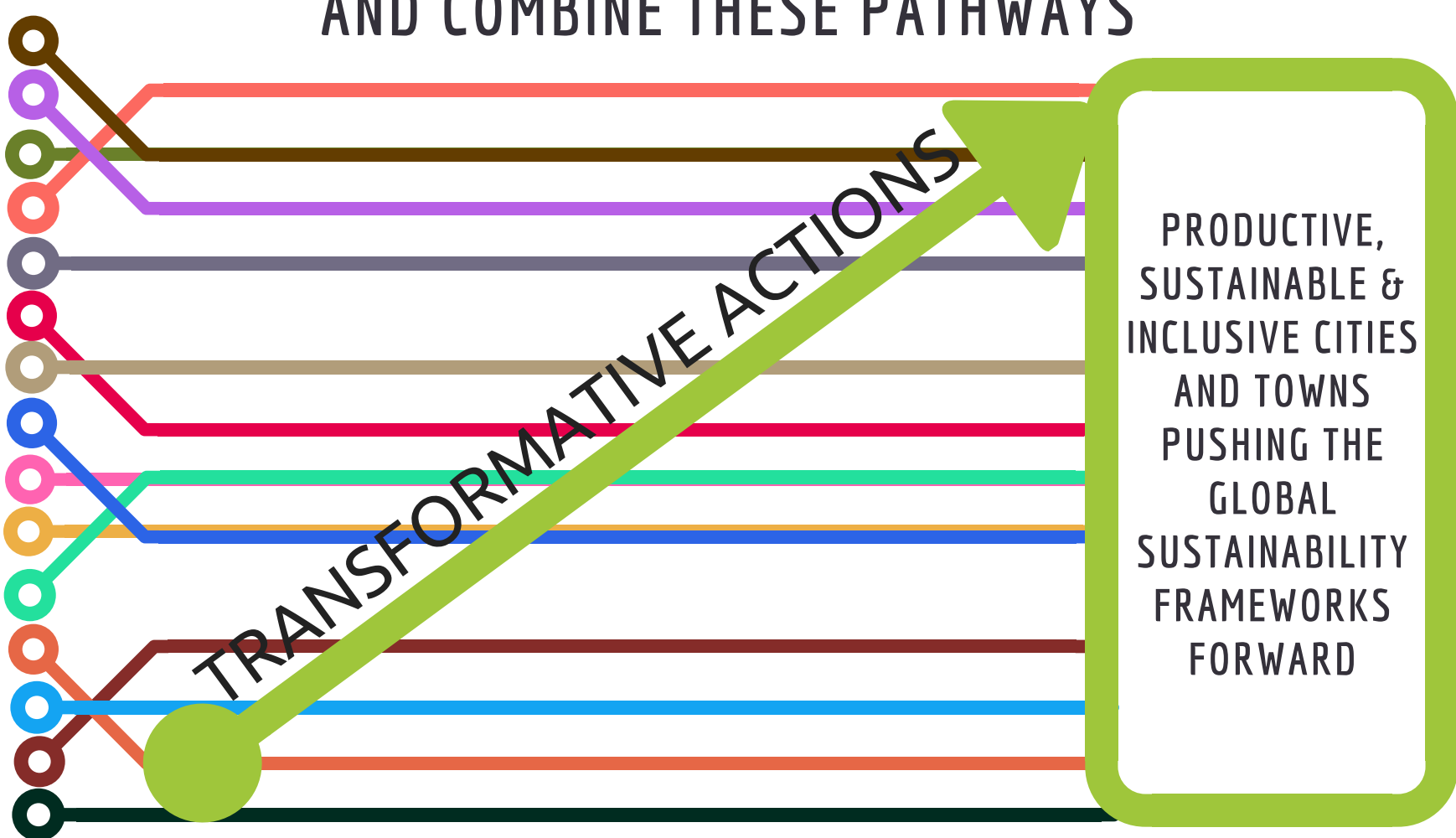


- 1 SOCIO-CULTURAL TRANSFORMATION
- 2 SOCIO-ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION
- 3 TECHNOLOGICAL TRANSFORMATION

### 3. THE BASQUE DECLARATION OUTLINES 15 PATHWAYS TO INSPIRE TRANSFORMATIVE ACTIONS

- 1 **SOCIO-CULTURAL TRANSFORMATION**
  1. Ensure equal access to municipal services
  2. Involve citizens through participatory implementation
  3. Encourage local private and civic engagement
  4. Promote social innovation supporting inclusion
  5. Nurture a sharing economy
  6. Capitalise on local economy and production
- 2 **SOCIO-ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION**
  7. Create and close local value chains
  8. Apply innovative financing approaches
  9. Implement sustainable procurement principles
  10. Pursue a shift towards a circular economy
  11. Wisely select and apply smart technologies
- 3 **TECHNOLOGICAL TRANSFORMATION**
  12. Accelerate sustainability and innovation through public procurement
  13. Guarantee equal access to information/digital services
  14. Support open data standards
  15. Prepare policies for socio-cultural changes due to innovation

### LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS CAN INTEGRATE AND COMBINE THESE PATHWAYS



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