

## We celebrate the 1st edition of Innovation Week in Bilbao and bring together the young talents of the future

- On 15, 16 and 17 November, its global smart grid centre in Bilbao will become a collaborative space with the most advanced R&D&I projects.
- The first day will focus on young talent by bringing together Graduates Programme employees with students from various universities, including the University of the Basque Country, the University of Deusto and the University of Mondragon.

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Iberdrola will hold the first edition of Innovation Week on 15, 16 and 17 November, a week dedicated to sharing the most advanced R&D&I projects. Its global smart grid centre located in Larraskitu (Bilbao) - the Global Smart Grids Innovation Hub, which has just celebrated its first anniversary - will be the place where young talents, collaborating companies, suppliers, universities and institutions will meet. The most innovative projects will come out of the Hub to demonstrate the use of drones for line work, future substation robots, virtual and mixed reality in operations...

The motto and goal of this first edition is 'Building together the network of the future'.

### Talent and Data Day

The first day will bring together the young talents of the future. Around 50 employees from the Graduate Programme will join students from different universities to share the potential for innovation in smart grids, and solve the ongoing challenge of generating value for customers through data.

### Open Innovation Day

The second day, on 16 November, will focus on the GSGIH partner companies, of which there are already more than 80. Together with suppliers and start-ups, they will be able to discuss more agile innovation models and share future digital transformation projects.

The GSGIH is a hub for growth and collaboration around decarbonisation and energy transition and the key role of smart grids in this regard.

### Institutional closure

This first edition of Iberdrola will close on Thursday 17 November at the GSGIH in Bilbao, dedicated to demonstrating what innovation and collaboration can bring, as underlined by the slogan of this first edition, 'Building the grid of the future together'.

This conference will be an opportunity to continue to align all the elements: technology, investment and energy policy frameworks that provide incentives for the electricity sector to assume its fundamental role in the energy transition.

The closing ceremony will be institutional, with the attendance of the Minister for Economic Promotion and Infrastructures of the Basque Government, Arantxa Tapia, and the President of Iberdrola Spain, Mario Ruiz-Tagle.

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