

Democracy Lab Bilbao

Democratic engagement of youth and children



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Day 1 – Tuesday, 10 February 2026 <i>La Perrera Espazioa, Konekta room</i> Sabino Arana Etorbidea, 50, Basurtu-Zorrotza, 48012 Bilbao, Bizkaia, Spain		
Time	Session	Speakers
Morning	Participants' arrivals	n/a
12:30-13:45	Registration and welcome lunch	
13:45-14:00 PLENARY	Welcome and introduction	Representatives of Bilbao City Council, Nets4Dem and Arantzazulab
14:00-14:30 PLENARY	Inspirational keynote from a local speaker	Eider Inunciaga Bilbao City Coicillor for Basque Language, Public Services, Civic Engagement, Agenda 2030 and Internationalization
14:30-16:00 PLENARY	City challenges presentations Short presentation of cities that were selected to present their challenges to youth and children engagement: Leipzig (DE), Milan (IT), Leeuwarden (NL), Bologna (IT), Cascais (PT) and Valongo (PT).	Challenge owners

16:00-16:30	Coffee break	
16:30-18:00 TEAMWORK	Teams formation and problem framing Participants form the challenge teams and start to explore the challenges in groupwork.	Challenge owners and facilitators
18:00-18:30 PLENARY	Day 1 wrap-up	n/a
19:30 -22:00	Welcome dinner Location: TBA n/a	

Day 2 – Wednesday, 11 February 2026

Time	Session	Speakers
9:00-11:30	Site visits <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Azkuna Zentroa Discover how Bilbao's flagship cultural and community centre, housed in a former wine warehouse, uses arts, education and social innovation to strengthen social cohesion, accessibility and active citizen participation. BAT B Accelerator Tower Explore Bilbao's leading innovation hub, where startups, corporations, investors and public institutions collaborate under an open-innovation model to foster entrepreneurship, talent and civic empowerment, especially among young people Zorrotzaurre Visit one of Europe's most ambitious urban regeneration projects and see how multi-actor governance, innovation ecosystems and community initiatives are shaping an inclusive, sustainable district grounded in youth engagement and social cohesion. Koop SF34 & DIVERSITOURS Experience how a cooperative trains local residents as intercultural guides in a disadvantaged neighbourhood, using award-winning community-led tours to promote new narratives 	



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30'	on migration, inclusion and urban citizenship.	
	Transfer to the main venue	
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11:30-12:00	Coffee break	
12:00-13:30 TEAMWORK	Innovation Capsule: creativity and lateral thinking. Creative activity to boost imagination and ignite ideas generation.	Facilitators
13:30-14:30	Lunch	
14:00-15:45 TEAMWORK	Workshop: ideas selection Teams test ideas against their relevance and feasibility.	Facilitators
15:45-16:15	Coffee break	
16:15-18:30 TEAMWORK	Workshop: idea conceptualisation and prototyping Teams select concrete ideas for further development and start prototyping action plan for implementation.	Facilitators
18:30-18:40 PLENARY	Day 2 wrap-up	n/a
19:00-21:00	Study visit to the Athletic Foundation and dinner Location: TBA n/a	



Day 3 – Thursday, 12 February 2026*La Perrera Espazioa, Konekta room*

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Time	Session	Speakers
8:30-9:00	Welcome coffee	
9:00-9:30 PLENARY	Lighting talk: social innovation ecosystem in the Basque country	TBA
9:00-10:45 TEAMWORK	Workshop: pitch preparation Teams finalise their prototypes and prepare for public presentation.	Facilitators, challenge owners
10:45-11:15	Coffee break	
11:30-13:00 PLENARY	Final presentations and feedback session Teams present the result of their work and provide feedback to other participants.	Challenge owners, facilitators, mentors
13:00-13:10 PLENARY	Event closing	TBA
13:10	Take-away lunch and departures	



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