ASETT Arizmendiarrieta Social Economy Think Tank



# COOPERATING IN TIMES OF POLARIZATION

## From Challenges to Solutions

**50 Years of Arizmendiarrieta's Legacy:**
The Social Economy Facing the Challenges of Our Time

**12.11.2026**
MIRAMAR PALACE
**DONOSTIA - SAN SEBASTIÁN**

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**12 November 2026 · Donostia-San Sebastián · In person and online**

## A Legacy Looking to the Future

Fifty years on, the legacy of José María Arizmendiarrieta, the driving force behind the cooperative movement that gave rise to MONDRAGON and whose example inspired the creation of ASETT, remains a point of reference for reflecting on the role of the Social Economy in addressing the major challenges of our time.

To mark this anniversary, **ASETT is organizing an event on 12 November in Donostia-San Sebastián to commemorate his legacy, reflect on the continued relevance of his ideas, and share experiences and knowledge about the responses the Social Economy is providing to today's challenges.**

The Social Economy is already responding to major economic, social and territorial challenges. At ASETT, we want to continue connecting these experiences, sharing lessons learned and exploring how to broaden their reach and their contribution to transforming the economy.

The gathering will be an opportunity to bring together institutions, organizations, businesses and people involved in the Social Economy, share knowledge and continue reflecting on the role of cooperation in addressing current challenges.

**A space to remember Arizmendiarrieta's legacy and keep moving from knowledge to action.**

# Programme

## 10:00 | *Opening: A Legacy Looking to the Future*

- ***Iñigo Albizuri***
  Executive Director of ASETT

## 10:10 | *José María Arizmendiarrieta ; Audiovisual Presentation*

## 10:20 | *A Living Legacy: Educate, Cooperate and Transform*

- ***Leire Muguerza***
  President of the Congress and Standing Committee of MONDRAGON Corporation
- ***Patxi Olabarria***
  President of Kooperatiben Kontseilua
- ***Lourdes Idoiaga***
  President of ALE Arizmendiarrieta Lagunen Elkartea
- ***Arturo Alvarado***

Rector of Mondragon University Mexico

- ***Jesus Mari Arizmendiarrieta***

Moderator

***Kaisu Tuominiemi***
Lead of Educational Programs and Senior Learning Facilitator, Travelling U at TAZEBAEZ

## 11:05 | *From Legacy to the Future: What Kind of Social Economy Will We Need in 2040?*

Presentation of a Delphi study on the future of business organizations and the Social Economy in 2040.

- ***Ibon Zugasti***
  Foresight ASETT

## 11:25 | *Coffee Break*

## 12:00 | *Health: The Social Economy's Contribution to a Different Healthcare Model*

- ***Carlos Zarco***
  Executive Director of Fundación Espriu
- ***Sajni Hotchandani***
  Doctoral Researcher (EHU-MU)
- ***Manuel Sánchez Lagarejo***
  President of Mondragon Health
- ***Manuel Muñoz Moretín***
  CEO and Founder of I+med

Moderator
***Mikel Álvarez***
Healthcare, innovation and cooperativism expert

## 12:45 | *Cooperating to Address New Challenges: Migration, Inclusion and Development*

- ***Fran Cortada***
  Executive Director of Oxfam Intermón
- ***Auxtin Ortiz***
  Manager of Lanagro Servicios
- ***Lucía Gojenola***
  Head of Communication and Image at GSR
- ***Itsaso Erretolatza***
  Director of Mundukide
- ***Nadia Estancu***
  Employee at Lanagro

Moderator
***Eneritz Azkue***
Head of ASETT's Social Laboratory

## 13:30 | *Lunch and Networking*

## 14:45 | *Growing Without Losing Identity: The Role of Taxation and Public Policies*

- ***Giuseppe Guerini***
  President of Cooperatives Europe
- ***Amal Chevreau***
  Head of the Social Economy and Innovation Unit, OECD
- ***Amaia Arregi***
  Executive Director of Economic Promotion, Provincial Council of Gipuzkoa
- ***Luis Miguel Jurado***
  President of COCETA
- ***Iñigo Abaitua***
  Tax Lawyer at LKS

Moderator
***Mikel Larrea***
Director of Konfekoop

## 15:30 | *Cooperating to Create Homes: Models Transforming Access to Housing*

- ***David Guarda***
  Sostre Cívic / La Vivencial
- ***Natalia Martínez***
  COHABITAC
- ***David Bonvehí***
  Director of Social Economy, Government of Catalonia
- ***Joseba Maidagan***
  BIZIKOOP

Moderator
***Santi Merino***
Legal Counsel to the Higher Council of Cooperatives of the Basque Country

## 16:15 | *Break*

## 16:30 | *Europe's Social Future and Global Cooperation: Multilateralism and Economic Democracy*

- ***Juan Antonio Pedreño***
  President of Social Economy Europe
- ***Iñigo Arbiol***
  Deputy Head, United Nations Local 2030
- ***Ilcheong Yi***
  UNRISD-COPAC
- ***Anh-Thu' Nguyên***
  Director of Strategic Partnerships at Democracy at Work Institute
- ***Goran Jeras***
  Upravitelj

Moderator
***Iñigo Albizuri***
Executive Director of ASETT

## 17:15 | *From Experience to Action: Lessons Learned and Next Steps*

- ***Asier Vitoria***
  Executive Director of Gureak
- ***Jone Nolte***
  Manager of ASLE and President of Laborpar
- ***Rosa Lavín***
  President of Konfekoop and Finance Director of Grupo SSI

Moderator
***Jokin Díaz***
Executive Director of Social Economy, Basque Government

## 18:00 | *From Legacy to Action: The Next Fifty Years*

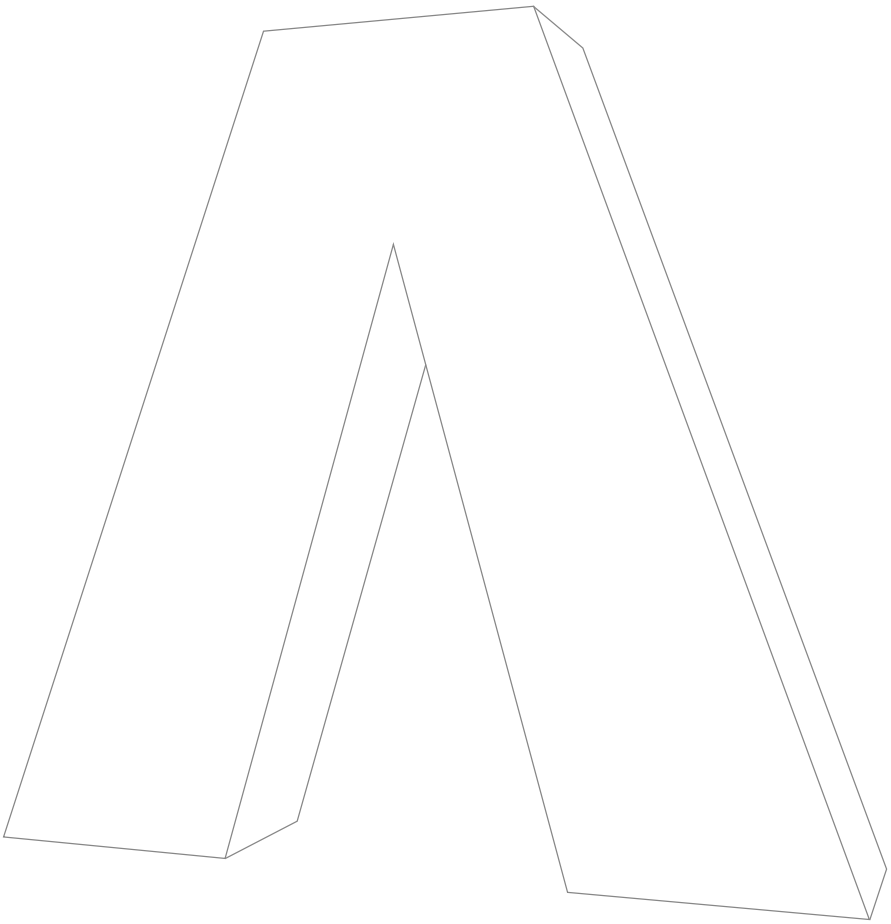
- ***Elena Pérez Barredo***
  President of ASETT

  Deputy Minister for Labour and Social Security

## 19:00 | *Tribute Concert*

Basilica of Santa María del Coro, Calle 31 de Agosto

*Provisional programme, subject to change.
*At the end of the event, a bus service will be provided from Miramar Palace to the basilica.



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