Tribute

Errigora

For the 24th Korrika, we want to pay tribute to Errigora. Korrika wishes to recognise the efforts of those working to promote the Basque language, and to express its support for their work, past and present, and encourage them to continue their efforts.

Errigora is a citizen initiative rooted in the Basque Country that operates on a community-work basis. With a focus on southern Navarre, an area where Basque is not an official language, promoting Basque foodstuff from this part of Euskal Herria, using the Basque language as a foundation, the target and the means. Like Korrika, it encourages Basque citizens to get involved and collaborates with entrepreneurs to promote the Basque language. It is well known throughout the Basque Country and shares the same values as Korrika. Its aim is to provide first-hand responses to common problems and address future challenges, whether they are linguistic, climatic or identity-related emergencies.

We want to celebrate the value of being small because each and every one of us plays a part in keeping the Basque language alive. Language unites us, from Atharratze to Bilbao and across the Ribera Navarra region. In all these places, we are Basque, and it is our Basque identity that unites us. We must think and believe in the community, and collaborate. The challenge is to promote the learning of the Basque language among adults. Errigora is also supporting us in this area. We agree on principles: the promotion of Euskara and sovereignty.

With the 24th KORRIKA, we want to recognise the progress that Errigora has made so far. It recognises their efforts to promote the Basque language in Navarre, where it is not an official language, and gives it a boost for the future. Let's continue to fiercely promote the Basque language.

Message

I am the Basque language people, a way of life, a way of being.

Like fire, I am always the same, always new.

Welcome to my home, to our home.

From the past to the present, a refuge whose doors are always open.

You and I are the Basque language. We are one.

We are a million Basque speakers, and we will be more.

We are a free and open community being reborn, creating our future together.

We are Euskal Herria, the land we are going to cross from one end to the other.

Speak up and take action to prioritise diversity and mutual care.

Take the plunge and get involved, we want adult Basque learning at the forefront.

We are all essential. Everyone has value, and every speaker is important.

Those who have enrolled in the euskaltegi, those whose first language is Basque, those who have come from abroad,

those who want to learn and live in Basque in the Basque Country.

We are all one people.

We are Euskara.

Listen to Korrika's appeal.

Let's quiver, let's be strong.

The Korrika flames have been lit!...



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What is Korrika?

Korrika is a huge event in support of the Basque language, taking place across the Basque Country. Korrika's goal is to promote awareness in support of AEK and to raise funds to assist in its daily work.

The first KORRIKA took place in 1980, starting in Onati and finishing in Bilbao, covering the entire Basque Country. Since then, it has become one of the largest and most significant events organised in support of the Basque language. 23 Korrika events have taken place since then, and 45 years have passed.



From 19 March 2026, Korrika will tour Euskal Herria for the 24th time, spending 11 days and 10 nights on the road. A march of 2,500 kilometres in support of the Basque language, with thousands of participants of all ages and backgrounds, marching day and night without stopping.

From start to finish of Korrika, the runners pass the baton from hand to hand and kilometre to kilometre. Inside the baton is a message which will be read out when Korrika reaches the finish line. Until then, the message remains a secret.

Held every two years, Korrika has become a much-supported and much-loved event that shakes up Basque society. The number of people taking part is constantly growing. Thousands of people are involved in organising the Korrika in committees set up in villages and neighbourhoods. During the campaign, which lasts for several months, hundreds of festivals and cultural events are usually held, from the presentation a few months before until the festival on the last day. In addition to promoting Basque culture, we are committed to making Korrika more responsible: based on feminism and social responsibility, championing diversity and considering its ecological footprint. This is the best way for AEK and Korrika to give back all that love and support to society, in their opinion.

How to participate?



You can help with the organisation

• Take part in the Korrika working group that will be set up in your town or neighbourhood.



Donation methods

- Becoming a Korrika Collaborator and/or buying the 24. KORRIKA gear.
- Buying the runner's bib or vest in advance, at any AEK language school, the online shop or the Korrika shops.
- Making a donation of your choice in the bank accounts indicated below for Korrika:
- In the Southern Basque Country: ES70 3035 0072 02 0720037810
- In the Northern Basque Country, in euros (FR76 1333 5000 4008 9291 5827 532) or in euskos (218371601)
- Making a donation via Bizum or credit card by searching for "korrika" or "aek"; also via the "How to participate" section of the website.
- · Carrying the baton with your family, members of the association, friends... having made the corresponding donation.



Publicise Korrika and increase its prestige

- · Visit the Korrika website (www.korrika.eus/en) and show your support for Korrika on social media.
- · Take part in events organised by Korrika Kulturala.



You can take part in the Korrika event itself

- · Join us at the start and finish of the 24th KORRIKA: come to Atharratze on 19 March and Bilbao on 29 March!
- Run with a runner bib; learn and speak Basque language and show that we want to make Euskara our everyday language.



Companies and businesses

- Contribute to the 24th Korrika's advertising media.
- Contribute by either sponsoring a runner or becoming a Korrika Companion (Korrika Lagun).
- · Acquiring kilometres. Anyone interested in this form of participation should contact the Korrika offices.

Who organises **KORRIKA?**

It is organised by AEK. The aim of AEK is for all inhabitants of the Basque Country to be able to live comfortably in the Basque language. With this purpose in mind, we strive for the normalisation of the Basque language in all environments, and for its generalised knowledge, use and promotion.

To achieve this goal, AEK's main objectives include: universalising knowledge; creating, developing and interconnecting spaces for comfortable Basque use: orienting language policy and reorganising the sector (Adult acquisition of the Basque language). Thus, free Basque language education, official Basque status and permanent funding for Basque language centres are essential for AEK.

Our goal is to prioritise adult Basque language learning, but beyond the objectives of AEK, the Basque language and community are facing a linguistic emergency. We must take a step forward, embarking on the journey from crisis to relevance and initiating a new Renaissance. The first task, therefore, is to prioritise the normalisation and revitalisation of Euskara within the political and social agenda.

These are AEK's demands regarding the 24th KORRIKA. Our desire is to contribute to the spread of Korrika's message far and wide. WE ARE EUSKARA.



