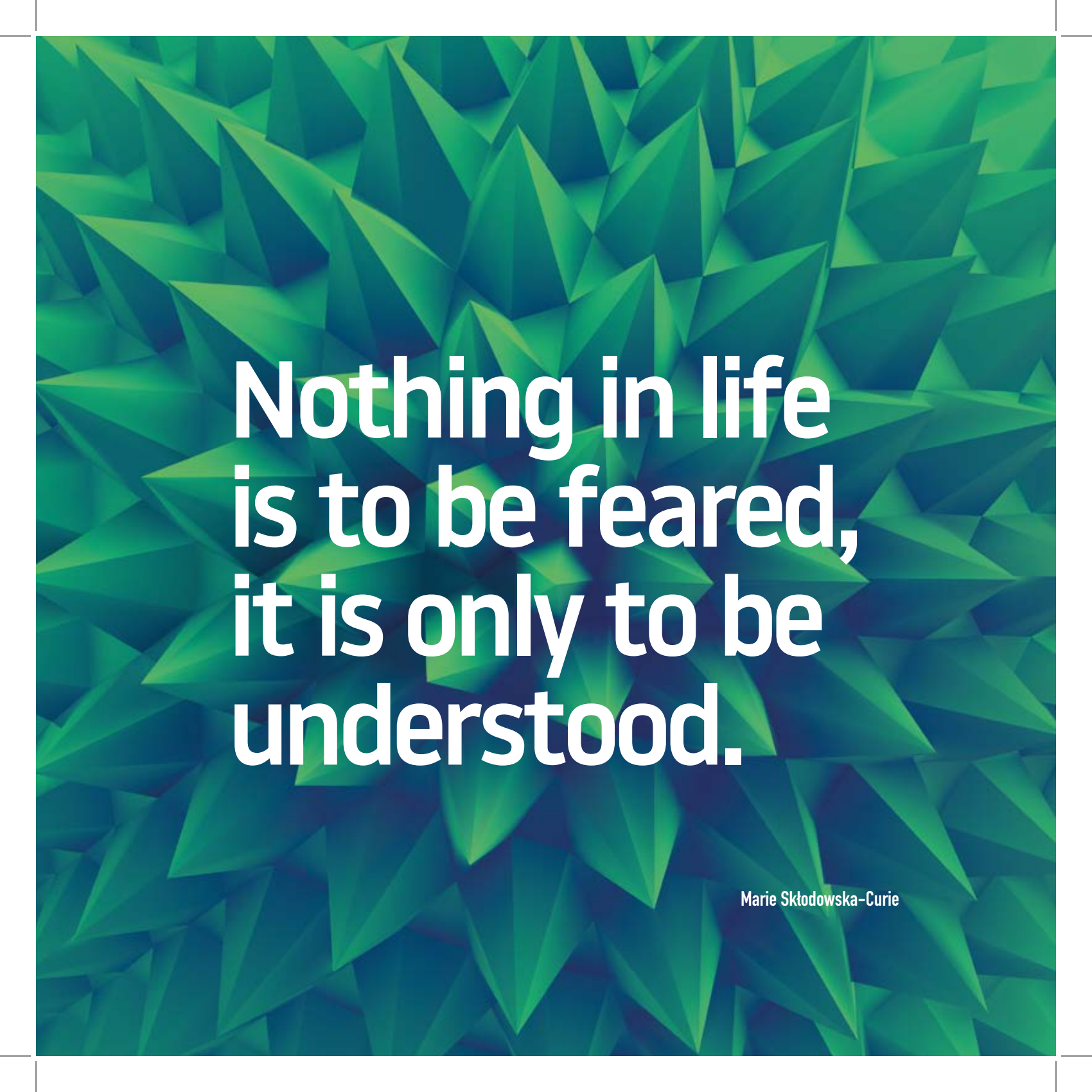


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10 YEARS
RESEARCHING





Nothing in life
is to be feared,
it is only to be
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Marie Skłodowska-Curie

#10/YEARS RESEARCHING:

Ikerbasque, the Basque Foundation for Science was created in 2007 by the Basque Government to strengthen the Basque Science System through programmes to attract and consolidate researchers, in cooperation with research centres and universities. So far, Ikerbasque has hired 143 permanent researchers and 67 young researchers, who have published 4,209 articles in indexed journals and have obtained more than 120 million euros for research projects. These resources are used to foster science in Euskadi by hiring researchers of all levels and investing in equipment and infrastructures.





121,436,000€

RETURN OF INVESTMENT:

**TOTAL FUNDS THAT IKERBASQUE
RESEARCHERS AND STAFF
OBTAINED FROM EXTERNAL
FUNDING CALLS SINCE
IKERBASQUE WAS CREATED**

723

STAFF LEAD BY RESEARCHERS

Currently 723 research positions lead by Ikerbasque researchers.

67

YOUNG RESEARCHERS

They have a promising scientific career, international experience and the aim is to create a source of new talent, to lead the future of scientific research in the Basque Country.

4,209

ARTICLES

In indexed publications.

143

PERMANENT RESEARCHERS

Ikerbasque employs 143 senior researchers who are permanently assigned to universities and research centres.

15

ERC

The ERC (European Research Council) is the main European organisation that promotes research projects based on scientific excellence. 15 Ikerbasque researchers have been awarded ERC grants to develop very significant projects.

405

PROJECTS WITH EXTERNAL FUNDING

Average number of research projects per year with 405 research projects with external funding in which Ikerbasque researchers participate.

+50,000

More than 50,000 citation by other international researchers.



“We can’t expect
things to change, if
we continue doing
the same things”

-Albert Einstein



“Everything
seems impossible
until it is done”

- Nelson Mandela

“Nothing is
permanent, except
change”

-Heraclitus



“Investment in
knowledge pays the
best interest”

-Abraham Lincoln





“Science without
conscience is but
the ruin of the soul”

-Rabelais

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“What we know
is a drop;
what we ignore is
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-Isaac Newton



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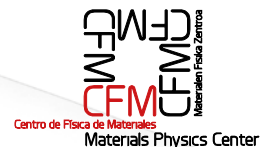


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HOST CENTRES

IKERBASQUE
RESEARCHERS
HAVE JOINED THE
FOLLOWING
CENTRES IN THE
BASQUE COUNTRY



IMPORTANT MILESTONES

2007/2017



- Launch of the first international programme aimed to Research Professors: the year ends with the hiring of **21** permanent Researchers.
- Launch of the first programme to hire Visiting Researchers interested in researching in the Basque Country for a maximum of **12 months**. Ten visiting researchers were hired.



2007



- Creation of **3** new BERC (Basque Excellence Research Centres) in climate change, mathematics and cognitive neuroscience and language and **3** existing research centres are consolidated as BERC: DIPC, Material Physics Center and Biophysics Foundation.
- Launch of the second Research Professor call. The year ends with **35** Research Professors hired.
- Launch of the second call to hire Visiting Researchers. The year ends with **23** Visiting Researchers.



2008

- **60** Research Professors with permanent contracts.
- **13** Visiting Researchers.
- **€4,961,660** total funds obtained by Ikerbasque researchers.



2009

- **77** Research Professors from **22** different countries and **22** Visiting Researchers.
- **€5,505,820** total funds that Ikerbasque Research Professors have received.
- Ikerbasque starts up the Basque Observatory for Science with the aim of monitoring the evolution and progress of scientific production in the Basque Country.
- Acknowledged as one of the best European initiatives for scientific development and **5** million euros awarded by the Marie Curie programme for the following **4** years.
- Ikerbasque researchers achieve **3** ERC Starting Grants.



2010



- **5th** anniversary of Ikerbasque.
- **99** Research Professors.
- **€13,442,241** total funds that Ikerbasque Research Professors have received.
- **18** Visiting Researchers.
- “Silver Q” for management excellence and the “HR Excellence in Research” seal for its strategy in attracting researchers.
- **6** ERC Grants.



2011

- **116** Research Professors.
- **€17,441,778** total funds that Ikerbasque researchers have received.
- **450** Publications.
- Launch of the first Fellows programme aimed at young Researchers: **14** Researchers selected.
- **22** Visiting Researchers.
- Three new research centres in neuroscience, new materials and macromolecular design.
- **8** ERC Grants.



2012

- **130** Research Professors.
- **21** Research Fellows.
- **670** articles in indexed publications.
- **9** ERC Grants.
- Almost **17** million euros awarded to Ikerbasque Researchers.



2013



- **137** Research Professors, with permanent contracts. • **44** Research Fellows, young researchers.
- **848** Articles in indexed publications.
- **10 ERC Grants** • Almost **20** million euros awarded to Ikerbasque Researchers.



2014

- **142** Permanent researchers.
- **59** Young researchers.
- **837** Articles in indexed publications.
- **342** Projects with external funding.
- **12 ERC Grants** • **580** Research positions lead by Ikerbasque researchers.



2015

- Return of investment: Almost **€25 million**.
- **968** Articles in indexed publications.
- **405** Project with external funding.
- **15** ERC Grants.
- **723** research positions lead by Ikerbasque researchers.



2016

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