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Etxepare works with Euskal Etxea Basque centres and universities in 21 cities around the world to launch 'Korrika' fun runs in support of the Basque language

- Several activities have been organised at the Etxepare Basque Institute network of universities and Basque centres around the world to join the AEK fun run.

Under the motto 'Hitzekin', a combination of *hitz* (words) and *ekimen* (actions), the Korrika fun run to promote the Basque language will pass through streets around the world. Once again, the Etxepare Basque Institute joins in on the race organised by AEK to take the activity beyond the limits of the Basque Country. Members of Euskal Etxeak (Basque centres) and students and teachers from the Etxepare network of university language assistants have organised various activities. In total, there will be 21 Korrika initiatives worldwide.

The 22nd Korrika will take place from 31 March to 10 April. Over the course of 11 days the fun run will cover around 2,500 kilometres through the Basque Country, starting in Amurrio and finishing in San Sebastian.

The race-related initiatives supported by Etxepare will take place in 21 cities around the world, twelve in European cities (Germany, United Kingdom, Poland...), and seven in South and North America, mainly in United States and Mexico. In Asia and Oceania, the Euskal Etxeas and universities have organised events in Tokyo and Sydney.

Basque centres around the world have put together a total of 14 activities related to the Korrika. The Etxepare Euskal Institute works with these centres both through the Euskara Munduan programme and by sending teaching materials. The university network partnered with Etxepare – centres the Basque and culture are promoted – has organised another twelve activities.

As in previous editions, this year the Etxepare Basque Institute has joined Korrika to shine a spotlight on the Basque language around the world. Etxepare has also organised a video competition among students from the Euskal Etxeas and the university network and will sponsor the 'Korrika Munduan' in San Sebastian's Zuloaga Square on 10 April, the last day of the fun run.

EUROPE

HELSINKI (FINLAND) – 1 April

Organisers: Language assistant, University of Helsinki

Korrika, snacks, Basque dance and rural sports.

LEIPZIG (GERMANY) – 2 April

Organisers: Language assistant, Leipzig Universität and Euskal Etxea

Mini-Korrika with students of the intensive Basque language course that takes place every year in March.

VALENCIA – 2 April

Organisers: Euskal Etxea Laurak Bat

Basque dance workshop in the morning, with *trikitilaris* accordion music and *pintxopote* snacks and drinks. Followed by the Korrika and a 120-person community meal, two concerts of Basque and Valencian music and a party at the Euskal Etxea.

BERLIN (GERMANY) – 2 & 8 April

Organisers: Language assistant, Freie Universität & Euskal Etxea

2 April: Korrika in Berlin, followed by concerts, food and drink.

8 April: concerts by the Basque bands Tatxers, La Rekba and Txakurrak.



Participants include students from the university and the Euskal Etxea, Basques from Berlin and students and teachers of other minority languages.

POZNAN (POLAND) – 2 April

Organisers: Language assistant, Adam Mickiewicz University

13:00: Korrika from Collegium Novum to Plac Wolności

CORK (IRELAND) – 3 April

Organisers: Language assistant, University College Cork

Students from the university, the Cork Basque community and anyone else who wants to take part in the Korrika.

MALLORCA – 3 April

Organisers: Mallorca Euskal Etxea

Korrika around the Son Rapinya fronton.

VALLADOLID – 3 April

Organisers: Gure Txoko Euskal Etxea

15k Korrika and lunch with Basque club members and students.

BARCELONA – 5 April

Organisers: Language assistant, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

VARSOVIA (POLAND) – 7 April

Organisers: Language assistant, Uniwersytet Warszawski

Korrika for Basque language and culture students and Erasmus students from the Basque Country at the main campus of the University of Warsaw in Krakowskie Przedmieście street. After the race, 'bertsos' and Basque dance workshop with Basque and Polish students.

LONDRES (REINO UNIDO) – 9 April

Organisers: London Basque Society

PARIS (FRANCIA) – Completed 12 March

Organisers: Pariseko Eskual Etxea

5pm: Korrika from Sacre Correur to the Eskual Etxea. Concert by the Z'anonymes.



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9pm: ciderhouse dinner

AMERICAS

NEW YORK (USA) – 2 April

Organisers: Euzko Etxea of New York, Basque Country Delegate to the United States

12:00: Korrika in Central Park

QUEBEC (CANADA) – 2 April

Organisers: Quebec Euskaldunak Society

5k Korrika through the city, followed by a reading of the Korrika message at the Euskaldunak Quebec Basque centre with Basque language students. Live music and dancing.

LA PLATA (ARGENTINA) – 2 April

Organisers: Language assistant, Universidad de La Plata and Euskal Etxea

Korrika from Plaza Malvinas to Plaza Moreno, follow by few words read beside the sapling of the tree of Gernika. Pintxos at the Euskal Etxea and Basque dancers.

BOISE (USA) – March & April

Organisers: Basque Studies at Boise State University, Basque language assistant at Boise State University and the local Basque community, Basque Museum & Cultural Center Boise, and the Boise Ikastola

CHICAGO (USA) – 2 or 9 April

Organisers: Students and teachers of Basque and Catalan at the University of Chicago and the local Basque community.

MEXICO CITY – 10 April

Organisers: Language assistant, UNAM Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México and Mexikoko Euskal Etxea – Basque centre of Mexico

Korrikas at the UNAM and the Basque centre, rural sports and lunch. They have also organised a symbolic online Korrika via the virtual meeting Gather platform.



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MEDELLIN (COLOMBIA)

Organisers: Fundación Centro Vasco Gure Mendietakoak

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SIDNEY (AUSTRALIA) – 2 April

Organisers: Gure Txoko Sydney

Korrika in Sydney and 'poteo' bar-hopping in the city's bars to spread the word about the Korrika. Lunch and Basque songs to follow at the Euskal Etxea.

TOKYO (JAPAN) – 3 April

Organisers: Language assistant, TUFS (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies) & Tokyo Euskal Etxea

Korrika through the city streets and lunch.

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