

Innovation and the Basque economy (OECD Reviews of Regional Innovation: Basque Country, Spain 2011)

The Basque Country region in Spain is well known for its successful industrial transformation and high levels of wealth. Is the innovation system prepared to transition from a model of incremental innovation in manufacturing to a model based on science and other forms of knowledge? This chapter provides an overview of the Basque Country's socio-economic trends, including sub-regional variations. It explores the factors driving the region's growth and productivity, with an emphasis on innovation-related indicators, to explore the so-called "Basque competitive paradox". The chapter concludes with an overview of the key actors in the regional innovation system.

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