

Opening plenary session Setting the scene for a fairer future

Date & Time

Monday, 11 June, 16:00 – 17:30

Room

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Description

The opening session will start with welcome words from representatives of the Basque government and will be followed by an inspiring keynote address by Dr. Rigoberta Menchú Tum, Nobel Peace Prize laureate in 1992 and UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador, a human rights activist and feminist, who wishes to create young leaders who are committed to positive change in themselves, their communities and the world.

She will set the tone for the roundtable discussion where local and regional politicians, as well as representatives of European organisations and institutions, will set the frame for the conference, addressing the topics from their perspective, providing input from their expertise and enriching the debate with their own experience. Their interventions will demonstrate how these three topics – equality, diversity, inclusion – each deserve to be discussed on their own, but also how much they have in common, where they intersect and how addressing them will help to create inclusive, fair and just societies.

The panellists will also be invited to respond to questions that may be raised virtually and from the audience.

Format

1. Aurresku of honour
2. Words of welcome: **Juan Mari Aburto**, Mayor of Bilbao
3. Address: **Iñigo Urkullu**, President of the Basque Government
4. Keynote address by **Rigoberta Menchú**, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate
5. Roundtable discussion and Q&A with auditorium

Languages foreseen

Basque, English, French, German, Italian, Spanish (*2 additional to be announced*)

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