

50 YEARS OF UNIFIED BASQUE LANGUAGE

[JAKIN, paving the way for the unified Basque language](#)

Lorea Agirre Dorronsoro, journalist and editor of JAKIN, recall that the journal attended the 1964 Bayonne Congress with a firm commitment to join the Basque unified language project, and was the first and only journal to take this step. Indeed, the trajectories of JAKIN and the Basque unified language have been intertwined since the outset. [Lorea Agirre Dorronsoro](#)

[The historic Jakin Group: memory and future of the unified Basque language](#)

Joan Mari Torrealdai, Joseba Intxausti, Joxe Azurmendi and Paulo Agirrebaltzategi, historic members of the Jakin Group, recall the reasons for and consequences of the decision to join the project of the unified Basque language, assess the achievements made in the unified Basque language over these past five decades and note the current and future challenges facing it. [Joan Mari Torrealdai](#) • [Joseba Intxausti](#) • [Joxe Azurmendi](#) • [Paulo Agirrebaltzategi](#)

[About the Basque unified language](#)

Irene Arrarats, formerly the person in charge of the Basque language at the *Euskaldunon Egunkaria* daily and currently at *Berria*, analyses the present and future of the Basque unified language. Based on the premises that the work involved in creating and collectivising the standard Basque language has been completed, given that it is used in teaching, administration and the media, the author points out the faults existing alongside the virtues: now that diverse preconceptions about the Basque language have become widespread, how can one become a complete Basque speaker without a sounding board? [Irene Arrarats](#)

The era of the *March of St. Ignatius*: an outline of the intellectual history of the unified Basque language

Through reflection that makes no attempt to be philological but historical, Pruden Gartzia, a corresponding member of Euskaltzaindia (Academy of the Basque Language), strives to situate the unified Basque language within the field of intellectual history and to understand how it came about and its main features, using the tools available to this discipline. [Pruden Gartzia](#)

Opinions about contributions to and challenges facing the unified Basque language

The journal has addressed twenty-two members of Basque culture who operate in different cultural spheres of activity and Basque territories, with a view to gathering opinions about the past, present and future of the unified Basque language. Specifically, the questions that have been put together revolve around the following points: the consequences and importance of the unified Basque language and the challenges it faces in the future. [Various authors](#)

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This gathers together cultural information focusing on the present from various areas and perspectives. This year we shall be closely following culture, sociolinguistic and globalization matters. This section draws on various specialists: Itziar Ugarte, Jaime Altuna and Ignazio Aiestaran. [Various authors](#)