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Dear Sir or Madam,

The *Colegio Oficial de Ingenieros en Informática del País Vasco - Euskadiko Informatikako Ingeniarien Elkargo Ofiziala* (COIIE/EIIEO) – is a Public Law Corporation whose ultimate aim is to guarantee both the correct exercise of the profession of informatics engineering, with the object of ensuring the respect of the rights of citizens, as well as the defence of professional interests and of its members. In order to achieve these goals, besides the regulation roles of the profession of informatics engineering, the COIIE/EIIEO organises activities and provides common services at a professional, cultural, supportive, previsional and similar services which may be of interest for the members and for the society in which it extends its offer.

One of the concerns of COIIE/EIIEO is the spread of the use of Basque language in the professional activities of engineers in informatics and the impetus Basque language has in the development of informatics resources and to strengthen the development of cultural expression through this language. In order to achieve these goals, the COIIE/EIIEO is participating in the project to apply and manage the domain **.eus** for the great possibilities that it will offer for:

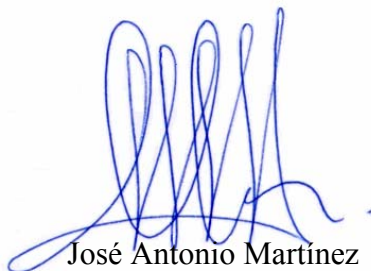
- The spread of our culture and language
- The unified presentation, through the internet, of our cultural community and of Basque speakers throughout the world.
- The acquisition of a point of contact with our language and culture easily assessable by the many who are interested throughout the world.

For a minority language such as ours, it is essential to have a window and an effective means of communication such as this.

The COIIE/EIIEO participates in the *PuntuEus Fundazioa* which will be the applicant and administrator of the **.eus** domain, and, as it can not be any other way, bases its activities in favour of the Basque language and culture. *PuntuEus Fundazioa* is a non-profit making organisation which is made up of a wide range of representatives from the Basque Language and Cultural Community.

For this reason, in the name of COIIE/EIIEO and of all its members, we support the petition for the **.eus** domain before the *Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers* (ICANN) with the hope that it will be granted as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,



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