

Code: SVIEK042
Name: ABANTO. "SAHATS". A THEME PARK ABOUT CLEAN ENERGIES 2
Workcamp location: Abanto (Bizkaia. Basque Country)
Accommodation address: Cohabitation house. (Abanto)
Project: ENVI/SOCI – Environmental/Social project
Initial Date: 1/08/2010 **Final Date:** 15/08/2010
Min Age: 18 **Max Age:** 30 **Places:** 15

DESCRIPTION OF WORKCAMP:

Project. SAHATS Park is located on one of the mountains within the mining area of Biscaye, in the municipality of Abanto. It was founded by Agiantza Elkarte on the lands deteriorated due to the mine industry that were handed over by several institutions. This park was created to instil sustainable development and responsible energy consumption. The circuit within the park helps us understand the behaviour of renewable energies, among others, with the help of several games. Sahats means willow, a protected species in the area of the park because of the number of wetlands around.

Task: Encouraging volunteers to know the nature, culture and heritage of the surroundings, and to enjoy it in a participatory environment. The task will be mainly focused on: cleaning tracks, paths, and landscape areas of the park and upkeeping the tracks of Sahats mountain and signposting the circuit.

Location: Abanto-Zierbena is a Basque town in the province of Biscaye. It is located South of Zierbena, South-West of Santurtzi, West of Urtuella, North of Galdames, and East of Muskiz. The main town is Gallarta, emblematic due to the exploitation of iron ore. Cotorrio river, tributary to Barbadun river, as well as Picón, Castaños, and Barcena, are born in Moruecos, Las Tobas and Cerrillo springs, up on the mountains of Triano. These irregular streams have been channelled and have had their course altered as a result of mineral exploitation. Nowadays, Abanto-Zierbena is an industrial town. Most of its inhabitants work in industry, even if they work outside the town.

Monuments and interesting sites: San Pedro, Santa Juliana Abanto and Santa Lucia (Sanfuentes) churches. La Torre del Barco (Sanfuentes), a 17th-century baroque palace with a typical 17th-century coat of arms adorned with poplar leaves, a helmet, and twisted leather strips. The **Mining Museum**, recently inaugurated after the restoration of its building, gathers more than 10,000 objects related to the exploitation of iron ore recovered in the last 15 years all over the Basque Country. The old mining hospital, at the entrance to the town of Gallarta, on the Buenos Aires hill.

Accommodation: In a cohabitation house, fitted out with bunk beds and mattresses. In the municipality of Abanto (Biscaye), 20 km from Bilbao

Language: English

Meeting point: on 15/07/2010, the person in charge of the workcamp will fetch the volunteers at a certain hour.

How to get there:

Nearest airports: Donostia-San Sebastián, Bilbao, Vitoria-Gasteiz, Santander.

From Bilbao by bus:

BIZKAIBUS buses. Tel.: 902 22 22 65

<http://www.bizkaia.net>

Specifically here: <http://apli.bizkaia.net/apps/danok/tq/index.html?Idioma=ES>

- a) *Bilbao-Muskiz bus line (via Ortuella)* Bus nº: **3336**
- b) *Bilbao-Muskiz bus line (via N-634)* Bus nº: **3337**

More information: <http://www.turismoa.euskadi.net>