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Curriculum Vitae

Rikardo Bueno is the CEO at BRTA – Basque Research and Technology Alliance, a public-private alliance between 16 RTOs and the Basque Administration, created in 2019. The alliance brings together around 3500 researchers and technologists, generating around 100 patents every year and having around 40% of its income from private companies through contract research.

Before leading BRTA, Dr Bueno worked at Tecnalía, the largest private RTO in the country, developing and coordinating diverse functions: International Business Development, director of the Advanced Manufacturing Area, business development and research programmes. The diverse positions covered responsibilities in both manufacturing research, with the main objective of transferring new technologies to the industrial fabric, and internationalisation, with the objective of cooperating with leading European organisations in the development of technological assets.

Rikardo has been committed to relevant European manufacturing innovation activities and initiatives. Member of Manufuture, Co-chairman of the ad-hoc industrial advisory group (AIAG) of the Factories of the Future Public – Private partnership (PPP) for 10 years, and strongly involved in the preparation of the finally winning proposal for EIT manufacturing. This long lasting activity has allowed Rikardo to have a strong network of partners (and friends!) in the field of industrial R&D. The idea behind the participation at these initiatives has always been to “enlarge the field” for manufacturing R&D, so the European industry can be more innovative and thus, globally competitive.

Rikardo studied Industrial Engineering at the Engineering School of Donostia/San Sebastian and his PhD thesis addressed machine-tool design. Now at BRTA, the main goal is to further coordinate and strengthen the activity of 16 RTOs in the Basque Country, with the final goal of reinforcing industry.d has over 23k followers on LinkedIn. In private, she loves learning languages and living abroad with her family.