



## **Bike station for young people**

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### **Vitoria-Gasteiz opens its first bike station!**

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*Vitoria-Gasteiz wants to get its youth committed to the environment. To this end, the city has opened a bike station where young people can recycle and repair bikes.*



With the first bike station, Vitoria-Gasteiz wants to give young people the possibility to recycle bikes that can no longer be used, fix bikes and receive training in bicycle mechanics, road safety and the coexistence of different modes of transport in the city.

This way, the city can provide a better understanding of the characteristics, use and maintenance of bicycles and strengthen cycling as a form of sustainable transport among young people.

Gasteizko Biziklteroak, the Urban Cyclists Association of Vitoria-Gasteiz, will promote this new facility. It will manage the programme, promote volunteering, give advice on maintenance and repair of bicycles, and promote a culture of recycling and sustainability.

Different activities will be undertaken at the bike station:

**Self-repair:** There will be tools for optimal maintenance of the bicycle. There will also be recycled pieces of discarded bicycles. A workshop to teach how to repair bicycles will be organised and young people attending the bike station will receive advice and support in repairing their bicycles.

**Recycling bicycles:** Bikes donated by citizens will be collected to either repair them or to scrap them in order to get replacement parts that users of the bike station can then re-use.

☑ **Training:** Courses in mechanics of the bike and road safety education will be scheduled.

☑ **Meeting and volunteering:** This will be a place of encounter with other young people interested in cycling and a space for volunteers.

Vitoria-Gasteiz is already looking forward to open the next bicycle station!