

## Interview with Igor Campillo from Euskampus Fundazioa

### Why is the Euskampus Foundation participating in an observatory on the fair distribution of wealth?

**Wealth is a multidimensional element, with many different layers and approachable from very different perspectives. We tend to talk about wealth only in terms of financial wealth, but wealth is in fact "the riches". Social wealth and a full life in relation to others. Physical wealth, or health wealth, favoured by access to quality public health and, therefore, driven by investment in infrastructure, resources, training, but also in development and scientific research. Intellectual wealth, which is not without education for all, without exclusion and integration. We can list a relatively long list of what "wealth" is. It is not possible to do so here and, in any case, the list will vary depending on the glasses worn by those who dare to make it. What is really important is to highlight that Wealth, with a capital "R", has multiple dimensions and that all of them are interconnected, they are interdependent. Wealth is not without financial wealth, but neither is it without education, health, culture, etc. With their subjective degrees of importance, all these layers integrate interconnected and global challenges that affect the rights and well-being of people and that can and should be addressed from all professional sectors, from all disciplines and, of course, from the sciences and humanities.**

**Euskampus Fundazioa is based on and works mainly in the field of higher education, research and innovation. From these points of view, it mainly addresses this dimension of Wealth that has to do with knowledge: its transmission, generation, transfer, exchange and dissemination. A dimension which, as we say, is interconnected with all the others. We are a catalyst for interdisciplinary and multiagent collaboration and we are focused as a Foundation on facing global challenges, whether scientific, technological or social, from proposals that combine the territorial effort of our University, Research Centres, and also our Companies and other Social Agents. Trying to give a concrete practical focus, we can talk about dozens of our actions that exemplify the promotion of practices that bet on a relational model based on cooperation around the wealth of Knowledge. For example, one of the lines of Euskampus Fundazioa focuses on generating the right conditions to promote research activity by accompanying and providing resources to research staff. This unique action involves, however, many dimensions: the provision of resources to research entities that need them, the organization of Meetings to promote interdisciplinary dialogue and identify challenges to which Knowledge can be directed, or the granting of grants to people in situations of vulnerability, the generation of local employment, the development and implementation of high impact projects such as, for example, those that have emerged from our Resilience Programme to support research at these critical times in order to face challenges related to the COVID19 and its social consequences. That is to say, there is a layer related to the economic, another to education, a layer**

**committed to scientific progress, to health, and also to culture. Once again we are talking about wealth, about riches. And not only of redistribution, trying to favour the equalisation of conditions between people but, above all, promoting the creation of Wealth.**

### **What are the solutions proposed?**

**That economic wealth is not fairly redistributed is an obvious fact. However, we must analyse how, from our areas of work, we are capable of tackling its redistribution from its very creation, and this will not be without cooperation and joint work between public and private agents from different areas. This is the commitment of Euskampus. The redistribution of wealth cannot be separated from the creation of wealth and this, at the same time, cannot be separated from education, research, the development of science and humanities, and their impact on our present daily lives, as well as on our possible futures. Wealth needs to be understood from a broad, transdisciplinary vision and that is reason enough to exercise our necessary responsibility and get involved with those people and entities that, from other sectors, are committed to the same ideals. There are no universal recipes, so you have to bet and position yourself. We do this by connecting the capacities of the UPV/EHU, Tecnalia, the DIPC and the University of Bordeaux, and directing them towards generating, in a shared manner, local responses to global challenges. Only by cooperating generously can we create an abundance in the system that is already a shared Wealth that does not need to be redistributed, because it is already generated in a distributed way.**