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To all the Basque institutions of the diaspora

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Due to the pandemic situation caused by Covid-19 we are all living in our countries, we have had to reorganise the annual activities, as many of you have been obliged to.

Right now, most of the countries where the Basque communities are located are starting to pass new regulations to put an end to the lockdown and begin to reopen gradually. The same might be happening at the Basque Clubs, strictly following the measures that they must fulfill in each case.

As you know,, on Spetember the 8th we will be celebrating for the third time the Day of the Basque Diaspora all over the World. Although nota II the countries are in the same stage of the process, it is true that we are talking about a celebration that affects us all (all Basques abroad) the same. That is why for this year's edition, we are planning to organise a virtual gathering to celebrate the Basque Culture, that can last 24 hours live and will be followed from all over the Globe at the same time, featuring the Basque cultural manifestations and events from around the World, the more the better.

The first question we have to answer before we start drafting a program is how many groups or individuals are willing to take part in this international event. We need the Federations and the Basque Clubs to make a list of posible participants or presenters that you can spot in your áreas. They might be:

- Singers
- Basque dance troupes
- Choirs
- Musicians, accordion players, trikitixa, ...
- Bertsolaris
- Any other that you can consider of interest (as readings from Euskara students, interviews, statements, radio programs, theatre or whatever else you can offer to the program)

We are talking about Basque cultural performers that would be happy to take part in the initiative.

Please we would need to have a list of possible performers **before May 15**, in order to start working on the program, that will also gather artists from all over the Basque Country.

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