

What Makes Cities Great?

Cities can...

...develop the cooperative economy through advanced manufacturing.

Learning from the Basque Country: Building a Sustainable and Inclusive Society

Part of the *Cities Across the Globe* lecture series

**Wednesday
October 16, 2019
9–11 a.m.**

Join Manufacturing Renaissance and the Great Cities Institute as we learn from and discuss with a delegation from the Basque Country in northern Spain. The Basque Country is the home of Mondragon—a world leader in the development of worker cooperatives. They've had deep experience in dramatically increasing the role of workers in developing globally competitive companies.

The Basque Country is a semi-autonomous region in northern Spain that represents a model of development that is inspirational and provides an excellent example of the power of advanced manufacturing as a foundation for building a society that is productive, secure, and inclusive. Their programs and approaches are useful models that we can learn from in developing a close and effective partnership between manufacturing companies, government, and civil society.

The delegation includes Jorge Arevalo, Deputy Minister for Vocational Training and Nicolas Sagarazu, Director of Planning and Organization of the Department of Education; Jon Labaka, Director of the Area for Intelligent Systems and Technologies and Maria Jose Barriola, Director of the Area for Biosciences and Sustainability in the Innovation Center for Vocational Training (TKNIKA); and Josune Irazabal, Director of the Integrated Vocational Training Center "Miguel Altuna de Bergara."

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