Six out of every ten young people would like the Basque Country to become independent

But only half of those who want independence believe it will be possible in the future

In November 2015, six out of every ten Basque youths aged 15 to 29 asserted that they wanted independence (59.5%). More specifically, 34.7% said that they would really like the Basque Country to become independent and 24.8% said they would quite like to attain independence.

The desire for independence is slightly higher among people in the 15 to 19 age group (62.8%) and is more widespread in Gipuzkoa (68.1%) than in Bizkaia (57.0%), and in the latter than in Álava (49.4%).

![ Desire for Basque Country independence, based on young people of each province (%) ]

However, only one third of young people (33.4%) believe that it is very or quite probable that the Basque Country will become independent in the future.

The percentage of people who consider this as a probable outcome increases as age decreases and rises from 30.8% among people aged 25 to 29 to 38.0% among people under 20 years of age.

Once again, there are differences by province of residence; where more young people prefer independence (Gipuzkoa) is also where more young people believe that the Basque Country will be independent in the future (42.7%).
Combining both questions, we can classify young people into four basic groups: 30.9% want independence and believe that it will happen in the future, another 26.3% want independence but do not believe the Basque Country will become independent, 24.8% do not want independence and do not think it will happen and 1.2% do not want independence but think it will happen.

The rest of young people are divided among those who want independence but do not answer the question on the probability that the Basque Country will become independent (2.3%), those who do not want independence and do not answer the question on the probability of it happening (1.1%) and, finally, young people who do not answer the question about their preference for independence (13.4%).

The percentage of optimistic pro-independence supporters is higher in Gipuzkoa (39.8% of young people resident in that province) and among people under 20 (34.9% of people in the 15 to 19 age group).

These data have been taken from a telephone survey conducted by the Basque Youth Observatory in November 2015. The survey included 1512 young people in the Basque Country aged 15 to 29 who were asked questions regarding various current issues.