

**“TOWARDS A EUROPEAN DEMOCRACY: 40 YEARS  
SINCE THE FIRST ELECTIONS TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT”**

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- 8.45 Welcome – Coffee
- 9.00 Opening session.  
- **Juan M<sup>a</sup> Atutxa**. Sabino Arana Fundazioa Chair.  
- **Luca Bader**. CEO of the Institute of European Democrats, IED.
- 9.15 Speaker:  
- **Igor Filibi**. Professor of International Relations at the UPV/EHU.  
**“Evolution of European Integration and of the European Parliament (1979-2019)”**  
Speaker:  
**Claes H. de Vreese**. Professor of Political Communication in The Amsterdam School of Communication Research, ASCoR.  
**“40 years of EP elections: what have learned?”**  
Presenter:  
- **Izaskun Bilbao**. MEP.
- 10.15 1st Roundtable: “Basque Representation in the European Parliament: A Look at the Political Evolution since 1987”.  
Speakers:  
- **Txema Montero**. Former MEP.  
- **Josu Ortuondo**. Former MEP.  
Moderator:  
- **Izaskun Bilbao**. MEP.
- 11.00 Q&A. Discussion.
- 11.30 Group Photo. Coffee Break
- 12.00 2nd Roundtable: “Views of the Present and Future of European Integration”  
Speakers:  
- **Antonio Argenziano**. General Secretary, Gioventù Federalista Europea.  
**“Evolution of the debate around European elections in Italy.”**  
- **Petr Mucha**. Program Council, Forum 2000 Foundation, Prague.  
**“European democracy from a central European perspective: hopes and disillusion from 1989 to 2019.”**  
Moderator:  
- **Izaskun Bilbao**. MEP.
- 12.45 Q&A. Discussion.
- 13.00 Conclusion: **Claes H. de Vreese, Igor Filibi, Izaskun Bilbao**.
- 13.30 Refreshments.