

**Interreg
Europe**



Co-funded by
the European Union

INERTWASTE

Promoting knowledge and skills for sustainable construction.

CE Transfer and Innovation Chair in Navarra (Spain).

Susana Aldaz

GAN-NIK

saldazgo@gan-nik.es

Uxue Iragui

GAN-NIK

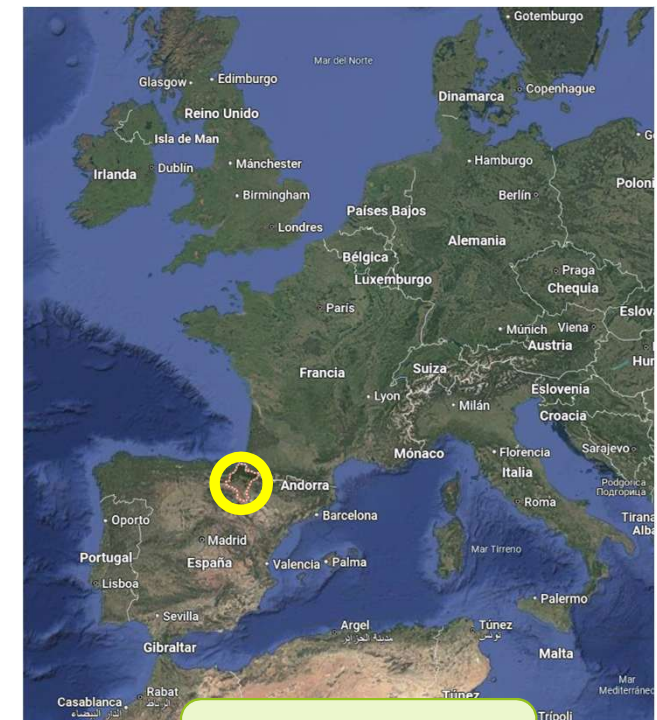
uiraguiy@gan-nik.es

20 MAY 2025 | TLJ4 Denmark

TLJ4 Denmark. CE Transfer and Innovation Chair (Spain).

CONTEXT

- Navarra is a NUTS2 region in northern Spain.
- Population of 678.000 inhabitants (2024)
- Navarra has a strong public commitment to CE (CE Agenda, Waste Plans, Smart Specialisation, Navarra Zirkular, etc.)



Location of Navarra
(Google Maps)

TLJ4 Denmark. CE Transfer and Innovation Chair (Spain).

CHALLENGES

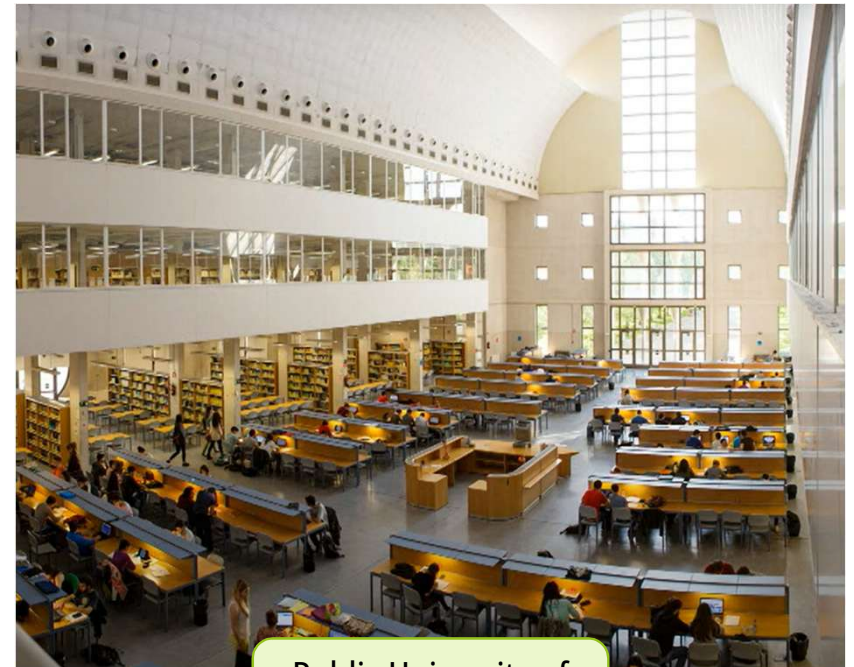
- Gaps have been identified in current and future skills and knowledge.
- Main challenges:
 - Difficulty translating EU policies into regional implementation.
 - Lack of accessible digital tools and technologies.
 - Technical complexity in construction-related CE criteria and certifications.



TLJ4 Denmark. CE Transfer and Innovation Chair (Spain).

DISCONNECTION BETWEEN ACADEMIC CIRCLES AND PRACTICE

- Valuable academic and technical knowledge remains within universities (in Navarra, UPNA and UN).
- However, this knowledge does not always reach those who implement change, creating a disconnection between research and real-world application.



Public University of
Navarra (UPNA)

TLJ4 Denmark. CE Transfer and Innovation Chair (Spain).

WHY THIS GOOD PRACTICE?

- This Good Practice aims to bridge the gap between research and implementation.
- It ensures that R&I in CE reaches a wider audience.
- It helps build capacity in both public and private sectors, transforming academic knowledge into applied solutions.

TLJ4 Denmark. CE Transfer and Innovation Chair (Spain).

START OF THE GOOD PRACTICE

- In 2023, the Government of Navarra launched the “CE Transfer and Innovation Chair”.
- 4 year agreement between UPNA and GAN-NIK.

upna
Universidad Pública de Navarra
Nafarroako Unibertsitate Publikoa

GAN-NIK
Gestión Ambiental de Navarra
Nafarroako Ingurumen Kudeaketa

Presentation of the
Chair (June 2023)



TLJ4 Denmark. CE Transfer and Innovation Chair (Spain).

PUBLIC FUNDING

- The Chair receives public funding from the regional government:



Year	Chair funding (€)
2023	28,170 €
2024	28,558 €
2025	29,774 €
2026	<i>To be determined</i>

TLJ4 Denmark. CE Transfer and Innovation Chair (Spain).

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Main groups of activities:
 - Training.
 - Transfer of knowledge.
 - Communication and dissemination.
- Focused on transferring academic knowledge with real needs in the private sector, public bodies, professionals, students and society.

TLJ4 Denmark. CE Transfer and Innovation Chair (Spain).

MAIN ACTIVITIES: TRAINING

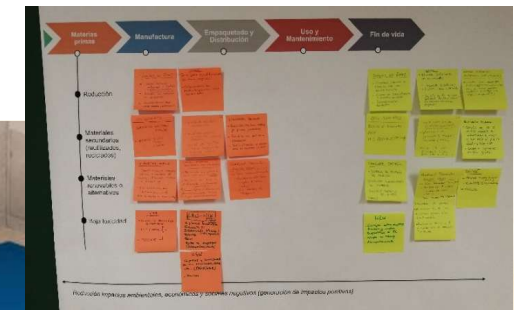
- Workshops for professionals (regulatory monitoring, taxonomy, digital passport, ESG, carbon footprint, digital tools, etc.).
- Course in CE master focused on circularity assessment tools.
- Sector-specific training for architects and engineers.
- Number of participants: 134



TLJ4 Denmark. CE Transfer and Innovation Chair (Spain).

MAIN ACTIVITIES: TRANSFER OF KNOWLEDGE

- Event on critical raw materials.
- Conference on the use of recycled aggregates, for public authorities.
- Ecodesign Forum.
- Number of participants: 155



TLJ4 Denmark. CE Transfer and Innovation Chair (Spain).

MAIN ACTIVITIES: DISSEMINATION AND COMMUNICATION

- Streamed discussions and roundtables.
- Press articles and social media engagement.



TLJ4 Denmark. CE Transfer and Innovation Chair (Spain).

CONCLUSIONS AND LESSONS LEARNED

- +250 professionals have been directly trained or engaged in 2 years.
- There is a strong demand for tailored, applied training in CE.
- Continuous capacity building is key to prepare professionals and authorities with the current and future skills needed for the green transition.
- Collaboration between university, public authorities and the private sector is key to develop these skills.

Thank you
Tak
Gracias

www.interregeurope.eu/INERTWASTE