

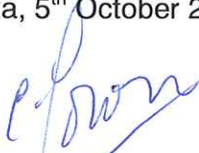
**DECLARATION OF THE COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION "THE EUROPEAN CHARTER FOR RESEARCH" AND "THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE RECRUITMENT OF RESEARCHERS"**

Fundación Vasca de Innovación e Investigación Sanitarias (BIOEF), constituted by Instituto Vasco de Investigación Sanitaria (o+iker) e Instituto Vasco de Innovación Sanitaria (o+berri) declares its commitment to the principles described in the European Commission's Recommendation of March 11, 2005.

BIOEF<sup>1</sup> was created by the Department of Health of the Basque Government as an umbrella organisation to enable the health authorities of the Basque Autonomous Community to promote innovation and research in the Basque Public Health System, called Osakidetza<sup>2</sup>, as a means of fostering the development and continuous improvement of the capacity of the Basque health service to protect the health of the citizens of the Basque Country.

o+iker (Basque Institute for Health Research) manages all the funding from public competitive calls: European, national, regional and local funding on behalf of the researchers and is directly involved in the recruitment of researchers and research staff. Since its creation, its objective has been transparency in all the management processes and therefore, we would now like to engage in this European effort to improve the professional career development of researchers in Europe, and both implement and disseminate the principles among our organisation and associated organisations.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.bioef.org/>

<sup>2</sup> [www.osakidetza.euskadi.net](http://www.osakidetza.euskadi.net)