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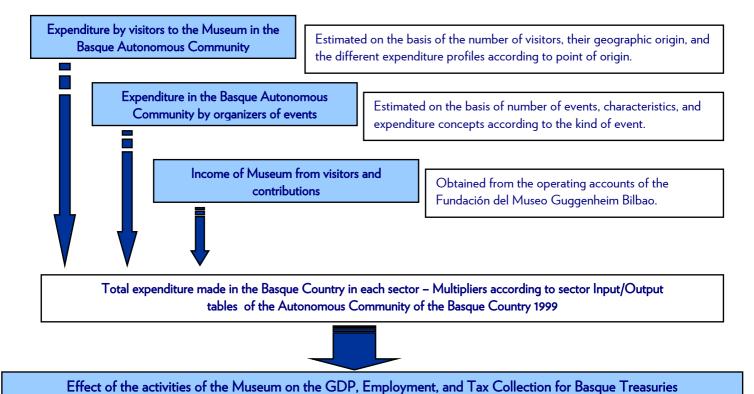
Impact of the activities of the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao in the economy of the Basque Country during the year 2004

Introduction

In 1998 the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao asked a specialized consulting firm to draw up a macroeconomic survey model to assess the impact of the Museum activities in terms of wealth for the Basque Country. Since then the Museum has amended the results of the survey each year to bring them up to date and in 2001 new analytical elements were incorporated in it:

- Consideration of the induced effects.
- Inclusion of the direct expenditure made by several different companies and institutions that hold events in the Museum by hiring Museum spaces.
- Review of the expenditure profiles of visitors in accordance with their points of origin, including a new concept of leisure expenditure.
- The application of specific multipliers for each sector: retail, catering, transport, recreational and cultural activities and other business activities.

Impact Model



Main results of the Impact Model

The main conclusions of the economic impact analysis of the activities of the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao during the year 2004 are highlighted in the following aspects.

The total direct expenditure generated by the activities of the Museum in the Basque Country amounted to 163,711,085 Euros, which represents an average expenditure of 180.07 Euros per visitor, i.e. a 4 Euro increase if compared with 2003. The total direct expenditure is obtained from the sum of the following concepts:

1. 138,595,165 Euros that correspond to expenditure made outside the Museum as shown by the expenditure profile resulting from the survey.

The sectors that have benefited most from the development of the activities of the Museum were:

- Catering: 44,149,080 Euros in restaurants, bars and cafeterias.
- Shopping: 17,906,967 Euros in stores.
- Accommodation: 55,163,425 Euros in hotels, guesthouses and other kinds of accommodation.
- Transport: 12,301,222 Euros in car hires, gasoline, tolls, tickets, etc.
- Leisure: 9,074,469 Euros in cinemas, theaters, visits to other museums, etc.
- 2. 9,335,901 Euros that correspond to the expenditure of visitors inside the Museum: admission fees, guided tours, purchases in the Store-Bookstore, and expenditure in the cafeteria and restaurant.
- 3. 14,696,851 Euros that correspond to the expenditure of companies and the contributions of Individual and Corporate Members, Government grants, contributions, and other income.
- 4. 1,083,168 Euros corresponding to direct expenses deriving from the organization of special events in the Museum.

Considering the direct, indirect, and induced effects, the activities of the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao during the year 2004 have represented the generation of 184,046,738 Euros of GDP, additional income for the Basque Treasuries of 29,465,882 Euros, and have contributed to maintaining 4,842 jobs.

The impact of the activities of the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao on the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country from 1997 to December 31 2004 is set out below:

Euros	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001 (2)	2002 (2)
Impact						
Direct expenditure	40,568,317	190,400,635	202,799,514	191,903,165	149,724,135	143,706,595
GDP Generation	31,517,075	147,921,099	157,555,323	149,087,063	168,331,470	162,327,827
Employment (1)	832	3,906	4,161	3,937	4,415	4,265
Income Treasuries	5,871,888	27,562,415	29,359,441	27,784,790	26,949,383	25,988,685

Euros	2003 (2)	2004 (2)	TOTAL	
Impact				
Direct expenditure	153,745,225	163,711,085	1,236,558,671	
GDP Generation	173,089,191	184,046,738	1,173,875,786	
Employment (1)	4,547	4,842	4,287	
Income Treasuries	27,711,580	29,465,882	200,694,064	

⁽¹⁾ Reflects the contribution to the maintenance of employment, not to the generation of new jobs. The total reflects the annual average number of jobs to the maintenance of which a contribution has been made.

⁽²⁾ The impact for 2002 and 2003 not only includes the direct and indirect effects but also the induced effects, which were not included in previous years.

MACROECONOMIC DATA FOR THE BASQUE COUNTRY	2000-2001
GDP 2000 (thousands of Euros)	40,639,705
EMPLOYMENT 2001 (working population)	849,400
TAX REVENUE 2001 under the Economic Agreement	6,575,546
(VAT, Company Tax, Income Tax) (thousands of Euros)	

Source: EUSTAT