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Writer, expert in communication and promoter of the Basque language and culture. She is president of Eusko Ikaskuntza – Society of Basque Studies.

With a degree in Social and Information Sciences from the University of the Basque Country and a diploma in Linguistics from the UNED, she completed postgraduate courses in Business Communication and Commercial Communication, Commercial Banking, and Human Resources Management and Management. Between 2003 and 2010 she taught Communication at the University of Deusto.

Responsible for communication at the Ideko Technology Centre (1995-1996) and the Danobat Group (1996-2000), since 2007 he has been leading the Internal Communication and Training departments and the Human Resources Department of Bankoa Crédit Agricole.

Member of the Basque Advisory Board of the Basque Government since 2000, in 2016 he received the Elhuyar Award for the promotion of Euskaldunization (*becoming a speaker of the Basque language*) in the business field. From 2004 to 2006 she was Managing Secretary of Euskal Idazleen Elkarte (Association of Basque Writers)

As a creator in Basque, Ana Urkiza Ibaibariaga is the author of some thirty books of short stories, poetry, aphorisms and children's and young people's literature, as well as cultivating the biographical genre and translation. She also has to her credit books of interviews, and collaborates as a columnist in the media and specialized magazines. She has been distinguished with several literary awards.

In 2020 Ana Urkiza was elected President of Eusko Ikaskuntza-Society of Basque Studies, being the first woman to hold the position in its more than one hundred years of history.