

## The Bilboestiba Committee calls for compliance with labor protection laws

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The companions of the stevedore who died in the Port of Bilbao have concentrated in the morning. ELA denounces that in the Port there are 'ominous working conditions with high work rates'.



Concentration in the Port of Bilbao due to the death of a stevedore

The works council of Bilboestiba, the company to which the <u>longshoreman</u> belonged on <u>Tuesday</u> when falling from a crane in the Port of Bilbao</u>, has demanded that the administration "comply with and enforce the laws on labor protection." With the one of yesterday, they **are four the workers dead in labor accident in** the different terminals of **the Port of Bilbao from November of 2015**. He has affirmed that these four deaths "are not just another number", but "companions who have left their lives in their jobs".For the committee, these **data** "are **alarming** enough **to pay attention to the lack of prevention of occupational hazards**that overfly each of these accidents."

The committee, which has sent "a strong hug" to the family and friends of the deceased worker, has indicated that "of the reports that are made when these cases occur, always emanate **corrective measures**, which is a clear symptom that has failed prevention".

It has denounced that after it **"nothing happens, beyond the possible economic sanction and until it happens again"**.

## 24-hour strike and concentration in the Port of Bilbao for the death of the stevedore

The works committee of BilboEstiba, in which the worker died yesterday in a work accident, has called a **24-hour strike and a mobilization** for today to denounce the death of his partner. The workers have **concentrated in the morning at the entrance of the Port** of Bilbao by Santurtzi.

As reported by the union ELA, to which the deceased operator was affiliated, "especially in the Port, there are **harmful working conditions**, such as the high work rates to which the workforce is exposed and the dangerous nature of the activity itself, where they mix many different activities and all of them at **high risk** ".

The stevedor, a 43-year-old portugalujo, died yesterday, Tuesday, when he **rushed to the wharf from the crane** where he was carrying out coal unloading work. He was an experienced worker and trained in the handling of the crane, according to union sources.

Both ELA and UGT Euskadi have conveyed their condolences to relatives and relatives of the deceased operator. They have also demanded an investigation to Osalan and Labor Inspection to debug responsibilities.

According to UGT Euskadi, it is the **fourth fatal accident** in the **last three years in the port area** . ELA, for its part, has estimated **seven workers killed** in a work accident in Euskadi.