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Abstract: The study focus on the analysis of the technological innovation of firms in Basque Country and Navarra. For that purpose, after showing the recent development of structural and evolutive theories of technological change where we base our research (section 1), we used the data of the questionnaire accomplished by the research team for reaching the results (section 2). Thus, first we determine the structural profile and competitive position of these firms; afterwards, we analyze the source of the technology used, the innovative activities developed, the results accomplished and its way of appropriation; finally, we study the role that technological centres and technological politics play in that. The research ends with the description of the methodology applied.

Key Words: Basque economy. Technological innovation. Innovative companies. Technological centres. Technological politics. Appropriation. Diffusion. Business size.