

EDUCATION

- 2018 – Present **PHD Candidate in Applied Economics**, University of Navarra
- 2003–2004 **MS in Economics and Finance** from University of Navarra
- 1999–2003 **BS in Economics**, Faculty of Finance, Banking, Insurance and Stock Exchange from the Academy of Economic Studies of Bucharest

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2020 – present **Tax Foundation - Economist**
- 2018 – present **University of Navarra, School of Economics and Business – Visiting Professor**
- 2017 – present **World Taxpayers Associations – Secretary General**
- :: Globally spreading the taxpayer movement and assist in establishing new groups
 - :: Coordinating and organizing regional taxpayers' conferences/ trainings.
 - :: Constant assistance to WTA's members and partners regarding projects and campaigns to launch or replicate (e.g. Tax Freedom Day, Debt Clock, Stop the Carbon Tax, Tax on Sugar and Beverages, etc.)
- 2016 – 2019 **Foundation for the Advancement of Liberty – Head of Research & Taxpayers' Union - General Manager**
- :: In charge of the research projects on taxation, fiscal policy, and debt.
 - :: Fundraising, grants and awards solicitations.
 - :: Developing and implementing regional and national policy campaigns.
 - :: Attend media enquiries and collaborate with policy makers, as well as, writing op-eds for the main economic newspapers in Spain.
- Achievements:
- ✓ The Foundation for the Advancement of Liberty received an Atlas Network grant for developing the "Regional Tax Competitiveness Index" inspired by the Tax Foundation's State Business Tax Climate Index and later one was one of the three finalists of the [2018 Europe Liberty Award](#). The report received huge media coverage and many policy victories.
- 2011 – 2016 **Think Tank Civismo – Director of Research and Coordinator for International Relations**
- :: In charge of the research projects on taxation, fiscal policy, debt, pensions and public expenditures; developing and implementing the methodology for calculating the Tax Freedom Day for Spain.
 - :: Campaigns/ Research: Tax Freedom Day, Low Taxes for Spain and Jobs' Revolution.
 - :: Drafting and submitting grants and awards solicitations to Atlas Network and other international organizations, as well as, fundraising solicitations from local donors.
 - :: Training new employees for the communications department (in charge of press releases, emailing weekly newsletter, media outreach, updating Civismo's website and social media).
 - :: Contributor of the institute's magazine Expectativas. Weekly op-eds for El Mundo and

occasional contributor in Expansion and Diario de Navarra. Radio and TV interviews.

:: International relations and organization of international events: Free Market Road Show, Madrid 2013, EPICENTER launch event, Brussels 2014. In charge of representing Civismo in all the international events organized by the Atlas Network, EPICENTER Network, the European Resource Bank Meeting, etc.

Achievements:

- ✓ Over the years I've been working with journalists and policymakers to cut taxes in Spain, achieving several policy victories: cutting property, gas and income tax in several regions and at the national level.
- ✓ In 2012 I've developed a [tax calculator](#) to show, by region, how much an individual contributes in taxes. This online tool also estimates the impact of the different tax reforms.
- ✓ In charge of developing a strong international network with other think tanks and Taxpayers' Associations from around the world. In 2011 Civismo became a member of Atlas Network, in 2012, of the Taxpayers Association of Europe, and in 2013 of EPICENTER Network led by the IEA.
- ✓ In collaboration with EPICENTER, I've contributed to The Nanny State Index 2016 (the first edition of the index) by checking the data on taxes and regulation for Spain and Romania. I've also written policy briefings for the network: [Towards a robust financial sector – how should tax and regulation evolve?](#)

2004 – 2011

Institucion Futuro (regional think tank) – **Head of Research**

:: Coordinating research on public policies related to tax policy, the pension system, public spending, economic growth and productivity, human capital, sectorial and regional development and R&D.

:: Campaigns/ Research: Taxpayers' Day and Tax Freedom Day

:: Contributor of the institute's blog. Op-eds in Diario de Navarra, Diario de Noticias, Revista Dinero, Negocios in Navarra, Nueva Gestion. Radio and TV interviews.

:: Coordinating workshops and round tables on innovation, productivity, construction sector, housing and healthcare policy.

Achievements:

- ✓ In 2007: I've designed and implemented a [Tax Freedom Day calculator for Navarra](#) and developed the methodology for assessing the Tax Freedom Day for Spain, and the [EU countries](#) at the macro level, based on estimations of tax revenue according to Tax Foundation's methodology.
- ✓ The 2009 Tax Freedom Day campaign was also a success as it was featured on the [front page of Expansion](#), the most important economic newspaper in Spain. From that moment on the journalists in Spain started using the concept of Tax Freedom Day (Día de la Liberación Fiscal). Also, in less than a week, more than 7,000 people used Institucion Futuro's Tax Freedom Day Calculator. In 2010, a second feature was added to the tax calculator to show the distribution of government spending.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2018 Fundación para el Avance de la Libertad was one of the three finalists for the [2018 Europe Liberty Award](#) with its **Regional Tax Competitiveness Index**.
- 2018 Fundación para el Avance de la Libertad received the **Atlas Network, Start-up Grant**.
- 2017 The Foundation for the Advancement of Liberty received an **Atlas Network grant** for developing the "**Regional Tax Competitiveness Index**".

- 2015 The project “Jobs’ Revolution” received a \$100,000 [Leveraging Indices for Free Enterprise Policy Reform Grant](#) from Atlas Network.
- 2014 Civismo's Low Taxes Campaign for Spain was nominated finalist for [2014 Atlas Templeton Freedom Award](#).
- 2007 Institucion Futuro received the **Templeton Freedom Award** in Public Relations for Navarra's **Tax Freedom Day** campaign.

OTHER MERITS

- 2010 **8th Navarra’s Economy Conference:** “R&D in Navarra: Business – Technology Centers Cooperation”, Berechet, C., and Huerta, E
- 2007 **7th Navarra’s Economy Conference:** “Productivity in Navarra: A EU Regional Analysis”, Berechet, C., Huerta, E. and San Miguel, F

TRAININGS AND OTHER COURSES

- 2018 **Think Tank Leadership Training** – Atlas Network, New York City.
- 2016 **Think Tank Impact** – Atlas Network, Online Training. One of the featured case studies was the **State Business Tax Climate Index**, Tax Foundation
- 2016 **Think Tank Fundraiser Summit** – Atlas Network and Lithuanian Free Market Institute, Vilnius, Lithuania
- 2016 **Professional English for International Commerce** (120 hours) – Sistema Formacion, Pamplona, Spain
- 2015 Atlas Leadership Academy **Mentorship Program** 2015 on Fundraising with **Ann Fitzgerald** – Atlas Network, Washington Dc, New York City
- 2015 – 2016 **Women and Leadership** – Aliter International Business School. **Rafael del Pino Foundation Scholarship**, Madrid, Spain
- 2015 **Leveraging Indices for Free Enterprise Policy Reform Training** – Atlas Network, Washington DC
- 2014 **Think Tank School for Advanced** – Atlas Network and Lithuanian Free Market Institute, Aix-en-Provence, France
- 2013 **Think Tank 101 Online** – Atlas Network, Online Training
- 2012 **Think Tank MBA** – Atlas Network, Washington DC
- 2007 **The Income Tax** (51 hours) – Forem, Pamplona, Spain
- 2007 **Microeconomics of Competitiveness Course** - Basque Institute of Competitiveness, Deusto Foundation, San Sebastian. Course designed by Professor Michael E. Porter at Harvard University. Final project: Zulaika, Gaizka, Magro, Edurne and Berechet, Cristina (2007), “Basque Country’s Human and Metropolitan Mobility Cluster”.

LANGUAGES

- :: Spanish
- :: English
- :: French (basic)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- :: Database Design: Access and FileMaker

:: Econometric Programs: Stata, Eviews, SPSS, Matlab
:: Adobe Photoshop, Adobe InDesign, Adobe Premiere Pro (basic user)
:: Web Design: Flash 8, Dreamweaver (basic user)

PUBLICATIONS

- Enache, C. (2019). "[Regional Tax Competitiveness Index](#)", Taxpayers' Union
- Berechet, C. (2018). "Regional Tax Competitiveness Index", Taxpayers' Union
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- Berechet, C. (2016). "Reforming the Labour Market. Severance payments in the EU", Taxpayers' Union
- Berechet, C. (2016). "Corporate Taxation in Spain. Reform Analysis". Taxpayers' Union
- Berechet, C. (2016). "The Wealth Tax. An EU Comparison". Taxpayers' Union
- Berechet, C. (2016). "Spain's Tax Freedom Day. An EU Comparison". Taxpayers' Union
- Berechet, C. (2016). "Family and Fiscal Policy. An EU Comparison". Think Tank Civismo
- Berechet, C. (2015). "A Smart Fiscal Policy for Job Creation". Think Tank Civismo
- Berechet, C. (2015). "Navarra's Unfavorable Fiscal Policy" Think Tank Civismo
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- Berechet, C. (2014). "Spain's Tax Freedom Day. An EU Comparison". Think Tank Civismo
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- Berechet, C. (2013). "Spain's Tax Freedom Day. An EU Comparison". Think Tank Civismo
- Berechet, C. (2012). "Diversification of Navarra's Productive System using Smart Specialization Strategies" in Azkue, I. et al. "Gaindegia Report 2011". Gaindegia
- Berechet, C. (2012). "Spain's Tax Freedom Day. An EU Comparison". Think Tank Civismo
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- Berechet, C. and Huerta, E. (2010). "Navarra's SMEs Barometer: Growth, Profitability and Employment Forecast". Institucion Futuro
- Berechet, C. and Huerta, E. (2009). "The Difficult Agenda for R&D: the Role of Technology Centers in Navarra". Institucion Futuro
- Pérez de Gracia, F., Berechet, C. and Pomes, J. (2008). "The Construction Sector in Navarra: Current situation and Employment Forecast". Institucion Futuro
- Berechet, C., Huerta, E. and San Miguel, F. (2008). "Investing in Human Capital: Productivity and Life-long-learning". Institucion Futuro
- Berechet, C., Huerta, E. and San Miguel, F. (2007). "Innovation and Productivity in Navarra: How Does it Compare to other EU Regions?" Institucion Futuro
- Sanjurjo, E., Berechet, C. and San Miguel, F. (2006). "The Relative Weight of the Industrial Sector and the Risk of Offshoring". Institucion Futuro
- Berechet, C., Les, M. and San Miguel, F. (2006). "R&D and Innovation in Navarra". Institucion Futuro and Navarra's Chamber of Commerce.
- Berechet, C. and San Miguel, F. (2005). "Fiscal Incentives for R&D and Innovation: Impact and Policy Lessons". Institucion Futuro, Policy Briefing NO 2.