



## Emakumeak metalean

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Hala dio Ander Maizek, J.L. French Ansola enpresako zuzendari-gerenteak. Etxebarriako aluminio- eta mekanizazio-enpresa bat da J.L. French Ansola, eta bertako langileen %27 emakumezkoak dira. Emakumeak galdeategi ohian sartzeak badu bitxitasun bat; izan ere, Lanbide Heziketatik etorritako emakume teknikarien belaunaldi berriak prestakuntzarik gabeko langileez osaturiko lehenengo belaunaldi bati gehitu zaizkio. «Industria-kultura urriko geografia-eremu batean dago kokatuta enpresa, eta bere ibilbidean beraizkazk prestatkuntzarik gabeko emakumeak kontratatzen hasi zen,

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*"In many aspects women are more resistant than men."*

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La incorporación de ellas a la antigua fundición tiene su peculiaridad, puesto que las nuevas hornadas de técnicas procedentes de la Formación Profesional se suman a una primera generación de empleadas no cualificadas. “En el devenir histórico

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### Lanbide-aukerak

Lanbide Heziketako zikloetan presztatutako emakume langile horiek duten «berariazko kalifikazio on-on» azpimarratzen du Maizek. Enpresari buruz duen ikuspuntutik, «kontratazioa ez du zeruskirik generoarekin, ezpada pertsona bakoitzaren jarreera eta prestatkuntzarekin». Haren aburuz, «industria-sektoreak eskuadde honetan lanbide-aukerak eskainiko dizkie –eta dagoeneko eskaintzen dizkie– prestatkuntza duten neskei».

Metalaren sektorean orain arte gizon-giroa izan da nagusi; eta sektore horretan emakumea modu errealean sartzeak suposatzen duen aldaketa kulturala, Maizen ustez, atzerabueltarik ez duen «ibilbide progresibo» bat da. Aitorrentzdu enpresari askoren antzera amatasun-bajena pisu handiko faktore bat dela neska baten eta mutil baten artean erabakitzeko orduan, «baina amatasuna, berez, aurreikus daitekeenaren barraun kontuan hartu beharreko beste jazoera bat besterik ez da. Beste kontu bat da amatasunaren ondoren gaixotasun-baja ugari gertatzea, baina halakoak eta beren eskubideak neurri gabe balizatzen dituzten gizonezkoen gaixotasun-baja batzuk talde berean sartuko lirateke».

Ikuspegi positiboan, J.L. French Ansola-ko gerenteari esperientziak erakutsi dio ezen, «oro har, emakumeak gizonak baino gogorrakoak» direla, «alderdi askotan. Zuhurrakoak, zehatzagoak eta arduratsuagoak» direla. Bizkaiko enpresako emakume langileak ehu inguru dira. Orain batez ere mekanizazio- eta egiaztapen-arloetan dihardute, baina pixkanaka konpainiako beste sail batzuetan ari dira sartzen. Ander Maiz sinetsita dago geroz eta emakume gehiago ikusiko ditugula metalaren sektoreko enpresetan lanean.

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*"Hay unos pocos procesos industriales que todavía necesitan mucha fuerza; lo normal son entornos de trabajo limpios y agradables"*

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de la empresa, situada en un contexto geográfico de poca cultura industrial, se empezó a contratar mujeres sin formación específica para las funciones de verificación y control visual –explica Ander Maiz-. Al evolucionar la estrategia de la empresa y abordar, de un tiempo a esta parte, procesos más complejos y productos de mayor calidad, hemos reciclado a muchas de aquellas mujeres sin formación e incorporado a otras nuevas, procedentes de la Formación Profesional”.

### Oportunidades profesionales

Maiz destaca la “muy buena calificación específica” de estas nuevas empleadas preparadas en los ciclos de Formación Profesional. Desde su punto de vista empresarial, “la contratación no es una cuestión de género sino de disposición y preparación de las personas”. Considera que “el sector industrial en esta comarca va a ofrecer y ofrece ya oportunidades profesionales a chicas preparadas”.

En su opinión, el cambio cultural que supone la incorporación real de la mujer a puestos de trabajo en el sector del metal, hasta ahora con un ambiente exclusivamente masculino, es un “camino progresivo” sin vuelta atrás. Reconoce que para muchos empresarios las bajas por maternidad son un factor que pesa a la hora de decidir entre emplear a una chica o a un chico, “pero la maternidad es una incidencia más a tener en cuenta dentro de lo previsible. Otra cosa es que se produzcan muchas bajas por enfermedad después de la maternidad, que entrarían en el mismo capítulo que aquellos hombres que abusan de sus derechos con algunas bajas por enfermedad”.

En el lado positivo, la experiencia ha demostrado al gerente de J.L. French Ansola que “en general, las mujeres son más resistentes que los hombres en muchos aspectos. Más prudentes, detallistas y cuidadosas”. El centro de trabajadoras de la empresa vizcaína, ahora ubicadas fundamentalmente en las áreas de mecanizado y verificación, se van incorporando progresivamente a otros departamentos de la compañía. Ander Maiz está convencido de que cada vez veremos más mujeres trabajando en las empresas del metal.

### Professional opportunities

Maiz emphasises that those new employed women who were prepared in Vocational Training cycles have “a very good specific qualification”. From his managers’ viewpoint, “hiring is not a matter of gender, but of disposition and people’s training”. He considers that “in this region the industrial sector will offer and is already offering professional opportunities to trained women”.

In his opinion, the cultural change that means women’s real incorporation to jobs in the metallurgy sector, with an exclusive male environment up until now, is a “progressive way” without return. He recognises that many businessmen see maternity leaves as weighty arguments when it comes to deciding to hire a girl or a boy, “but motherhood is another incidence to consider within the foreseeable thing”.

A different thing is the producing of many sick leaves after motherhood and this would be the same as those men who exceed their rights in some sick leaves”.

On the positive side, J.L. French Ansola manager’s experience shows that “generally, women are more resistant than men in many aspects. Women are wiser, more considerate and careful”. This enterprise of Bizkaia has a hundred of women workers who are being located mainly in machining and verification areas and they are incorporating progressively for other enterprise departments. Ander Maiz believes that we will see more and more women working in metallurgy enterprises.

