

A photograph of two men, Hugo and Niko, standing on a beach at sunset. They are silhouetted against the bright orange and blue sky. Hugo is on the left, wearing a dark long-sleeved shirt and a cap, looking towards Niko. Niko is on the right, wearing sunglasses and a dark hoodie, smiling back at Hugo. The ocean is visible in the background.

# huko

**HUKO** is an exciting new music project by French producers Hugo and Niko. Their sound is all about mixing booming basses with bold melodies and punchy, heady synths.

Hugo was born in Bordeaux in the South West of France and started dabbling with the drums and beatbox at a very early age. Hugo's passion for electronic music started when he watched Tomorrowland, Belgium's EDM festival's aftermovie, at the age of 15 and since then, he has been busy working on several electronic tracks (EDM, Melodic and Future House) alongside DJing.

Niko was born in Montpellier and started playing the guitar at the age of 9 and later turned to the drums, bass, piano and so on. Growing up, Niko spent most of his time listening to the crème de la crème of French electronic music: Daft Punk, Justice, Birdy Nam Nam. Discovering Gesaffelstein's track "Viol" (released in 2011) revealed a whole new aspect of electronic music and marked a turning point in his career as a musician.

Hugo and Niko met in 2015 at Montpellier's School of Sound Design while studying the production techniques that shape today's musical scene. They soon clicked and decided to pool their skills in working towards a new project: Huko. The group were quickly picked up on by French label Roy Music and in September 2016, Huko released their first single: "Blind" featuring Cozy. "Blind" was an instant success and was playlisted on various streaming platforms and quickly reached Spotify's Top Viral Monde receiving more than 6 million streams. "Blind" got off to an excellent start, also going down well with French radios (Virgin Radio, Fun Radio) taking Huko through to the TOP 40.

Shortly after, Huko joined Control Production's roster and started perfecting their live performances for upcoming concerts and radio showcases in France. Huko's summer tour across festivals and clubs has sent the band to the Velodrome Stadium, through to Corsica's sandy beaches and Saint-Tropez's snazziest parties. Huko also came across fellow musicians while on the go: Ofenbach, Aslove or even Fakear, other "best newcomers of the year" so there's a strong chance you'll hear from Huko soon!