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The government allocates 350,000 euros of complementary aid for sports organizations

The grants are intended for the participants of the Small States Games

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The sports entities that participate in the Small States Games - which will be held in the country in 2025 - will have the option of receiving additional subsidies to the annual aid, all with the aim of supporting specific preparation programs for this contest. This was announced by the Minister of Environment, Livestock and Agriculture, and Government spokesman, Guillem Casal, during the press conference following the Council of Ministers. «The total amount of this item is a total of 350,000 euros. The deadline for submitting applications will end on April

12th and they must be submitted through the sports aid platform,» explained Casal. The total item of subsidies awarded to sports federations, entities and clubs is 4.3 million euros.

On the other hand, the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports calls for subsidies for the conservation and improvement of cultural heritage with a total of 222,620 euros and which take into account actions relating to documentary, bibliographic, furniture and real estate heritage. In the case of grants for documentary and bibliographic heritage, projects may receive grants from 1,000 to 10,000 euros. As regards the subsidies for movable heritage, which aim

to contribute financially to the implementation of conservation measures, they range from 1,000 to 50,000 euros. And in the case of immovable property, the aid will range between 1,000 and 100,000 euros - with regard to immovable property - and between 1,000 and 5,000 euros of aid in the case of intangible goods. The deadline for submitting applications will end on May 17th.

EQUALITY // The deadline for granting grants to companies and non-profit organizations that promote gender equality projects is also open. The rules can be downloaded from www.tramits.ad. ●



The Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, Mònica Bonell.

CONSULADO HORORÀRI DE PORTUGAL EN ANDORRA



The flags of Andorra and Portugal.

CONSULATE

Green light to reopen the headquarters of the Consulate General of Portugal in the Principality

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The Government validates the reopening of the Consulate General of Portugal in the country. As reported by the Minister of Environment, Livestock and Agriculture, and Government spokesman, Guillem Casal, the last session of the Council of Ministers

decided to approve the reopening of this body «after receiving the request from the Lusitanian side to reopen the consulate».

In this way, it will be facilitated that the Portuguese population residing in the Principality can «carry out consular procedures». The approval was given due to the proposal of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Imma Tor, with

the aim of allowing the Portuguese Republic to continue with the internal procedures for the reopening of the consulate.

For his part, Casal remarked that from the Government they qualify the approval with positivity because in this way «relations between Andorra and Portugal are nurtured», since the Portuguese country only has one



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Andorra hosts the Snow, Mountain and Wellness Tourism Congress

ANDORRA CONVENTION BUREAU

The event, focused on sustainability, will be held from March 20th to 22nd

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The World Congress of Snow, Mountain and Wellness Tourism lands in the Principality, this year with its premiere of incorporating wellness into its nomenclature. The event will take place in the parish of Encamp from March 20th to 22nd and will feature more than 30 speakers from countries such as France, Spain, Switzerland, Belgium, Aus-



Image of the poster for the 12th World Congress of Snow, Mountain and Wellness Tourism.

tria, Greece, Morocco and the United Kingdom, in addition of local participants. The conference will explore new trends in the sector, focusing on the offer of sustainable and well-being experiences.

Otherwise, on the 20th and

21st, there will be a debate on sustainability issues in the tourism sector, which will take place at the Andorra la Vella Congress Centre. Finally, on March 23rd, a series of fun and technical activities will be held in Encamp. ●

Approved the tender proposal to study the country's tourism burden

The Government calls the competition to select the company that will carry out the analysis

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Last Wednesday, the Council of Ministers approved the call for tenders for a competition in order to hire a company that will carry out a «study related to the burden of tourism in the country, as well as the necessary measures to guarantee the sustainability and qua-

lity of the tourism sector», argued the Government spokesman. With regard to the parts that the analysis must include, Casal pointed out that it is very important that it «incorporates the current and future, economic and social repercussions of tourist activity, taking into account the needs of the population». In this way, the company that is finally chosen as the one in charge of the study «will work under the direction of the Ministry of Tourism and Commerce», declared the minister. However, the study will be focused «not only on the part of the country's maximum tou-

rism burden, but also on the amount of accommodation». Although the assessment made by the awarding company must also take into account «the results of the maximum load capacity studies that the parishes are concluding and that they will soon receive», added Casal.

On the other hand, the tender will be made through a national competition with an open procurement procedure and ordinary modality. Finally, the rules can be downloaded from the website of the public sector procurement platform: https://contractació.govern.ad/SLE_Internet. ●

ambassador in Madrid, with a consul general in Barcelona and an honorary consul in our country.

Finally, the first Consulate General of Portugal in Andorra was opened on May 20th, 1998, but this was closed once the Portuguese Embassy was opened in the country in 2003.

However, the embassy closed on January 10th, 2012. Since then, Portuguese society resident in the Principality has had to travel outside the country in order to carry out procedures. ●