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**ECONOMY** 

## **Summit Art & Innovation confirms** the celebration of a second edition

be more facing the international community

Next year there will be more languages and it will || The Principality is "attractive" for companies that handle cryptocurrencies or the blockchain



►► Hardfork Project Day at one of the Summit Art & Innovation conferences.

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> he Art & Innovation Summit, an event that combines technology, entertain-

mitArt&Innovation,CarolinaAbril has taken stock of how the first edition of the event went. The team organizing the Summit chose Andorra «because it is a pioneering country in digital assets and the Law approved in May makes Andorra attractive to companies that manage blockchain, cryptocurrencies or NFTs», specified Abril.

technology. This is Law 24/2022, of June 30th, on the digital representation of assets through the use of cryptography and distributed ledger and blockchain technology.

The director of the Summit de-

for sharing, but above all it is intended for a professional audience, for people in high positions with the intention that they can feel comfortable and offer them a very varied program». In these conferences and talks, attendees were able to learn first-hand data, laws and were able to receive advice on investment funds, among many other things.

events such as networking. And this has been possible because «Andorra is a country that allows you to have a little bit of everything,» detailed the director. As a team «we always believe that when we do an event of many hours receiving information it is necessary to disconnect», commented Abril. That is why they wanted to offer spaces with music or VIP events so that attendees can share information with the speakers and also get to know each other in a slightly more private way. With regard to the music, the director thinks that it «generates very suitable atmospheres for this type of exchan-

ge and also to enjoy a little». The list they have counted on for the event, both speakers and participants, has been very varied. This result was obtained because the Summit organization «has been organizing events, congresses and fairs in Spain for many years that are focused on the luxury sector», explained Abril. When they presented the project, and especially with the focus of holding a summit of experts, everyone was willing to be part of it.

The director of the event concluded that «the content of the events was very good». Although in terms of attendance «we expected to have more attendance, but it is true that the companies are quite happy». She added that «the feeling is good for a first year.

The idea to create Summit Art & Innovation emerged at an architecture and interior design fair held in Marbella, Design of Marbella, in which Andorra was a guest country. The Principality focused on the real estate 'boom' part and more specifically on the demand for luxury homes by digital nomads. After discussions with the acting Minister of Economy and Business, Jordi Gallardo, they agreed and presented the Summit project to be carried out in the country.  $\equiv$ 

ment and digital culture, has confirmed a second edition next year with more languages and more international actors. This event was held at the Ordino National Auditorium on February 23rd, 24th the Digital Assets Law that regulates and 25th. The director of the Sum-

The Principality has approved cryptocurrencies and blockchain

tailed that the aim of this event was «so that those attending the conferences could receive information about the direction the sector is going, new projects that are emerging on blockchain technology». Abril added that «Summit is a space

It was an event that combined conferences with music and VIP



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### SOCIETY

## The Dominican community in **Andorra will create** an association

The Caribbean aspires to have an electoral voting point in the country

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oday is the independence day of the Dominican Republic from Haiti. For this reason, the Dominican community of Andorra and part of Catalonia met yesterday at the Font Blanca restaurant in La Cortinada, Ordino, to celebrate the day with a joint lunch. In what was the first formal celebration of Dominican Independence Dav in Andorra, personalities such as the Consul of the Dominican Republic, César Méndez, together with part of his diplomatic staff, and Enric Dolsa, who was invited to the event The consul, during a speech, affirmed the existing will to be able to create an association that can help all Dominican peo-

gell, where there is a larger and already quite congregated community. In addition, the consul highlighted the existing need for the creation of an electoral voting point so that Dominicans can exercise their right to vote from within the country. The event was useful for the congregation of different people who share an origin, in addition to being able to hold a bachata contest with the music of Heidy Paguero, a Dominican singer who has been living in the country since 2013, who encouraged the attendees with Latin music in the most purely Dominican style.

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Consul Méndez made some statements in which he remarked on Andorra as «a country of visitors and tourists», which, according to him, is why the Dominican community has been able to have a «very good welcome». Due to this good reception of Andorra towards the Dominican people, Consul Mendez stipulated that «start an associative activity here, where the Dominicans can me-



>> The consul, César Méndez, yesterday, during the event commemorating the independence of the Dominican Republic

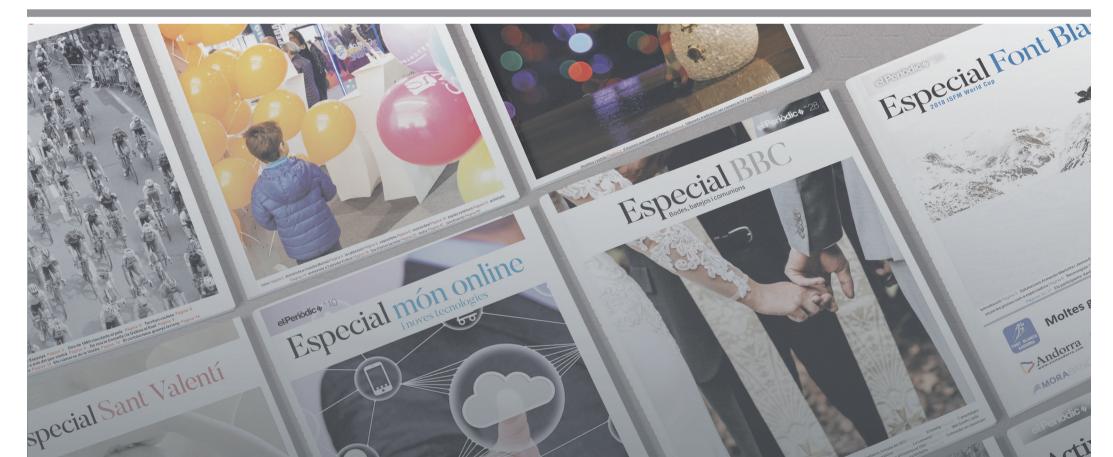
### CÉSAR MÉNDEZ

CÓNSUL OF R.D. IN BARCELONA «Starting an associative activity and an exchange with the organizations of this great country would be something important»

et, converge, to manage some social services and have an exchange with the organizations of this great country, both of the state and of society itself, would be an important thing, since, when you already have the retributive nature and the association level, pay taxes and are registered with the relevant authorities, the authorities respond more easily and more transparently".

Heidy Peguero performed a musical performance during the event, and made statements in which she remarked «I feel part of this country and I am super happy because it has welcomed me since I arrived». Peguero, also mentioned that she wanted to learn Catalan since she arrived and has already achieved a high degree of fluency. The singer declared that «I'm particularly excited to see Andorrans dancing to this rhythm... in addition to seeing that (bachata) has crossed borders» until reaching the country.  $\equiv$ 

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