



POLITICS

New extension for the environmental badge: it will not arrive until September 11th

The Government spokesman, Guillem Casal, alleged a problem «in the production of this»

The vehicle sticker will provide information such as the EURO classification or the fuel it uses

ALEX MONTERO
ESCALDES-ENGORDANY
@AlexMoontero

As reported by the Government spokesman and Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock, Guillem Casal, in the press conference following the traditional Council of Ministers every Wednesday, it will not be until next September 11th when the regulation of national system of energy labeling and vehicle emissions. This breaks the forecast carried out by the Executive during the last month of January, when its launch was already extended to this past July 31st in order to ensure «the corresponding trial period that allows guarantee its proper functioning». Now the reasons respond to other causes, and it is that, at the request of the Automòbil Club d'Andorra, the decision had to be postponed «due to a problem in the production of the badge, since the labels have not arrived in time», said Casal.

With the aim of ensuring the control of the classification of vehicles from an environmental point of view, this badge will provide «information on the efficiency and emissions of the vehicles, such as the EURO classification or the fuel it uses». In addition, the minister explained that the sticker will also incorporate «a QR code to centralize additional information relating to the vehicle, such as the cylinder capacity or the year of manu-



► The Government spokesman and Minister of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock, Guillem Casal.



GUILLEM CASAL
MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND GOVERNMENT
SPOKESPERSON

«The badge will be issued to new vehicles together with the registration, while the rest will do so as they pass the MOT»

facture».

However, it should be noted that the adhesion of the badge will be different depending on whether they are new vehicles or not. Regarding the first, and according to Casal, «the badge will be issued together with the registration», while the rest «will be incorporated as they pass the MOT». Once this happens, the owner of the vehicle «will have the obligation to place the environmental badge in the terms and conditions established by the corresponding Regulation». ≡

Two new aids to promote the circular economy this 2023

The Ministry of the Environment validated the AGREDA and LSR SLU projects

A.M.
ESCALDES-ENGORDANY

The Executive will continue to grant aid this year to all those projects «that encourage and promote the circular economy». A series of aid that, since last Wednesday, has two more proposals approved

by the Government headed by Xavier Espot: AGREDA and the Logistics and Recycling Services (LSR) SLU project.

With regard to the first of these, and as the minister explained, it is a «launch of the Observatory of Innovation and Circular Economy», indicated the spokesperson of the Government, Guillem Casal, with the objective of «contributing through the contribution of knowledge to the general transition of Andorra towards this circular economy». On

the other hand, the proposal concerned by LSR revolves around «the incorporation of the treatment line for rejected electrical equipment containing SF6 gas».

With a budget of 39,000 euros out of the total 150,000 available for this grant, both projects follow in the footsteps of Altura SL, the company that received the first grant awarded in June. It should be remembered that this contemplated a study on «a constructive system of structural stone walls using the sto-

ne from the same excavation of the building», mentioned Casal. In this case, the aid was 10,000 euros.

Following this line, the Minister of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock wanted to mention once again the objective of the program promoted by the Executive: «We want to promote aid intended mainly for private companies and business groups or associations in order to promote the circular economy and improve the efficiency of material resources».

Casal also emphasized that the call for these grants will remain open until December 4th this year, with a budget item of «101,000 euros for possible new projects that may enter this time». ≡



New criteria for the five stars

At the proposal of the Minister of Tourism and Commerce, Jordi Torres, the modification of the Regulations for the operation of the register of houses for tourist use and of their management companies was approved. With the aim of obtaining the five-star classification, from the 300 points that were needed up to now, a minimum number of 325 is passed.

Decriminalization of abortion

Questioned about pharmacological abortions in La Seu d'Urgell, the Executive once again shows his awareness of this practice and is confident of moving towards its decriminalization, but without putting the constitutional system of the Principality in question.

Carry out the gender change regulation

The Government's intention is to work together with the collectives and schools involved to make effective the sex reassignment regulation, already included in the 2022 portfolio of services and under the paradigm of guaranteeing, from the Ministry of Health, the corresponding health criteria in each case.

Don't miss any special editions
of **El Periòdic!**

CELEBRATION

The Festivities of Encamps have a program for all audiences

The 'Surprise Rally' will take place in the Sant Miquel car park

EL PERIÒDIC
ESCALDES-ENGORDANY
@PeriodicAND

The Festivities of Encamp returns from August 14th to 16th with a program for everyone. The minor consul, Jean Michel Rascagnères, and the representatives of the Encamp Festivities Committee, Christian Fernandes and Van Donsion, presented last Wednesday the different activities that will be held in the town during the days of the festivities.

Therefore, there will be parades, sports activities, concerts, children's games and different aquatic proposals. The most traditional events, such as the youth dinner, the fishing competition in Cortals, the Surprise Rally or the Sant Roc mass will not be missing either. The complete program can be consulted at comuencamp.ad.

During the presentation, the minor consul thanked «the work done by all the technical services and the Festivities Committee», as well as reminding that during the three days

unmissable

Parade
August 14th at 7:30 p.m.
Arinsols square

Surprise Rally
August 15th at 3:00 p.m.
Sant Miquel car park

Delivery of commemorative plaques
August 16th at 1:30 p.m.
Municipal House

of the Festivities there will be a purple dot with the Red Cross.

On the other hand, Fernandes emphasized that from the Commission «we wanted to make a program as diverse as possible with activities from the youngest to the oldest so that everyone feels integrated and enjoys the activities».

Regarding the activities, Donsion explained that the three most important events of the Festivities will be the village parade, which takes place in the streets together with the bars of the parish, the 'Surprise Rally', which this year is changed from location



► Festivities poster.



CHRISTIAN FERNANDES
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PARTY COMMITTEE

«We wanted to make a program as diverse as possible with activities from the youngest to the oldest».

in the Sant Miquel car park. The last act is the presentation of the commemorative plaques to the parish godparents, which will be held after the Sant Roc mass in the municipal house. In addition to these events, you can enjoy evening dances, a yoga session in the pool and discomobile for young people.

TOWN PLANNING

The Caldes building can receive offers until August 30th

The reforms will have an extraordinary credit for a value of 376,000 euros

EL PERIÒDIC
ESCALDES-ENGORDANY

The Municipality of Escaldes-Engordany made public this Wednesday the decision to extend until next August 30th the presentation of offers for the works to reform the Caldes building. As reported in the Official Gazette of the Principality of Andorra (BOPA), the call

will be open until 3:00 p.m. on August 30th. Companies that have already submitted their offer can withdraw it from the municipality's Procedures Service, in order to be able to present it again within the established deadline.

It should be remembered that the Caldes corporation approved last July 12th an extraordinary loan for a value of 376,000 euros for the reform of the Caldes building.

The supplement was to extend the deadline for Gili's proposals to reform the Caldes building, in ad-



► An operator at work.

dition to carrying out work that was deemed necessary and that was not initially planned. ≡

TOURISM

July ends with a hotel occupancy of 65%

July has been the second consecutive month with the highest figure since 2015

EL PERIÒDIC
ESCALDES-ENGORDANY

This month of July hotel occupancy was 65.75%, as reported, being the second consecutive month the highest figure since 2015.

The week of July 24th to 30th «has continued the growth expected for these dates», compared to the previ-

ous week, explained the director of the Hotel Union of Andorra (UHA), Jordi Pujol.

During this weekend, the average weekend occupancy was 83.41%, 9.32% more than the average for the week. Compared to the previous weekend, the increase was 7%.

It should also be noted that the employment average has been increasing week after week during this month of August. In addition, employment in the month of July is higher than that of the same month last year, specifically 3.35% more. ≡

Your leading real estate agency in Andorra.

Our experience guarantees results, realtors since 1988.



(+376) 353 424 / (+376) 379 769

(+376) 747 747

laportella@andorra.ad

Casa Nova Olivet 10 · Ordino

www.laportella.ad