



ECONOMY

Personal income tax collection grows to 52 million euros in 2022

24,750 euros correspond to the voluntary tax declaration campaign

The Ministry of Finance foresees a deficit of 32 million euros for the 2024 budget

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Last Tuesday, the Department of Taxes and Borders received the balance of the 2022 Personal Income Tax declaration campaign, presented by the Minister of Finance, Ramon Lladós. As he reported during the exhibition of the data, the collection has amounted to 52 million euros, of which 24,750,611 euros have corresponded to the voluntary tax declaration campaign that ended last Monday, while the rest they have been obtained from the withholdings made during the fiscal year. «This data exceeds the forecasts presented at the beginning of the campaign, in April 2023», indicated Lladós, adding that «the forecast is to achieve results in line with the previous year».

Along these lines, the minister recalled that 2021 closed with a collection of 51.5 million euros and 2020, with 37.2 million. So, Lladós declared that in the PIT campaign, at the end of the voluntary period, «22,037 declarations have been submitted, 18,638 of them electronically and 3,399 in person». Of all of them, 11,044 correspond to a payment by the taxpayer (27,354,786 euros in total), 5,012 are related to a positive balance (return of 2,604,175 euros) and 5,981 have had a zero result.

With regard to the collection corresponding to 2022, and breaking down the different years, Lladós stated that 24.75 million euros have to do with the result of the differential quotas; 14 million correspond to the deductions applied to the income from work; 8.25 million are from the installment payment of economic activities and 5 million euros result from the various withholdings on the income from the movable capital.



► The Department of Taxes and Borders of Andorra.

The deficit of 32 million euros will enter parliamentary proceedings in the General Council before the end of October

Deficit of 32 million for 2024/ During the press conference following the appearance, Ramon Lladós declared that the budget for 2024 foresees «a deficit of 32 million euros», which will enter parliamentary proceedings in the General Council before ends October. However, the minister emphasized the fact that this deficit «doesn't have to be fulfilled», since everything will depend on several factors,

such as whether all the budgeted investments are carried out or how the economic income from taxes: «The figure complies with the Law of Sustainability of Public Finances and this allows us to make a budget up to a deficit of 1% of the GDP», he added, affirming that possibly this «will be around 3,200 million euros at the end of the year».

With regard to the country's public entities, Andorra Telecom will

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MINISTER OF FINANCE



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once again provide the general benefits, a fact that will not be repeated with FEDA. As explained by the Minister of Finance, the entity «is not in a position to contribute anything, since during Covid-19 the rates were kept very low and this generated a deficit that they are still wiping up». =

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EDUCATION

108 UdA students have graduated in the 2022-2023 class

This year's academic year starts with 650 new students at the university

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The University of Andorra (UdA) inaugurated last Tuesday the 35th edition of the academic year 2023-2024, in an event held at the Congress Center of Andorra la Vella and chaired by the head of government, Xavier Espot, together with the rector of the university, Miquel Nicolau. During the opening of the course, the 108 graduates of the 2022-2023 class were congratulated, and the new students joining the Universitat d'Andorra were welcomed.

Thus, the academic year starts with 650 students, which represents «a figure similar to last year», thus consolidating the increase in students in recent years, explained the rector. Nicolau also highlighted the new master's in data analytics, with which «almost all the master's continuation degrees» offered by the UdA are offered, and the offer will be completed next year with that of health. For this master's degree, «the budget will be negotiated so that it can be offered from September of next year», explained the rector, adding that «it is a step we were missing» because «we lost many students when they finished their bachelor's degree because they were going to do a master's degree and we couldn't get them back later for the doctorate either». The inaugural lesson was given by Ana Freire, PhD in computer science, expert in artificial intelligence, information retrieval and social media analysis. Under the title of 'The good side of Artificial Intelligen-



► The head of government, Xavier Espot, and the rector of the University of Andorra, Miquel Nicolau, at the opening ceremony of the school year.



MIQUEL NICOLAU
RECTOR OF THE UDA

«The budget for the master's degree in health is being negotiated to offer it from September next year»

«Many students, upon finishing their bachelor's degree, went to do a master's degree and did not return for their doctorate either»

ce', Freire addressed the use of it to treat mental health disorders. She emphasized that artificial intelligence has been talked about for 60 years and it is important to use it well, especially in the field of health. The head of government, Xavier Espot, thanked Nicolau for the work done, who last Tuesday offered his last parliament at the head of the institution, as elections will soon be called to choose the successor of the current rector, who will leave the University.

It should be noted that the event was also attended by the Ministers of Institutional Relations, Education and Universities, Ladislau Baró, and the Minister of Health, Helena Mas. Together with the rector of the University of Andorra, Miquel Nicolau, they were responsible for handing out the diplomas to the 108 graduates of the last class. ■



► Archive image of when the purchase of the Hotel Pol was approved.

Work is underway to create a university residence at the Pol Hotel

Mayoral emphasized that an economic feasibility study has been commissioned

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The growth of the UdA in the future is one of the major challenges facing the institution itself, both in terms of the facilities themselves and in a university residence. This was explained last Tuesday by the head of government, Xavier Espot, the rector of the university, and Miquel Nicolau. The Consul Major of Sant Julià de Lòria, Josep Majoral, highlighted last Tuesday that «the

corporation has already commissioned an economic feasibility study on the Pol hotel, to see what the investment would be».

Thus, Mayoral emphasized that the fact that the old Pol hotel is publicly owned makes it easier for it to be a university residence, remarking that «today it is much easier to carry out this project than it was three months ago» adding that «I am very clear that the private sector must be the one who manages it, who puts a significant part of this investment and who ends up making a good living, and ends up giving what we are pursuing, that the parish has young life», the con-

sul major argues.

Mayoral thus affirmed Espot's response, explaining that one of the major challenges of this legislature will be the reform of the UdA, with its expansion to the old Reig factory. In addition, he also reported that the Government's support for the university will not only be embodied in material infrastructures, but also in investments that should make it possible, for example, for the master's degree in health to be launched next year.

Finally, the head of government highlighted the benefits that young people will have with the association agreement with the EU. ■

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