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Llei 42/2022, de l'1 de desembre, de l'economia digital, l'emprenedoria i innovació, is a legislative text that reflects the commitment to regulate and organise the growth of the Andorran economy in the digital field. Does this law contribute to attracting relevant foreign companies to Andorra? Has Andorra become more competitive compared to other countries looking to attract digital nomads and high value-added companies? Vladlena Roigt, founder and CEO of The Principal Gestión, answers these and other questions.

**—What is the digital economy law, and how can it contribute to the development of the Andorran economy?**

—Some of the aspects included and developed in this law are the special economic areas with particularly attractive tax conditions. These include the implementation of technology companies, the regulation of incubators, accelerators and clusters as agents and levers for promoting innovation, the creation of open laboratories or living labs, the organisation of spaces, such as coworking or

coliving, or the definition and conditions for the arrival of the so-called digital nomads.

The text aims to offer maximum legal security to attract foreign companies in a highly competitive environment with numerous destinations - regions or countries - that seek to attract these profiles of people and companies with high added value.

**—Who are digital nomads?**

—As indicated in the text itself, digital nomads are those that, whether self-employed or employed, do not need a specific location to carry out their activity and use telecommunications and new technologies precisely to be able to work from anywhere. It is important to underscore that the activity must have a high innovation component to be considered a digital nomad that aspires to an immigration permit in Andorra.

**—If this is a new type of residence, what are the conditions for obtaining it, and how long does it take to complete the administrative procedures?**

—Precisely, this new type of residence provides the right to work in and from Andorra under different conditions than the rest of the authorisations. A noteworthy aspect is the need to obtain prior authorisation from the Ministry of Economy of the Government of Andorra, which



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Changes are very rapid and take place with very little time to adapt. The digital environment is a reality present in the private and individual, professional, business and administration spheres; thus, Andorran banking has to face these challenges in order to remain competitive in a global environment and offer the solutions that customers demand. Without a banking system adapted to this reality, Andorra will be a little less attractive; therefore, its role is fundamental.

**—The law has been adopted. Do you see any interest from representatives of the digital industry? From which countries in particular?**

**—Indeed, the law is recent, but it has already attracted some interest. We are not the first country to regulate this figure and other destinations have already, for some time, been implementing policies to attract these profiles. We act a bit like ambassadors not only in order to publicise this law, but also to promote the country as a destination for these professionals: Andorra offers an environment, a quality of life or optimal conditions for digital nomads, and precisely because of the component of not needing a geographical location to be able to develop their activity, citizens from the EU and outside the EU have shown interest.**

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classifies the applicant as a digital nomad or not according to the requirements of the law. With this validation, the application process can continue in order to obtain the aforementioned authorisation to reside in the Principality under the conditions established by law.

**—No. These applications are exempt from the 50,000 euros deposit required for other authorisations.**

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**—The Andorran banks' tariff policy is low, compared to French and Spanish banks, for example. I am referring to money transfer and account management fees... This has a negative impact on business in general and digital business in particular. What should Andorra do to improve the situation?**

—The banking sector, like so many others, is fully aware that the Andorra of the 21st century is and will be different from the Andorra of the 20th century.

As professionals, we have the responsibility to submit to the administration and process proposals with high added value and a high innovation component. This is the only way to make the Principality a destination for digital nomads and for them to contribute to the development and growth of our economy.●

HEALTH

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The Ministry of Health, together with Andorra Research and Innovation (AR+I), presented last Monday afternoon the 2024 national health survey, which will be launched in the next few days and the field work is expected to last for three months. The survey has around 100 questions that will be asked of a sam-

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ple of 900 people chosen at random.

The Minister of Health, Helena Mas, explained that they had wanted to go ahead with this project for a long time, but due to the pandemic it had to be postponed. This tool will allow the Ministry of Health to have much more information about health in the Principality, as it will allow policies to be designed to anticipate and plan the resources that are needed.

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The press conference to present the national health survey.

quality of life and also collect information on habits related to health, the use of health services or the implementation of preventive practices.

Another point they emphasized is that everything answered is strictly confidential, because the intention is for people to feel comfortable to explain their reality, which will allow them to be as sincere as possible. But she pointed out that during this next year, the AR+I will carry out the survey and the exploitation of the data obtained, and it is expected that the results will

be available in 2025.

**STATE AGREEMENT** // Asked about the status of the State agreement, Mas detailed that of the 51 agents who participate in the agreement, they have already received the return of 26 agents on the first draft that was delivered. She also stated that the goal is for the pact to be as collaborative as possible, and for this reason they will try to include what is sent outside the established deadline. Mas also stated that the pact will continue despite the fact that there are

groups that do not want to join, because it is an inclusive pact for all the people who participate in the health system.

**IMAGE CENTER** // Regarding the file that was opened last week at an imaging center in the Principality, the Minister of Health clarified that all providers have the obligation to make use of the medical history shared, and that for this reason the information file has been opened, because the provider in question was not transferring his work to the medical history. ●

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