



## STATISTICS

# 97.7% of requests for financial aid resolved favorably

The Government allocates 1.5 million euros to occasional aid during the first quarter of this year

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**97.7%** of requests for occasional financial aid processed during the first quarter of the year have been resolved favorably, thus 572 requests have been processed and 559 have been approved, for an amount of 1.5 million euros. 2.3%, i.e. 13, have been refused, according to the data made public last Thursday by the Government's Department of Statistics. By gender of the beneficiaries, women received 61.2% of the aid and men 38.8%.

The favorable requests have given rise to 1,111 grants, with the most awarded being the one referring to the care of basic needs with 46.5%.

The grants have been granted to 501 households and have benefited 899 people, with an average annual amount per household of 3,174.60 euros.

The households that have received the largest number of grants are single-person households (310 households, 61.9% of the grants) and single-parent households (117 households, 23.4% of the grants), while by nationality of the beneficiary, the Spanish and Andorrans receive 33.6% and 31.2% of the aid, respectively.

On the other hand, it should be noted that in relation to the housing grants corresponding to the first quarter of the year, 237 have been submitted. Of these, 61.2% have been resolved favorably and 18.6% have been denied. In addition, there are 34 pending applications, 11 have been filed and three are waivers. The committed amount of the aid for flexible housing during the first quarter adds up to a total of 342,734.58



► The Government building.

### the figures

**572** requests processed.

**559** the number of favorable demands.

**1,111** grants that have been carried out.

**889** people who have benefited from the aid.

euros. The average committed amount of this benefit is 2,363.69 euros per call and beneficiary.

23.4% of favorable applications come from the group of elderly people, 22.8% from single-parent families, 6.9% from young people and 6.2% from people with disabilities. By parish, the residents of Andorra la Vella receive 31% of the aid.

The majority of unfavorable applications, 56.8%, are because the applicants exceed the economic and patrimonial scale. The amount of the budget settlement of these benefits corresponds to 0.57% of the total expenditure of the Government.

**DEPENDENT CHILDREN/** In the field of benefits for dependent children, it should be noted that a total of 58 were submitted in the first quarter of the year. Of these, 53.4% were resolved favorably and the remaining 46.6% were dismissed, while there were none with a lack of documentation. During the first quarter of 2023, 27 aid applications were refused, which represents 46.6% of the total applications received. The main reason for refusal of applications has been to exceed the family LECS, with 44.4% of the refusals, followed by having less than 7 years of residence, with 29.6%, or not presenting the necessary documentation, with 25.9%. ≡

## General drop in fuel prices

The price of fuels has generally decreased during June compared to the previous month. This is clear from the data published last Thursday by the Department of Statistics of the Government, in which it is indicated that heating oil has decreased by 1%, locomotion oil by 0.9% and improved oil by 0.8%. As for 95-octane and 98-octane unleaded gasoline, they have dropped by 0.6%. In relation to the same period in 2022, they state that the selling price has also fallen in general. For example, heating oil has decreased by 31.7%.

## Spending on Public Order and Security climbs to 59.5 ME

The Government has allocated nearly 60 million euros to Public Order and Security during 2022. This is clear from the data published last Thursday by the Department of Statistics, in which it is indicated that the figure represents an increase of 10, 4% compared to the previous year and which corresponds to 6.3% of the total liquidated public administrations and represents an increase of four tenths in relation to 2021 and 1.9 in relation to GDP. Going into detail, spending on Security has climbed to 46.5 million euros and that of Justice to 13.

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SOCIETY

# The Trustees meet with the foreign Consuls

Ensenyat and Codina want to strengthen ties with international communities

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The general trustee, Carles Ensenyat, and the deputy general trustee, Sandra Codina, met last Thursday with the Board of the Association of the Consular Corps in the Principality of Andorra to strengthen ties and cooperation between the General Council and the international communities residents in the country. The meeting was attended by the president of the association, Yolanda Solà, honorary consul of Poland; the vice-president, Carlos Fernando, honorary consul of Chile, the secretary, Angelica Turróni, consul emeritus of Italy; the treasurer, Gabriel Espelleta Gil, honorary consul of Iceland; and members Cristina Palmitjavila, honorary consul of Germany, Antoni d'Ortodó, consul of Estonia, and Gilles Serra, honorary consul of Luxembourg. The aim of the meeting with the Board of the Consular Corps Association was to raise awareness of Andorran institutions, especially the General Council and Casa de la Vall, among the international communities based in Andorra. Over the next few months, actions will be designed to allow the communities represented by the honorary consuls a greater knowledge of the history and operation of the General Council. One of the proposals that will be carried out is the creation of specific modules within the framework of the Open Council that allow adapting the narrative of the contents for the different international communities. On



►► The General Trustees, in the General Council with the Consuls.

## The Open Council will have modules adapted to the institution for foreign communities

the other hand, together with the Board of the Association of the Consular Corps, it was agreed that the General Council can collaborate or host cultural activities promoted by international associations of residents established in the country. Both the trustees general and the honorary consuls emphasized the need to establish solid ties that allow greater mutual knowledge between the foreign communities and the General Council. ≡

CULTURE



►► The video mapping projected on the walls of Ràdio Andorra.

## Ràdio Andorra is beautified with a new video mapping

The projection was made on the south facade, on the occasion of the 'Encamp en Clau de Llum'

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The walls of the unique Ràdio Andorra building revived its history on Wednesday through an audiovisual projection on the south facade, as part of Encamp en Clau de Llum's summer cultural program.

The event, which gathered a good number of people, took place in the gardens of Ràdio Andorra, where the Esbart Sant Romà opened the evening performing a piece that searched for the vestiges of the roots of popular culture which are still present in the work of contemporary creation, making them the protagonists of today's piece. Esbart, with a new reinterpretation based on the experimentati-

on of the sum of the various styles to which we are accustomed, made the audience enjoy the dance outside the usual stage. With a starry sky as a decoration, the video mapping The history of Ràdio Andorra was projected, which through music and an original script, reviewed the different stages, from the 40s to the 80s, from the emblematic radio station, current headquarters of Andorra Tourism. The audiovisual projection, by Slide Media Studio, was very well received by the large audience who evaluated the audiovisual creation in a unique environment like Ràdio Andorra very positively. The Consul Major, Laura Mas, recalled that «this is a new initiative to highlight the historical heritage of the parish, with innovative formats such as audiovisual and which has been the guiding thread of the Encamp en Clau de Llum of the last years». ≡

ELECTIONS

# 20 employees of Correos Andorra for the Spanish generals

They arrive for the correct development of postal vote activities

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Correos has formalized the recruitment of 21 new workers in Andorra as reinforcement for the Spanish elections on July 23rd, specifically for the correct development of activities related to postal voting. Therefore, they report that the organization started the recruitment processes throughout Spain on May 30th, when the electoral call was carried out, and that it will continue to hire the staff that is necessary to guarantee voting by mail in the elections of the neighboring country of the south.

The reason for the increase in staff is due to the increase in the number of postal vote requests received and the coincidence of the elections with the summer holi-



►► Oficina de Correus a Andorra la Vella.

days, so the recruitments also cover 100% of the vacation of the staff during the month of July. In this sense, they emphasize that more than 30% of the salaried people who planned to take their holidays throughout this month, have voluntarily asked to delay them in order to be available during the campaign, a fact that, they say, it indicates the high level of commitment of the Correos staff to the public service.

The recruitments have been aimed at strengthening all Correos services, customer service at the offices, the distribution and distribution network of shipments, transport and logistics centers, including the one located at the Adolfo Suárez Madrid-Barajas airport, for the management of international shipments.

The deadline for depositing the ticket is extended until July 18th and can be done at any Correos office. In this way, they recommend all citizens who wish to quote by mail to do their business as soon as possible, taking advantage of the post office's opening hours, and to try not to leave it until the last minute to avoid waiting and unwanted accumulations. ≡

POLITICS

## Baró asks for the errors on the Tributes and Borders website

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The social democrat general councilor Pere Baró submitted to Sindicatura a written question addressed to the Government about the technical problems of the website of the Department of Taxes and Borders and which do not allow users to carry out the relevant operations, especially when the volume of these increases with the submission of declarations such as, for example, corporate tax or IGI. The general council recalled that the last bankruptcy of the website took place this month, on July 5th and 6th, and that many citizens and tax professionals found themselves unable to submit documentation. That is why Baró asked the reasons why the website often stops working «at the tensest moment of the fiscal calendar». ≡