



SUMMER AND LEISURE

Soak to beat the heat

We speak with the managers of the Termal Muntanya, Serradells and La Mola swimming pools

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The heat has arrived suddenly and with the high temperatures of these last few weeks, the most pleasant thing is to soak in order to fight the heat in the best possible way. This is why EL PERIÒDIC has spoken to the managers of some of the outdoor swimming pools in Andorra. Apart from prices and timetables, we asked them the average number of people who attend each day, until when they are open and all the types of tickets they offer.

The first to open was the Escaldes-Engordany Thermal Mountain pool, which did so last June 9th. Loli, one of the people in charge of the pool, explained to us that «between 300 and 500 people attend every day». As for the schedule, they are open every day from 10.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m. and the last day of this season will be Sunday, August 27th.

Regarding the prices, there are different ones, but what they don't have in this pool are subscriptions. The general ticket is priced at 9.50 euros and the reduced ticket is 6 euros. Children under the age of five enter for free and up to the age of 10 pay five euros. For those who work or who do not want to go there all day, there is the option of buying an afternoon ticket for a price of three euros.

The other two pools, Els Serradells of Andorra la Vella and the outdoor one at La Mola of Encamp, opened on June 24th and will be open until the eve of Meritxell, September 7th. In the case of Els Serradells pool «this year we opened a week later, due to the rain», commented the director of the pool, Marc Magallon.

Els Serradells pool opening hours are from 10.30am to 7.30pm. In terms of prices there is a lot of variety. Entry is free for children and seniors from Andorra la Vella. And for those who are not from Andorra la Vella, the price is 4.50 and six euros respectively.

As for subscriptions, there are monthly ones for 24 euros and there is a 25% discount for those who live in the parish. There are also group rates, 10 tickets that «are 25% cheaper than if you buy the daily ticket», detailed Magallon.

This pool is attended by an average of 700 users a day, although «on sunny days up to 1,000 people can come», explained the director of Els Serradells.

The outdoor pool at La Mola of Encamp during the months of July and August opens from 10.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. On the other hand, in the first week of September, from the 1st to the 7th, from Monday to Friday it is open from 12.00 to



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► From top to bottom: Els Serradells swimming pool in Andorra la Vella; La Mola outdoor pool in Encamp and Thermal Mountain pool in Escaldes-Engordany.

20.00 and on weekends from 10.00 to 20.00.

Regarding the prices, the entrance for adults costs 4.45 euros and children and seniors (people aged 65 and over) pay 2.50 euros. With regard to subscriptions, they are clas-

sified as members and non-members. First of all, for adults who are members the season ticket costs 25.10 euros and in the case of children and seniors it costs 12.55 euros. Secondly, for those adults who are not members, the pass for the

whole summer costs them 85.35 euros, while for children and seniors it costs 45.20 euros.

Games for the pool

The summer holidays are one of the most anticipated for everyone

and going to the pool is synonymous with fun for some and disconnection for others. Below we will detail some games for the pool and help make these moments even more fun.

First of all, a game that I'm sure many of you have played as a child is to ask your parents or siblings to throw a small hoop or some coin into the water and jump in to retrieve it.

Second, another option for entertainment is to dive under water, sing a song and try to get the other person to guess it. A variation of this game is instead of a song, imitate the sound of an animal and have your friend guess what it is.

timetable and prices

thermal Mountain pool

General admission: 9.50 euros. Up to five years they don't pay and up to 10 years it costs them five euros. The afternoon ticket costs three euros.

els Serradells swimming pool

entrance: six euros and for children and elderly people who are not from Andorra la Vella, 4.50 euros. The price of the monthly subscription is 24 euros.

la Mola outdoor pool

Daily ticket: 4.45 euros for adults and 2.50 euros for children and seniors (people aged 65 and over).

For those who like to dance, there is an activity for them: doing a choreography underwater. It seems easy, but it is not, since performing the movements underwater involves more effort.

If you have inflatable mattresses, you can line them up in the water for a race. The challenge of this game can be to see who reaches the furthest running on the mattresses.

Finally, and for those more restless, there is the option of a jumping competition: the most original or the one with the most style wins. The modality of the jumps is left to the imagination of those who decide to play.

There are a variety of options, both swimming pools to cool off in and activities, to try to remedy the heat in the best possible way and enjoy the summer. ≡

POLITICS

The association agreement and health, challenges for the new Secretaries of State

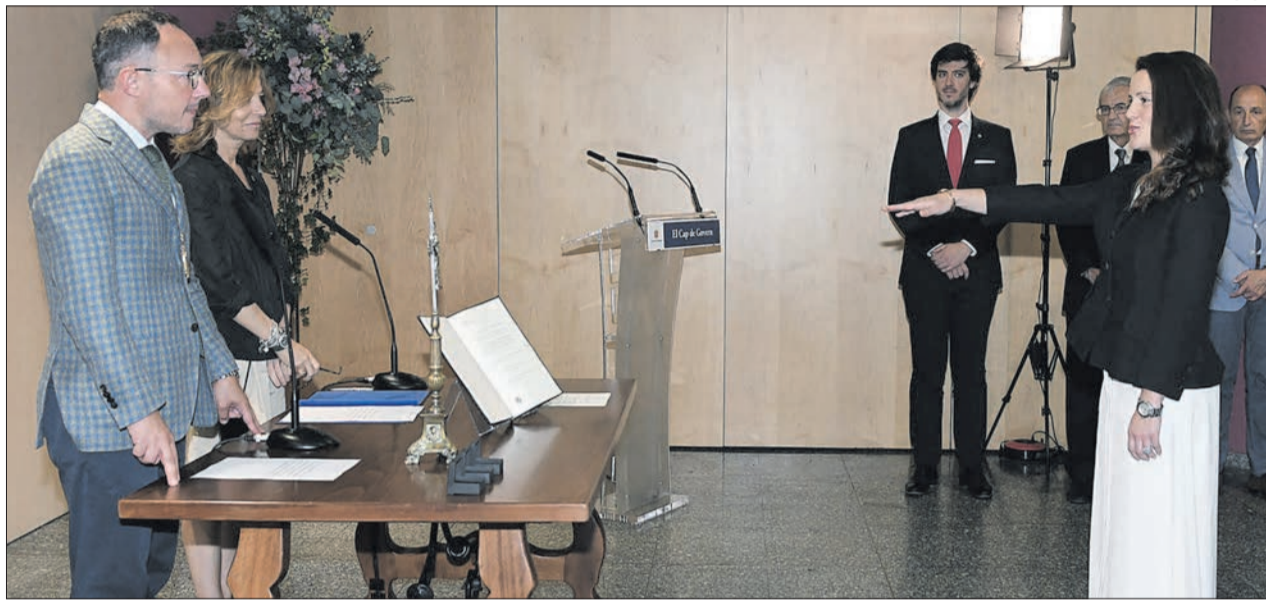
With these oaths, the Government completes the organizational chart of the new legislature

They want to modify the Civil Service Law, develop fiscal policy and guarantee healthcare

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The new Secretaries of State who complete the Government team of the new legislature took office before yesterday Monday in an event presided over by the Head of Government, Xavier Espot. In this way, Noèlia Souque, Marc Cornella and Cristina Pérez took the oath of office as Secretaries of State for International Financial Affairs, Public Service and Health respectively. For her part, Souque explained that the first step is the association agreement with the European Union, «we are starting to specify positions with the financial sector, and see how these chapters nine and twelve will go on financial services and capitals that are also very important for the country and the sector». On the other hand, Cornella takes on the Secretary of State position with great desire to face the challenge and with great enthusiasm, although he points out that «it is a difficult task due to the fact that officials must be given prestige again, that everyone sees them as what they are, people who are at the service of the citizen». He also explained that a complete review of the Civil Service Law will be carried out, «we will see what we can improve». Finally, Pérez explained that «I hope to be able to contribute my bit, with all the experience I have in the field where I come from, which is working in healthcare». The secretary intends to maintain the «excellence» of the health system, as well as address the health state pact involving political actors, sector agents and citizens

The head of government thanked the readiness of the new positions to face the challenge and emphasized that the secretaries of state are the link between the ministry and the directors and the rest of the workers of the various departments of the public administration. He also highlighted the Government's willingness to continue working for the development of the country's financial and fiscal policy; deploy the regulations emanating from the modification of the Civil Service Law; and continue to guarantee the quality of the country's healthcare system. ≡



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