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## Ull Nu inaugurates a project to support screenwriters

The festival will be held between May 9th and 14th in Andorra la Vella

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The Ull nu Festival will celebrate its tenth edition this year between May 9th and 14th in Andorra la Vella, with a new project to support the creation of learning scripts, the Ull Nu Lab. So, 42 screenplays have been submitted to the competition, and 8 of these have been chosen. The screenwriters will be able to take advantage of their participation in work sessions to «polish the versions presented at the Festival. To do this we will have two exceptional tutors, Neus Ballús, director of Catalan cinema» and the Spanish filmmaker Chema Garcia Ibarra», explained the director of the festival, Héctor Mas, last Tuesday.

In addition, he emphasized the fact that this project is a unique opportunity both for the screenwriters and for the festival itself, since the credits of the final project that comes out will put the stamp of the Festival. So, Mas explained that the Ull Nu Lab was a feedback, since the scripts that are seen at the festival this year may return to the festival in subsequent years as projects.

This is just an example of the acts that can be seen in the capital of the country during the days that the Festival lasts. It should also be noted that this year francophone cinema, as it is the first year that the Festival Cinemania of Quebec, in Canada, can be counted on. So, they will screen seven films, in addition to presenting the presence of artists who will enrich the program with their interventions, such as the director of the Canadian festival, Guilhem Caillard, the director Guillaume Lambert, the filmmakers Lawrence Côté-Collins and Zoe Pelchat and artist Louis-Philippe Rondeau.

So, the festival will be surrounded by different cultural proposals, such as all kinds of exhibitions, installations, talks, concerts and even family activities, as has become a tradition year after year.

Competition/ Even so, the bulk of the festival consists of the selection of short films and feature films from the country and neighboring territories, such as Catalonia, Aragon, Navarre, the Basque Country and Occitania. This year, 671 proposals were received and 23 were selected, including 3 short films from the Principa-

lity. All screenings will take place in the auditorium of the Congress Center. So, the films selected for competition are distributed in different blocks. The first will be held on Friday 12th at 8:30 p.m., the second will be on Saturday 13th at 6:15 p.m., and the last on the same day at 8:15 p.m. On Sunday, May 14th at 4:00 p.m., the award ceremony will be held, where 8,500 euros in prizes will be distributed, thus doubling the financial



**Héctor Mas**

AUDIOVISUAL DIRECTOR

«The objective of Ull Nu Lab is to polish the proposals presented at the Festival itself with the screenwriters»

prize compared to previous editions. So, the prize with the most funding will be awarded by the Government of Andorra to the Best Feature Film with a value of 3,000 euros. In addition, there will be a Young Jury award for the Best Feature/Short Film, with 700 euros, the General Council for the best work with 1,000 euros, the Andorran Youth Forum for UNESCO for the Best Photography with 800 euros, the Young Card Jury to the Best Short Film with 500 euros, and finally Ull Nu Lab for the screenplay with the same amount. It should be noted that both the short films and the feature films choose to take home the National Archives of Andorra Prize for the Preservation of Historical Memory, endowed with 1,000 euros and that all winners will receive a commemorative trophy.

The professional jury will be made up of the Costume Designer Désirée Guirao, the General and Programming Director of the Festival de Cinemania-Montreal, Guilhem Caillard and the General Director of Cinématique de Toulouse Frank Loire. On the other hand, the Carnet Jove jury will be represented by Àlex Llorens, Jane Claudine Cantor and Òscar Pichel.

Attendees will also be able to choose their favorite works by voting, and the audience awards will be given to the best feature/medium film and the best short film.

Other activities/The Festival also organizes other activities such as exhibitions at the Bici Lab Museum, which will house Liminal, by LP Rondeau, which will remain open to the public from May 10th to 31st. On the other hand, Plaça del Poble and Rambla Molines they will also host other exhibitions.

The musical performances will be, once again, one of the essential events of the Festival. For this reason, Malísima has been invited on Friday 12th at 7.45pm, a non-binary gender artist whose subjects deal with sexuality and gender identity. Gigi Morrala DJ Set will be the next artist, where the artist claims the garbage as a musical practice. ≡

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POLITICS

# The municipalities are committed to promoting a reasonable use of drinking water

Investments are being made to improve the efficiency of the potable network and reduce losses

The consuls will start «as soon as possible» the collection of data related to housing

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The seven senior consuls of the Principality agreed last Tuesday morning in Andorra la Vella, the launch of a public campaign to promote responsible use of drinking water. The Consul Major of Andorra la Vella, David Astrié, one of the speakers at the meeting last Tuesday morning at the Congress Center, explained that although at the moment the parish reservoirs currently have enough water to supply all the population of the Principality, «what we want is to convey this message that it is necessary to consume water responsibly to avoid having to apply more drastic measures in the future», explained the senior consul.

**The parishes also want to promote a project with the Government to work on and optimize forest management**

This joint campaign between all the municipalities is a measure to ensure that as little water as possible is lost throughout the distribution network. «what we want is to reduce the final consumption of water», explained Astrié, while affirming that already are carrying out different actions to invest in improving the efficiency of the potable network and to reduce losses to a minimum and also to raise awareness about this problem and making it clear that what is wanted is to make a modification or a commitment of all the municipalities to «first become aware that there is less and less water, that there is also a cost to treat it, and finally that perhaps we should consider looking for other sources or catchments if the situation is getting worse.»

With regard to housing, the municipalities will begin as soon as possible the collection of data related to housing, which will be managed



► Meeting of Consuls at the Congress Center of Andorra la Vella.



**DAVID ASTRIÉ**  
CONSUL MAJOR OF ANDORRA LA VELLA

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through the Information System for lease contracts (SICAR). The Consul Major explained that in the coming days they will contact the National Housing Institute to speed up or simplify all these procedures that should be done from now on so that it is more agile for citizens but also from the point from an administrative point of view. «We want to talk to the Institute to see if we can put some means in place to speed up all these mechanisms. The housing problem affects everyone. We want to simplify the procedures as much as possible, and this will allow greater speed in the system», explained Astrié. The registration of rental contracts is a work tool provided for in the Law on the creation of the National Housing Institute and will provide information that will be necessary for the institutions to have in-

dicators on the real situation of the market. The meeting also presented the conclusions of the engineering study on the utilization of forest biomass. In this sense, the municipalities want to propose, together with the Government, a national project for the use of wood and biomass to work on forest management and minimize the risk of fire as much as possible. These are two axes that concern the Municipalities «we already experienced an episode of drought and fires last year. With this study, we intend to work together with forest management,» said Astrié.

Finally, the Consul Major explained that the Municipality of Escaldes-Engordany has been empowered to call for a new tender to manage the incinerator at La Plana cemetery, whose concession has ended after five years. ≡

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