The organization offers financial support to Andorra in case of need and technical assistance.

**IMF entry process**

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The Government requests access to the Executive Board of the IMF. If the request is accepted, send a mission to the country for information. With the results, the IMF makes a proposal of entrance fee. If Andorra accepts the quota, the IMF raises the resolution draft to the governors. If the vote is in favour, Andorra must adopt the legal framework required by the IMF. Andorra and the IMF formally sign the accession in Washington.

**Small countries**

| Contribution of intangible values |

David Vegara’s report underlines the value for small countries belonging to the IMF has a lot to do with the intangibles of the institution: access to specialized knowledge, the use of this knowledge to make good economic decisions and the reputational effect it can have on investors or potential customers.

Since the island of Nauru entered the IMF in April 2016, the number of member countries amounted to 189. Of these, 43 are defined as small countries (they have less than 1.5 million inhabitants).

However, the countries directly comparable with Andorra would be the so-called microstates, which have a population of less than 200,000, of which there are 16 members. Vegara points out that often the authorities of small countries have complained on several occasions because of the excessive time that elapses between the missions, the rotation of staff and the adaptation of the analysis to their specific characteristics. The IMF recognizes limited spending on overseeing small country economies as well as on technical assistance and training tasks. However, the cost of technical assistance for microstates multiplied by almost three between 2009 and 2011, compared to the previous decade. The expert quotes the example of San Marino to assert that in the event of a crisis in a high-income microstate and specialized in financial services to non-residents, the involvement of the IMF does not have to focus on financial assistance, but in the provision of technical assistance and supervision for recovery.
**POLITICS**

### Non voters increases by 96.6% in six years

However, the number of participants in the last five elections is the same.

The Statistical Department published the statistics for participation in the elections for the first time this Monday, with the collaboration of the head of the government, the committees and related entities. It’s a good indicator to measure public opinion regarding the link between citizens and political parties and also to analyze the state of the democratic system. The figures include the data of the last five elections held in the Principality, whether they were general (April 2009, April 2011 and March 2015) or communal (for the comú) (December 2011 and December 2015), accompanied by a global characterization of the electoral population in this period.

The electoral population between 2009 and 2015 increased + 23.7% (4.811 people), a variation above the increase of the population with Andorran citizenship in the same period, which was +11.4% (3.665 people). In total values, the number of people who participated in the last five elections has been maintained, but the volume of non-voters in the last communal election (December 2015) has increased by +96.6% compared to the call in 2009 (general). The parishes with less abstention were Camillo and Ordino, while the parishes of Andorra la Vella and Escaldes-Engordany presented a higher level of abstention. The electoral population surpasses the female one, but the percentage of voters is slightly higher in the case of women. By age segments, abstentionists are concentrated to a greater extent in the two smaller sections (18-23 years and 26-35 years) and in the most advanced age group (over 65). Weirily, abstention is more present in the voters born in Andorra than those born outside of the country. By place of residence, it is observed that the electoral population that does not live in Andorra presents a higher level of abstention.

Finally, approximately two thirds of the voters voted in person, while a third party presented the judicial vote and less than 1% voted by postal mail in the group of the last five elections since 2009.

**ECONOMY**

### The PS wants to know the cost of the failed project: The Cloud

They also want to know the expenses by other entities involved.

General counsilor of the Social Democratic Party (PS), Rosa Gili, has demanded a formal request for information on the project of the The Cloud building, now suspended by Andorra Telecom. They want to have data to analyze everything that has happened to this initiative. In particular, they want to know how much public money has been allocated so far and the future spending despite the fact that the project is finally not being built. In the text sent this week to Sindicatura, the parliamentarian of Escaldes asks, first of all, the “relativity of all the expenses made so far linked to the construction the The Cloud since its inception: a request that includes, among others those linked to the design of the building, the fees of the architectural office or the demolition of the former fire station and former headquarters of Andorra Telecom. They also want to know the costs that have not been directly assumed by the public but by other entities, such as the Government or the Comú of Andorra la Vella. The counselor also wants to have access to all the documents of the tender for the construction of the now deserted building, including the basis list, the offers presented by the builders who participated and the reports of the building, adjudication, as well as the reports and studies required for its realization. The request refers to all the studies and reports on the construction project, especially those that refer to the cost forecasts, in the hands of Andorra Telecom or the delegated property. Finally, Gili claims all studies of economic feasibility and business plans that have been made to verify the profitability of the investment in the The Cloud building. They also stated that they want to have all the information related to the expenses until now but “we also need to know in which ones are pending, since there were probably commitments to it”. Also emphasizing the importance of the public money spent.

**BULLYING**

### In seven years 82 complaints to the Police for bullying

Regarding the age of the victims, excluding the eight cases of boys and girls who were bullied at 11, most were in the range of 12 to 15. A total of 39 complaints, almost half, came from victims that were in their teenage years: 13 people aged 14 years; 17, 15 years old; and 9 of them are 16 years old. Only two cases of bullying were detected at the age of 17, one in 2017 and one this year. These figures only correspond to the cases in which the police have intervened such as when it is a group and not a single aggressor or when erotic photos or videos are involved as stated by the director of the Educational Inspection Department, Marie Pages.
‘Diva’ leaves stage equalising the results of the last ‘Scalada’

The musical proposal of the Cirque du Soleil reaches 105,000 spectators, 2,000 less than last year

EL PERIÓDIC ANDORRA LA VELLA

For a month, Cirque du Soleil, the famous show: talented, big and great acts showed a «boss» (great) performance 2 days ago for the closing ceremony, managing a total 100,000 spectators. Only 2,000 less when 107,000 came last year when a record was broken. The total of spectators of the show equalized that of the series Scalada Star also held in the Principality.

Francese Camp, head of Tourism expressed the efforts made and the large volume of sales. He later stated «personally think that 100,000 visits can demonstrate the power and the importance of the show». Moreover, the 22 acts of Diva have always had an attendance of 95% or more. In total there were 310,000 tickets and 22 shows distributed in July.

Packs were sold with tickets and accommodation in hotels or inns. The key to their success was the lodging offers made to tourists. The rest of tickets were acquired through the website, at the Tourist Office of Andorra la Vella or directly at the box office: «everything suggests that we will increase the number of tickets by more than 10%» the minister added.«I personally think that 100,000 visits can demonstrate the power and the importance of the show». Moreover, the 22 acts of Diva have always had an attendance of 95% or more. In total there were 310,000 tickets and 22 shows distributed in July.

More music, less stunts! The change of concept has worked, people have had a good time and have danced to the rhythm of the diva music: «Des Camp, That is why it makes sense to continue with this type of format next year» he added. «We still have to talk to the Cirque and we will start doing it at the end of August».

CONFIRMED THE CENTRAL PARK/ The Minister of Tourism explained that there is still a year of contract with the Comitó Andorra la Vella for the show to take place next summer and thus denied rumours that this season will be the last one for the Cirque. Soit is confirmed that next year the Parc Central will be the place to host the show once more. «Andorra la Vella has presented other proposals for spa- ces but it is true that the Central Park is an optimal place in terms of the proxi- mity of the shops and the amount of available hotels available in the cen- tral parishes» admitted Camp. However, the Tourism Minister once again recalled one of his main goals: it is to have «a multifunctional venue» «I hope that the next Government takes it into account» he added.

The winners of the 100,000 spectators were Toni Gallego and Cristina Salmeron, from Tarragona, who, along with their children, came up to Andorra to see the Canarian show. This was their third consecutive time that they came to the Principality to enjoy the Cirque du Soleil. «Last year we came for the weekend and had seated tickets for Friday and we liked it so much that we repeated on Saturday. Two years ago we did the same – Gallego recalled. The family regularly visits the country almost every month or month and a half to buy stuff and to come around» Gallego said. Salmeron was «very happy» for being the 100,000 spectators and was delighted with the prize: a weekend stay for next summer and free tickets for the show in 2019, so that means it will be their fourth visit in a row to see the shows in Andorra.

This year the Cirque du Soleil rewards the 100,000 spectators

The increase in imports reveals the urgent need for a logistics park

EL PERIÓDIC ANDORRA LA VELLA

Aveda, especially for exchanging merchandise and organizing its distribution, begins to be a necessity. This is what the sector says, which reminded us that the economic recovery has also led to an increase in imports, especially those arriving from Spain. The Association of Carriers and Freight Forcers of Andorra (ATMC) states that urban roads are increasingly filled with lorries, in the words of its manager, Victor Filloy. It is not possible to transport with such large vehicles in the country, bringing merchandise up and down the road. If the logistics park is not done, Filloy warned that the country will end up having a problem with distribution. Filloy considered that all the big cities have logistics ships on the outskirts where large trucks unload merchandise and use smaller ones for distributing in shops or the business sector. This installation should be located at the entrance of the country in the Spanish border, in San- ta Coloma or even at the Seu d’Ur- gell. In ATMC’s opinion. Last year, imports from Spain totalled 832 million euros, while those from France were of 180 million. In 2017 they had an import value of 1,307 million, which represents about 80 million more than in 2016.
MOUNTAIN RACES • SKYRACE COMAPEDROSA

King Jornet

The Catalan runner acquires the record of the race and Òscar Casal finishes sixth

There is no one like him. Kilian Jornet was proclaimed the Skyrace Comapedrosa champion Sunday with a 50% extra bonus for the Skyrunner World Series. In a great run of 211 kilometres and 2,300 metres of positive elevation gain, he lowered the record of the race in almost two minutes and was victorious with a difference of three minutes and 11 seconds from Pascal Egli. It was the first time in nine for Jornet to run in Andorra: "A lot of good memories came to mind, this is where I won my first World Cup and I feel like home. I had always wanted to come back but it is difficult to go everywhere, but I was really looking forward to this, there has been a great level and it has been a sport celebration." In a race like this you must keep going as fast as your legs allow you," Jornet added.

A PERFECT SECOND PART / Jornet dominated the race after Peter Engdahl made a strong start and a very intense first hill. The rhythm continued all the time and the race was fought at all times under a hellsfire sun and in fact, Engdahl was able to leave behind Jornet a few metres but later, he suffered a fall, at which time Pascal Egli and Finlay Wild caught them. However, in the second steep climb towards Comapedrosa, after the Pia de l'Estany, Jornet accelerated the pace and on the descent he gave his all until he reached the finish line where the crowd was cheering for him and asked him for photographs. And it is a fact that Jornet is more than a legend, he is a myth, a reference.

The Catalan runner participated in the race after suffering a long injury but did not notice any discomfort during the race. He registered a time of 2:33:18. Second was Egli, with 2:36:29 and third, Engdahl, with 2:39:12.

On the other hand, the runner of the Andorran Mountain Federation, Òscar Casal, finished in sixth position and was very satisfied with the result: "It's amazing, I'm super happy. I felt very well during the race, I was very excited about the second hill because last year I was 300 metres short but this time I was hydrated and I ate well. I reached the summit fifth but I lost a position coming down because I had a few cramps, he explained. "Being sixth is extraordinary. This would not have been possible without the people, the entire country got involved and I would like to thank them because the cheering helps you a lot", he emphasized.

Cardelús does not meet the goals

MOTORCYCLING / The Andorran driver Xavi Cardelús was not able to repeat his results from last weekend. Even so, he had set as a goal this weekend the fourth round of the European Moto2 Championship at the fourth round of the European Moto2 Championship held Sunday in Motorland where he placed 12th and seventh in the two races of the weekend. In the first race, the Andorran started well and was seventh on the first lap until he fell on the eighth lap. Cardelús got up as quickly as he could and returned to the race to end up in 12th position. Cardelús will dispute next weekend the Grand Prix of the Czech Republic of Moto2 World Championship.

Admiral is declared champion of the open CHESS / Dutch international master Miguel Adorna is the champion of the 36th edition of the International Chess Open of Andorra after beating the great Slovakian master Christoph Repek, with seven and a half points. In second place, there are four players, the great masters Lagarde, Postny, Del Rio and Demuth, with seven points. In third place, up to eight players with six and a half points: Fedorchuk, Arizmendi, Kunin, Flóvius, Ruiz, Mayehbavere, Pena and Smith. The best Andorrans, with five and a half points, were Robert Alomà and Raül García, who after hydrated the last round in draw, they ended up 22nd and 30th respectively.

Missé and López, Andorran champions

CYCLING / This weekend, the Ordino Anyós Park Challenge has been held, concurring with the Andorran Championship on route and against the clock. In men's category, Ferran Robert won and Jan Missé was second, becoming a national champion on route. In women's category, the victory was for Sandra Santanyes. The second position and champion of Andorra was Yolanda López, both on route and against the clock. Julio Pujol was against the clock champion.

Andorra earns third place with revenge

BASKETBALL / Andorra won Sunday against Moldova by 55 to 41 in the match for the third and fourth places of the European Championship C after the Andorrans had lost at the semi-finals against Malta. Carla Solana was the most valued player in the game with 28 Performance Index Rating (PIR) points, while Lászlo scored 19 points. For their part, Moldova were more successful in rebounds but not had as much scoring ability as Andorra. As for the final, Gibraltar won 49-56 against Malta and was proclaimed champion of the tournament.

Kilian Jornet

Runner

"A lot of good memories came to mind, this is where I won my first World Cup and I feel like home."

Marc Casal

Pan-Runner

"I gave my all for the people, because they encouraged me and they made me continue, I gave more than I had."

**Kilian Jornet at the finish line of the Skyrace Comapedrosa, Sunday**

**Results**

**Men's category**

1. Kilian Jornet (ESP) 3:33:18
2. Pascal Egli (SUI) 3:29:33
3. Peter Engdahl (SWE) 3:23:18
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5. Pascal Egli (SUI) 3:29:33
6. Òscar Casal (AND) 3:24:15
7. Laura Orgué (ESP) 3:22:57
8. Sanna El Kott (SUE) 3:22:15
10. Tara Murgatroyd (AUS) 3:20:56

**Women's category**

1. Laura Orgué (ESP) 3:06:54
2. Sanna El Kott (SUE) 3:03:07
3. Eli Gordon (ESP) 3:01:41
4. Marta Llagostera (ESP) 3:01:51
5. Ohiana Azkorbebeitia (ESP) 3:03:15
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