Town meetings on the agreement with the EU start next Monday

Government schedules 11 reunions to «inform and gather information» on the agreement. Riba is «optimistic» with the state pact despite not having it closed with resumption of negotiations.

**AGENDA OF THE TOWN MEETINGS**

- **CANILLO**
  - Monday 30 of September
  - Palau de Gel Auditorium

- **ENCAMP**
  - Wednesday 2 of October
  - Conference hall of la Valireta

- **PAS DE LA CASE**
  - Monday 28 of October
  - Sports Centre

- **ORDINO**
  - Thursday 17 of October
  - Conference hall of the Congress Centre

- **LA MASSANA**
  - Monday 14 of October
  - Sala de la Closeta

- **SANTJULIÀ DE LÒRIA**
  - Monday 21 of October
  - Cultural and Conference Centre, Rocafort Auditorium

- **ANDORRA LA VELLA**
  - Thursday 17 of October
  - Lacuna auditorium

- **ESCALDES-ENGORDANY**
  - Thursday 24 of October
  - Conference hall of the comú

There will also be meetings in Barcelona, Toulouse and by streaming.

**THE STATE PACT**

Although the Secretary of State for European Affairs wished to resume negotiations with the EU with the state pact ready, Riba was «optimistic» about the possibility of concluding an agreement between the government and the other political forces in this respect. «The talks continue. There is room to find the necessary consensus. There is still time to achieve the approximations required for a pact of this nature» stated the head of the negotiating delegation.

However, Riba disassociated the fact of not having reached the State pact with the resumption of negotiations, which will take place next October 8. «The agenda of negotiations has not stopped nor does it depend on the progress of this agreement» said Secretary of State for European Affairs. However, he did note that the next meeting will only address «contingency issues that are already on the table and that in no case compromise the discussions around a political consensus». Jover disassociated the PS's anger following the government's refusal to support the proposed law on housing with the prosperity of the State pact on the EU. «I support the constructive character and responsibility of the PS to not block agreements that are so important for the country» said the minister.

**Tema del dia**

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**ECONOMY**

The number of subscribers of Andorra Telecom grows

In August, 46,823 landlines subscribers, 85,319 mobile phones subscribers and 35,602 broadband Internet users were subscribed to the service. These figures represent a percentage variation of +1.1% with respect to August of the previous year in landlines and +5.0% in mobile phones. Regarding broadband Internet subscribers, there was also a positive percentage variation of +3.9% with respect to the same month of last year. Telephone traffic in minutes without Internet during the month of August stood at 11.24 million, representing a negative percentage change of 17.0% with respect to August of the previous year.

National traffic was 6.31 million minutes (56.2% of the total and equivalent to -24.2% with respect to the previous year), while international traffic was 4.93 million minutes (43.8% of the total and -5.5% with respect to the previous year). Internet traffic in GB during the month of August stood at 5.14 million GB, representing a positive percentage change of 82.6% with respect to August of the previous year. Also, the company closed 2018 with eighteen million euros with an operating profit of 24 million euros, which was penalised by the financial result and the halt of The Cloud. It has been close to the target of twenty million profit, meaning 2019 might bring better results.

**INcIDENTS**

Firefighters rescue a cow

The animal was wounded and had to give birth, was transferred by helicopter to prevent it from dying in the mountain where it was alone for three weeks since it couldn’t follow the heard.

If a neighbor of Arans saw a cow flying, it wasn’t a dream. The firemen had to make a rescue operation to a lost and injured animal, although they assure that it is not strange, the truth is that it is an unusual image. The protagonist of the adventure is an animal from the herd of Casa Cametes of la Cortinada. She had been alone in the estany Blau (lake) area for three weeks because an infection in her foot prevented her from walking normally. «The rest of the heard had already changed area and are in Sorteny, but she could not come down. In addition, she is pregnant», said cattleman Òscar Coma.

Throughout these days the farmers had been assisting the animal, but «we could not treat her too much»—so the decision was made to make the rescue. «If she had stayed in the mountain, she would have died, her and the calf, which in fact, we do not know if she has one or two, because she has a very large belly», admitted Coma.

To make the return of the animal possible, the Mountain Rescue Group of the Firefighters and the Government veterinarian were mobilized to supervise the operation. «We needed to sedate the animal, we can not lift 700 kilos and bring the animal to a secure area, we needed a bit of help»—explained the rescue corps. A special harness was used for the operation, which was used to link the cow to the sling of the helicopter that lifted her and transported her to Arans, she brought to the farmers ranch to receive the necessary care and to recover from the infection and give birth safely. Firefighters indicated that the rescue was quick, less than an hour; because the animal was standing up, they were able to put the harness without any problems. Although the images of the rescue, shared by Coma on Twitter, generated surprise and interest, the firefighters said that throughout the year «we have multiple cases of animal rescues, because they can be trapped in a hole». In these circumstances, however, the operation is often complicated, as they struggle to get access.

Firefighters also worked alongside the government veterinarian who sedated the animal.

The general counselor of the party, Font, asked to know the current state of the land and prevention measures for the future.

The general counselor of the party, Font, processed a question to the Social Democrats from the outset of her areas with this type of risk. The Government reiterated that the landslide was caused by human action, in fact, he specified that «the excavation, executed in its day by private developers after being granted the corresponding construction licenses in accordance with current urban legislation at all times, significantly altered the natural state of the hillside».

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Albert Llovera with Iveco’s truck, this Wednesday.

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The Andorran racing driver makes the first contact with his adapted vehicle with which he will compete in the Dakar

MOTORSPORT > RALLY RAID

Albert Llovera drove on Wednesday for the first time the truck with which he will compete in the next edition of the Dakar, in January. After two years of not being able to take part in the race, Llovera will participate in the competition for the sixth time. He will do it in the trucks category, with the emblematic Team de Rooy, the official Iveco team that every year fights to win the Dakar in its category.

In this regard, the racing driver will be responsible for carrying the spare parts of all the equipment in his vehicle, a Powerstar Evo3. “We tested very little the accelerator, the brakes and the windlass system... We did the interior assembly”, explained Llovera and commented that “they loaded it first thing in the morning and I have been climbing up and testing the truck”. “We did not have much time because it is already on its way to Holland and by the middle of next week they will have to transport it to Morocco”, he said, because in two weeks the driver has a few test days with the whole team. “We are going on the fly, but the truth is that it takes time to move trucks like these, which go on top of trailers”, he said and stated that “the feeling has been very positive”, especially with “the electronic accelerator which I tested in the last World Rallycross”. “At the Dakar, this system will be even more appreciated”.

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MOTORSPORT > AUTO RACING

Vinyes returns to Villa de Llanes, where he feels very comfortable

The racing driver will compete in the last test of a very intense month with many races

Joan Vinyes will finish his private marathon this September in the Principality of Asturias, having competed in four races. On this occasion, the racing driver of the Suzuki Motor Ibérica team, a race with Jordi Mercader at the wheel of the Suzuki Swift R+ at the 43rd Rally Villa de Llanes, eighth round of the calendar of the Spanish Rally Championship (CEA). The motorracing team of Llanes, on its way to its golden jubilee, has prepared a route with very well-known stages. The great novelty of the 43rd edition of the Asturian event will be the spectacular stretch that will be held in the surroundings of the locality that gives its name to the rally, which will be the beginning and the end of the event.

In total, there will be 433 kilometres that the participating teams will have to complete before entering with their vehicle the final closed park located in the car park of the Sañón beach. The 13.05% of the route, that is to say, 151.34 kilometres, will be timed. “It is a complicated rally but I like it very much, we won it in 2004 and on other occasions we have been on the podium”, commented Vinyes and remarked that “go racing in Llanes generates good vibes”. “It is clear that the spectacle section is the novelty. As for the route, there are other notable changes in the special timed races on Saturday morning. They are the same or very similar to last year’s but in the opposite direction”, he said and clarified that “we will not avoid the narrow roads, with wet or dirty areas”. In addition, they will have to take a look at the sky from time to time, at the moment the forecasts expect good weather but in Llanes you never know”, concluded the racing driver.