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CELEBRATION OF THE SANT JOAN OPEN-AIR DANCE



The fallaires with the Canigó flame.

## Tribute to Rosa Ferrer during the reception of the Canigó flame

Andorra la Vella receives the traditional flame, Unesco's Intangible Cultural Heritage

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The general trustee, Carles Ensenyat, dedicated a memory to the former consul of Andorra la Vella, Rosa Ferrer, during his speech of acceptance of the Canigó flame, which took place yesterday Sunday afternoon in thedel General Council Square. Ferrer died in 2018 and is remembered for her support to the fallas collective and, especially, for getting the fallas to be included in UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage

of Humanity. «She was a friend, a confidant and a point of reference for me. From her, who worked tirelessly to strengthen the fallera tradition, I learned to value intangible heritage» commented Ensenyat, during his speech, in which he recalled that the flame marks a unique moment in the calendar and wished a good open-air dance to all the audience present.

The act of receiving the flame continued with the relay of the major and minor fallaire of the Valls d'Andorra, where Marco Castro and Ton Samarra assumed

The little fallaires show and the Band of the Music Institute closed the events of the flame of Canigó

the new position. «I'm proud that Sant Julià has won,» said Castro, who during his speech thanked the entire Fallaire community for its support. During the ceremony, it was remembered that, to get the position, the fallaires had to compete with each other

with their team to get the silver key. In addition, it was also celebrated that, during the search for the Fontargent ring last June 2nd, a historical record of participation was reached with more than eighty people and four candidates for major fallaire. Subsequently, Marco started the wheel of falles, in which several authorities also participated such as the senior consuls of Andorra la Vella, Sergi González and Olalla Losada. Finally, the event officially closed with a show by the little fallaires and a performance by the Music Institute Band.

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## THE TRIBUNE

## Blockchain and the cabinet of the 7 Keys



How many times have I explained what Blockchain is?... I've lost count of the times I've had to resort to analogies with blockchains to explain them to family, friends, journalists, at round tables and conferences. And despite its complexity, this technology has enormous potential to change the world completely.

Of all these comparisons, today in this article, I present a symbolic analogy to illustrate the essence of Blockchain. This can be found more extensively in the statement of reasons for our digital assets law of the Principality of Andorra\*.

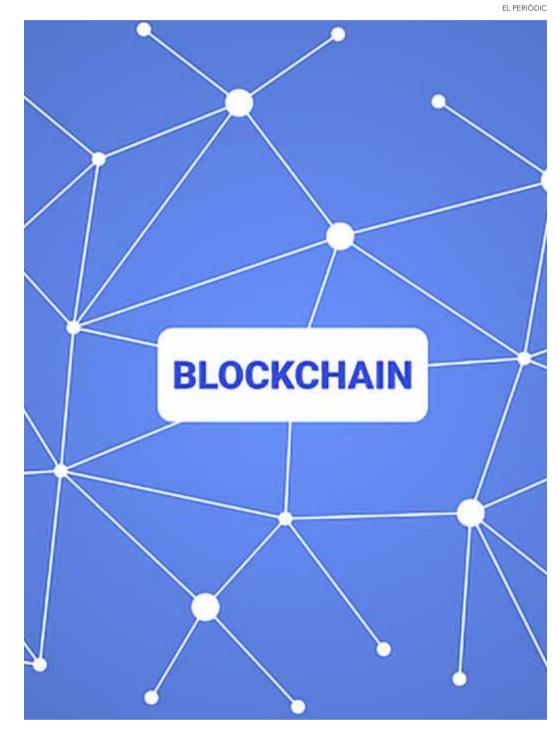
The Wardrobe of seven keys is a historical relic located in the Casa de la Vall of Andorra and perfectly symbolizes the decentralized, shared and secure nature of blockchain.

What is Blockchain technology? Blockchain is an innovative and digital way to store and manage data just

as our seven-key cabinet, in other times, was to contain and guard a handwritten documentary fund of great judicial and administrative importance such as judges' sentences, minutes books, arrests and others.

How does Blockchain work? The blockchain network works in a decentralized, consensual and shared manner through a set of nodes distributed around the world that validate transactions and ensure the integrity of stored information, just as our wardrobe needed the seven keys to the seven consoles of the seven parishes. If the consuls received a message to open the Cabinet and access the documents, only the private lock keys could open it simultaneously and in a consensual manner, thus maintaining the confidentiality of the archived documents.

Why is it so safe? Cryptography is one of the most important features of this technology. In blockchain, two different keys are used: a public key and a private key. The public key is



used to encrypt the data, while the private key is used to decrypt it. Its representation in our cabinet would be the associated key and lock as access to information.

Regarding cryptography, it is a coded text known as ciphertext, highly secure and which plays a fundamental role in the security of communications in the digital age. In our analogy we would find cryptography in our keys and it would be represen-

ted by the different shapes of the teeth of each key.

Just as the cabinet of the seven keys keeps the secrets and memories of Andorra from other times, blockchain offers us an innovative technology for record management, product traceability, electronic voting, chain management supply and

many other applications, and allows us to preserve and protect information. Blockchain invites us to explore a fairer and more transparent digital future. • President and founder

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