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# Cultura wants to recover documents about Andorra that are abroad

There are 1,000 files of Andorran origin, for which we will have to negotiate with the authorities to dispose of them

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The recovery of documentation about Andorra or produced by Andorran institutions, which is in archives abroad, is one of the lines of work of the Department of Cultural Heritage. The aim is to be able to document all these archives and establish the institutional relationships to have digital copies in the National Archive, in order to centralize the search for all the existing information about the Principality.

These tasks are being piloted through the National Archives, which concentrates the task of recovering funds from Andorran institutions located in the French archives and also documents that refer to Andorra and which are in the General Archive of the Administration of Spain, located in Alcalá de Henares, which has a large volume of documents (more than 600 units) about Andor-



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nistry of Foreign Affairs. In total, it would be about 1,000 files, approximately. So, the next step on the part of the Executive is to ne-

dispose of these historical archives, as explained by the Government spokesman, Guillem Casal, in the press conference after the Council of Ministers: "All those that can be digitized will be available and the aim is to do so with the maximum number of documents relating to Andorra".

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As for the waiting time to have the documentation available, Casal made it clear that in the case of files that are already digitized it will be faster, but those that are not «may take some time». The payment for this digitization is also an issue that will be discussed in the negotiations.

With reference to the documentation related to Andorra that is in the episcopal, Casal explained that «there are talks with the authorities of the Holy See to have access to the archives», he announced.

Even so, there is key documentation from the country abroad and the aim is that during this legislature it will already be possible to guarantee consultation from the country to documentation that will allow the history of Andorra to be known in greater

## Olga Gelabert is appointed Ambassador of Andorra to the Portuguese Republic

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The Council of Ministers validated the appointment of Andorra's new non-resident ambassador to the Portuguese Republic. Olga Gelabert assumes the duties of representative of the Principality in the Portuguese country, replacing Eva Descarrega. In 2019, Gelabert was embroiled in controversy as part of Operation Cautxú for an alleged crime of irregularities in the awarding of a work to the changing rooms of the National Stadium. In this regard, the Government spokesman, Guillem Casal, made it clear that the Executive made sure that the situation was concluded before his appointment, stating that «we have no indication that there is any incorrect situation».



Olga Gelabert.

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## Negotiations on border control are «well put on the trails»

Casal points out that the Government does not expect any avalanche of workers in the near future

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The Government reiterates that it is «well put on the trails» with the negotiations with the European Union on the controls that are to be established for citizens of countries that are not part of the Schengen area, the so-called ETIAS system. In this way, and bearing in mind that this Thursday the first of the meetings of a round of negotiations between Andorra and the European Commission is to take place in Andorra, the minister's spokesperson, Guillem Casal, stated that this negotiation «continues a path applauded". In addition, he remarked that the fact that Andorra has closed the negotiations for the Association Agreement must be a guarantee to face these talks. In this



The Hispano-Andorran border.

sense, Casal emphasized that both Andorra and San Marino, the two countries that «curiously» have concluded the Agreement, have «a good approach to a negotiation that respects their specificities». On the other hand, and questioned about a possible avalanche of non-EU workers who might want to come and spend the season in the country, Casal emphasized that at the moment the Executive has no record of «any avalanche or situation that has arisen».

### Expanded website with information on hunting and fishing areas

The tool also strengthens the safety of people who want to go to the mountains

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The coexistence between people who practice hunting or fishing and people who go to the mountains is something that needs to be taken into account and reinforced. It is for this reason that the Government, through the Ministry of the Environment, already promoted last year the first version of a new digital tool to provide information on the areas of the mountain where you could hunt and those restricted to the human activity. Now, this web portal goes a step further and expands the information available with a new updated version that incorporates information related to fishing. The geoportal has an interactive map on hunting (the one that already existed last year) and is also expanded with a map of Andorra where all the areas where fishing is allowed or prohibited are located. Likewise, the new website also has additional information on hunting and fishing as well as a link to the Electronic Headquarters to carry out the procedures linked to these activities and also to be able to obtain tourist licenses. The objective is, on the one hand, to inform and help hunters and fishermen so that they can locate themselves on the ground in relation to the areas where the activity is allowed or prohibited quickly and easily. On the other hand, more security is offered to people who want to go to the mountains during hunting or fishing season. In addition, the map also provides information on the situation of the mountain shelters and the main roads. The new map is made public a few days before

the start of chamois hunting week, which will be held from September 15th to 22nd. ●

