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## Cicland becomes free until the end of the year with new stops in the center

Young people between the ages of 16 and 20 can enjoy this free system permanently

The stations in the high parishes will be removed after verifying their little use

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► Josep Majoral, Silvia Calvó, Conxita Marsol and Rosa Gili during the signing of the agreement between the Government and the municipalities of the central valley and Sant Julià.

### The capital and Escaldes regret the difficulty of creating cycle lanes

► On the occasion of the signing of the agreement between the Government and the municipalities of the central valley and Sant Julià to restructure the Cicland system and promote energy saving, the Consul Major of Escaldes, Rosa Gili, indicated that «we have studied all the streets in the parish and it is complex to put a cycle lane, because we have entrances and exits from car parks, the shopping area or terraces». For her part, the Consul Major of Andorra la Vella, Conxita Marsol, added that in some areas it is complicated to create bike lanes due to the dimensions of the roads themselves, «but during construction we always try to find this space». In addition, she recalled that a few years ago it was agreed with the Government to create zone 30 throughout the center «to make it easier for bicycles to have their place and safety». For now, the will of the municipalities is to continue working on this problem to establish a balance.

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The shared bicycle services offered by Cicland will be free for the entire population until the end of the year, as announced last Tuesday after the signing of the agreement between the Government and the municipalities of Andorra la Vella, Sant Julià de Lòria and Escaldes-Engordany, with the aim of promoting this resource. In order to apply for the passes, which are already valid, it is necessary to manage it through the application of the concessionaire company. In addition, young people between the ages of 16 and 20 will receive a permanent free service. In this regard, the Consul Major of Sant Julià de Lòria, Josep Majoral, assured that «we think it is an agreement that will offer a service of great importance due to the university offer we have and the Professional Training Centre».

Therefore, there will be a total

of 16 stations spread over the central parishes and, consequently, the stops located in Canillo, Encamp, Ordino and la Massana will be lost, a restructuring that has been necessary after the efficiency analysis of Cicland noted that this shared bicycle initiative was mostly used in Andorra la Vella, Sant Julià de Lòria and Escaldes-Engordany, the three corporations that signed the agreement. For her part, the Consul Major of Andorra la Vella, Conxita Marsol, remarked that «this service is very positive and is part of the municipality's policy of promoting healthy habits, saving energy, promoting to walk more, to have wider sidewalks and to enjoy more spaces to be able to walk and use the electric bike».

So, the new stations will be distributed with a total of three in the capital, specifically in the Serradells, the Lycée and in Prat Salit; two will be located in Sant Julià, in the area of the University and the



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Professional Training Center of Aixovall; and two more in Escaldes-Engordany, which will be virtual. The Consul Major of Escaldes-Engordany, Rosa Gili, assessed that «in relation to relocating the physical stops, we have not seen it too much because we think they take up too much space, and we have asked for virtual stops because we understand that they are much less invasive». Unlike physical stations, virtual stations will be specific places where users will park their bikes and, at night, the technicians will change the batteries so they can be used again the next day.

All in all, Cicland will offer a new model of more comfortable bicycle, with larger baskets, ergonomic, light and with removable batteries, which allow the possibility of these virtual stops. This new model will begin to be distributed from this September, and the stations will also begin to be relocated from next month. ≡

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►► The training that took place at the Joan Samarra Municipal Stadium.

# Fifteen candidates start the tests to fill the eight agent vacancies

The Police acknowledge that there are fewer applicants and attribute this to the competitions that have been held in recent years

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A total of 15 people, 11 men and four women, started the selection exams to be police officers yesterday. In the morning, these candidates had to pass the physical tests of resistance, skill and strength at the Joan Samarra Municipal Stadium and in the afternoon they had to do a speed test of 60 smooth meters leaving a police vehicle. At the same time, today they face two other physical tests: one on the mountain and one of endurance, in which they will have to do as many laps as possible in the time available. If they pass these exams, they will access the following, including the professional test, knowledge of the country or medical interviews. As they pass tests, explained Sergeant Sergi Lechuga, head of the training group, the candidates access the next test. In total, the police force wants to fill eight places.

Lechuga emphasized that the-

re have been more candidates for years, but the fact that in the last four competitions have been held means that there is less competition, since «it is true that not everyone wants to be a police officer» and people «decreasing», with which he acknowledged that this year has been «slow».

With regard to female candidates, each competition the number is «more or less the same», although it is true that from the Police they would like to see more: «They are strictly necessary and we have a significant lack», acknowledged Lechuga, who wished that the four candidates could pass all the tests. However, he admitted that it would be «strange» for this to happen, as it is «difficult» for all of them to pass the exams.

Initially, 18 people had entered the competition, but finally 15 remained, which are the ones who started the exams yesterday morning. Among the candidates, you could see the nerves of an eliminatory test that must be overcome step by step. Lechuga would like

those who have been selected to be able to start training as police officers by January of next year.

Regarding the hardness of the tests, the training manager emphasized that European standards are being followed: «We have not invented anything», he pointed out, and remarked that he does not consider them to be the reason why places are not covered, since he added that he does not consider them «excessively complicated». «These are standard tests in the European field», declared the sergeant.

It is a total of 10 exercises in a course that combines obstacles with several laps in the stadium. One by one, the candidates did the marked circuit in which they had to climb a fence, go over a scaffolding, hold on to bars, do push-ups, step-ups, jump over fences, go over a balance beam or go under fences, a circuit for which the boys had 13,30 minutes and the girls, 16. In the afternoon, they did the speed test. Those who pass these two tests will be able to face today's tests.

On Thursday also took place the speed test, consisting of getting out of a police vehicle and traveling 60 meters in the shortest possible time. The physical exam will continue today with the mountain test and will end in the afternoon with the endurance test, again at the Joan Samarra Municipal Stadium. The written tests in the professional and cultural fields are scheduled for next September 5th.

Among the various requirements that must be met by candidates to become a police officer, it is important to be of legal age, have Andorran nationality, a high

school diploma or an equivalent diploma, have a B2 level Catalan diploma and an Andorran driving license B2, be free of criminal records, and have a minimum height of 1.60 meters for women and 1.65 meters for men.

**THE FIRST WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS** // Candidates who pass all the tests, the first without restrictions since the outbreak of the pandemic, will have to undergo a training period of a maximum duration of nine months. Once they have completed the training, they will be appointed police officers on probation.

The eight vacant places for this competition correspond to retirements and leaves of absence, and are added to those that have already been filled in recent years. Since 2017, the Police has been calling competitions year after year to fill places. In all this time, 68 new police officers from four different promotions have been appointed, the vast majority to replace retirements. This will be the 57th promotion. ≡



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