



NEW INSTALLATION

Cramea investment increases with a final cost of around 22 million

It is expected to come into operation during the spring of 2025 with an occupancy of 65%

The center must employ sixty people and has capacity for 140 athletes

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The Residential Center in Alçada Medico Esportiu d'Andorra (Cramea), which will be located in the Port of Envalira, will cost 22 million euros, six million more than was initially planned. This amount will not only include the works, but will also be allocated to the investment of the sports team, the furniture and, in general, all the material necessary to build the residence. In the current phase, two parallel actions of the Government are being developed which are, on the one hand, the emptying of the old building corresponding to Sud Ràdio and, on the other hand, the review of the existence of pollutants together with the provision of drinking water. In addition, the Municipality of Encamp is creating an access road for skiers, since the facilities will be next to the slopes. For its part, the society that promotes the project, CES 2508, is excavating the ground. Currently, the operators of the Cramea have a concession for 40 years that will start once the emptying of the building is finished, which is expected to end in August. In this sense, the promoters claim that a future request for the extension of the deadline is possible. Following this line, it is expected that the opening will be in the spring of 2025, and that from the third year of operation, the center will begin to make a profit.

In relation to the philosophy of the facilities, which will occupy 9,500 m², these are designed to respect the environment, and will be done through the staggered building following the natural slope of the mountain and covering with soil and grass on the roofs, with the aim of mimicking it as much as possible. In addition, an agreement with Saetde establishes that the soil that is extracted will not end up in the lan-



An image of the soil excavation at the Port of Envalira.

dfill, but will be used for the reform of the ski slopes. It is also planned to include photovoltaic energy and geothermal energy. Additionally, one of the co-founders of the initiative, the CEO of Bomosa Univers, Manel García, assured that «we are working to obtain passive house certification».

The reform will not only include the existing building, but a part will be completely new. This second one will have two floors of parking and five half floors where the rooms will be located. In total, there will be 80 rooms with capacity for 140 athletes, 10 more than originally planned. Specifically, there will be 50 double rooms, 20 single rooms and 10 junior suites for four people. In addition, the center will have two restaurants, one with haute cuisine, multiple fitness and wellness areas, a bike workshop, ski storage and so-



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me multipurpose spaces for the teams staying. An R&D development space will also be established, along with a medical and recovery area, which is expected to be available to residents. In addition, the tower of the old building will have a gastronomic restaurant also open to the public and an outdoor chill-out space. In total, the building anticipates almost 65% occupancy from the start, and will offer around 60 jobs, which can grow depending on demand and needs.

Currently, the Principality has more than 200 sports centers, but the differentiating feature of Cramea is that not only federated or professional athletes can enjoy the facilities, but also amateurs, together with their companions. Therefore, García pointed out that «we want to be a reference establishment for athletes, improving performance

by training and spending the night at altitude», since it has been proven that elevated areas increase red blood cells. In this sense, the facility will be located at an altitude of 2,500 meters, and will become the highest sports medical center in Europe. At the same time, the CEO of Bomosa pointed out that «we have made a very strong commitment to comfort and to equip the center with the latest technological widgets». Thus, with the various conversations held with the athletes, it has been decided to install smart TVs, make available video games and create a meeting room for conferences, with the purpose that the guests can enjoy entertainment while they rest.

Finally, the co-founders of the project are Bomosa Univers; the general manager of the Movistar Team professional cycling team, Eusebio Unzué; and the Saetde group. ≡

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The monkeypox vaccine will be given only to at-risk contacts

Health requests around fifty doses, describes the WHO warning as «prudent» and confirms three cases

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The Ministry of Health announced last Wednesday that it has ordered about fifty monkey pox vaccines from other countries to vaccinate only at-risk contacts, so it rules out starting a vaccination campaign similar to the one carried out by the covid. «The disease exists but it is not comparable to the coronavirus, it is controlled, so the policy will not be the same either; we must not lower our guard and we must communicate between countries, as we are doing», said the Minister of Health, Albert Font, last Wednesday in his role as Government spokesman.

Fony explained that two cases have been detected in Andorra, and a third who was in Spain at the time of testing positive, but who has now overcome the disease. The minister also recalled that people who had received the smallpox vaccine years ago are already immunized and that infections only occur through close and frequent contact, often during sexual relations. Regarding the maximum alert that has been decreed by the World Health Organization (WHO), Font assessed that he had done so for «prudence» with the aim of raising awareness in the different countries.

With regard to covid, Font assured that the current wave «has reached the ceiling and is going down», despite the increase in infections, and with 136 fewer actives (315). At



▶ Albert Font, the day before yesterday as spokesman for the Executive, in the Government press room.

The covid office is left with eight employees and its director, Bruno Bartolomé, resigns, who returns to Education

Nostra Senyora de Meritxell Hospital there are seven people admitted, six on the floor and one in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU). As for the covid office, at the moment there are only eight employees out of the 150 it used to have and, in addition, its director, Bruno Bartolomé, has left the position to return to his position at the Ministry of Education. Finally, the administration of the fourth dose of the vaccine continues for people over the age of 85, and so far, 178 vaccines have been administered.

Those over the age of 60 can also register to receive the fourth vaccine from today.

On the other hand, the health professions bill has entered the parliamentary procedure. According to Font, «I'm happy but not euphoric», because «it's a law that was already advanced when I entered». «There has been joint work with the schools and no consensus - he pointed out - for an open framework law that will have to be deployed by regulation». ≡

A hotel in Aldosa welcomes 18 refugee families

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The Government has signed a collaboration agreement with the Turim company, which manages Les Terres de l'Aldosa hotel in Canillo, for the reception of 18 Ukrainian refugee families who are currently in Andorra. The agreement formalizes the temporary and free transfer of the establishment in order to allocate it to the reception and stay of displaced people, with the Executive who will be responsible for all the expenses corresponding to basic supplies such as water or the light, as well as to solve all incidents that may arise during the stay.

The head of Health, Albert Font, recognized, on behalf of the Government, the generosity and social commitment of the hotel management company. The length of stay will be assessed based on needs, as there is currently no set end date. At the moment, 248 residence applications have been received. The Government will allocate between 14,000 and 25,000 euros to support the displaced, a figure that may vary. ≡

The IS submission deadline is extended until August 31st

Taxes acknowledges IT problems and large number of returns in July

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The Ministry of Finance approved last Wednesday to extend the deadline for submission of corporate tax (IS) and income tax declaration forms for tax non-residents until August 31st, due to computer problems that the Department of Taxes and Borders has suffered. In the case of the general indirect tax (IG), the deadline remains until July 31st, as planned, because the majority of taxpayers have already made the declaration without problems, while in the case of the IS the majority had not yet been able to carry it out.

The Department of Information Systems of the Government, as the Executive assured last Wednes-



▶ People waiting their turn in Tributes.

day in a statement, is working «intensely» to solve the technical incidents of the IT platform of Taxes with the intention that it works normally in the shortest possible time. «They are trying to solve the computer problems, but we already know that there are and will be, especially

in a process like this in which everything depends precisely on the computer», specified last Wednesday Minister Portaveu, Albert Font.

JULY FULL OF DECLARATIONS // Finance argued that the month of July is a period in which a large number of obligations to present declarations are concentrated and that in recent days the electronic headquarters of the Government had had incidents that have not allowed them to be presented normally the statements. The process for personal income tax is also open, but in this case the period covers until September 30th. ≡

The Government approves the 13th CDI, now with the Netherlands

Negotiations began in 2009 and closed virtually last June 2nd

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The Government has approved the signing and subsequent ratification of the Agreement between the Principality and the Netherlands to eliminate double taxation in matters of income and capital taxes and to prevent fiscal evasion and avoidance (CDI). Once the agreement has been signed by both parties, it will be sent to the General Council and the co-princes.

The negotiations for this agreement began in 2009, with the signing of a political declaration of commitment to study and evalua-

te the CDI opportunity between the two countries. The last round of negotiations with the proposals of the two countries took place electronically in October 2021. The text was finalized between November and December 2021 and was signed virtually on June 2nd. There are currently 13 agreements negotiated to avoid double taxation and prevent tax evasion with the United Arab Emirates, Spain, France, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Portugal, Cyprus, San Marino, Hungary, the Czech Republic and the Netherlands. Those of Hungary and Croatia remain pending. ≡

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