



TECHNOLOGICAL PROTECTION

The APDA proposes that citizens know their rights

Entities are obliged to carry out an impact assessment if the use of information involves risk

The Agency celebrates Data Protection Day with an open day

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Data Protection Day is celebrated today, January 28th, a date proclaimed by the European Commission, the Council of Europe and the Data Protection authorities of the signatory countries of Convention 108. This convention is a binding multilateral instrument which aims to protect people's privacy regarding the processing of their personal data. The function of this day is to promote among citizens the knowledge of the rights they have regarding data protection, so that they can become familiar with a fundamental right, which, although it is less known, is present in all facets of life everyday.

Last Friday The Andorran Personal Data Protection Agency (APDA) held an open day explaining to the public the two guides they have published, «Guidelines for Data Protection in the electoral campaign» and «Informative Guide for the Evaluation of Impact on Data Protection (AI)». The first guide gives guidelines for the processing of personal data for citizens and candidates for the next electoral campaign to be held this year 2023. Reshma Harish, head of the APDA, declared that «it is very interesting because it includes the typical questions that we could ask like: is it legal to go door to door? Is it legal for them to send me electoral advertising? Can I refuse to receive this kind of propaganda? What technical and organizational measures must candidates have?, a series of guidelines that are very useful in this context». Citizens are primarily interested in knowing how their data will be processed in the context of the elections.

The second guide is the impact assessment. It is based on a very specific obligation that must be applied by those entities that detect that they will process data that involves a high risk to people's rights and freedoms. Harish pointed out that «there are certain data treatments that by their nature may in-



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► Open day of the APDA, last Friday.

volve this risk, such as applying a new technology for the geolocation of minors or data treatments of vulnerable people. This guide that we publish gives the guidelines for making this type of assessment». In the same vein, they also published the 2022 report and the summary of reports and files.

APDA warns of the risks we run especially in the technological field, in the use of new technologies, in social networks and also surfing the internet. For example, when you browse the web, a trace is left, such as the pages visited, the time you are on a certain page, what interests you the most, from which operating system you are accessing, all this interaction can esta-



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HEAD OF THE APDA

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blish a personal profile To avoid this, you must apply a series of very basic actions, such as closing the session when you leave the computer, not leaving your access credentials saved, not accepting cookies or browsing in incognito mode. With regard to the applications reset the security parameters, with the profiles set the double authentication factor. On the other hand, the Council of Ministers approved last Wednesday the Regulation amending the Regulation on the application of the Personal Data Protection Act, which modifies the digital will. With the new regulations, digital wills can be arranged by means of a will, codicil, or testamentary memoranda. ≡

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IMMIGRATION

Argentinians in Andorra detect new cases of abuse of temporary workers

The collective points out that there are workers with contracts who are not paid to the CASS and are paid in cash

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The collective of Argentinians in Andorra has again detected cases of abuse towards temporary workers. Now, however, we are dealing with workers who, despite having a contract, are not registered with the Andorran Social Security Fund (CASS) and are paid in cash. In this sense, the promoter of the collective, Marcelo Riccie Ponce, pointed out that «for months we have been investigating actions of this type, even without looking we come across them».

Specifically, there are four situations of this kind, all of them in a Japanese restaurant. «It is a bit confusing that having a work permit, that is, a contract, these workers are not contributing to the CASS», emphasized Ponce, referring to possible irregularities. In

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addition, he emphasized the fact that if they are not quoted, they do not have health coverage, «a very important matter».

In addition, the promoter of Argentinians in Andorra recalled that these seasonal workers do not report it for fear of losing their jobs, «a necessity» during their stay in the country, due to the lack of legislative knowledge, and the differences between the Argentine and Andorran work system. «The latest case we have detected is of a girl who wants to explain things but not all, and that is the worst», he remarked.

In relation to this, Ponce commented that the employers who carry out these bad practices always threaten to withdraw the work permit, «when it is a perso-



►► Archive image of flats for seasonal workers.

nal matter», that they will report them so that they are expelled from the Principality, or that they

will be left without a contract and therefore out of work. An affair that, as he mentioned, «when you

come from a country like Argentina, the need and anxiety is so great that when you are told this you remain silent and continue working». For this reason, Ponce encouraged all seasonal workers to report these situations: «We need them to be encouraged to do it».

It should be remembered that two weeks ago the promoter of the collective met with the director of the Police, Jordi Moreno, and the director of the Immigration Department, Jesús Guardiet, where they agreed to maintain permanent communication and conversation about this type of irregularities. «Personally, I will call next Monday to the Police Department

to do its work on this,» commented Ponce, who added that «it is important to remember that there are still jobs and seasonal positions so that in the face of irregularities people can to change».

In addition, on the same Monday, Ponce will meet with the Consul of Argentina in Barcelona, Rosana Surballe, to discuss all these matters. In fact, it will be a «very relevant» meeting. In addition, Surballe is also scheduled to meet with the head of government, Xavier Espot.

As explained by the promoter of the group, the meeting will consist of different aspects. In the first place, all the projects that Argentinians in Andorra are active in will be discussed, such as the photographic exhibition, the specific office of the seasonal worker and the international day of the temporary worker. There will also be discussion of the action to be taken by the consulate, the Executive and the collective itself, among other items.

Asked about the situation of the thirty cases reported at the beginning of January about South American employees forced to work without a work permit or contract, with low wages and excessively long hours, Ponce asserted that the law enforcement body, Immigration and Work Inspection continue to work there and find many of the irregularities presented. «The latest information we have is that the summaries are already being made», he pointed out.

With regard to the work of creating the specific office for temporary workers, the promoter of Argentinians in Andorra pointed out that from Monday there will be much more information about it. Towards the impetus for the day of the seasonal worker, he said that he has already spoken with the Minister of Culture and Sports, Sílvia Riva, «and is starting to move forward». Thus, all that remains is to «find the day and the place», and he already pointed out that it could be in mid-February or during the month of March. ≡



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ARGENTINIANS IN ANDORRA PROMOTER

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