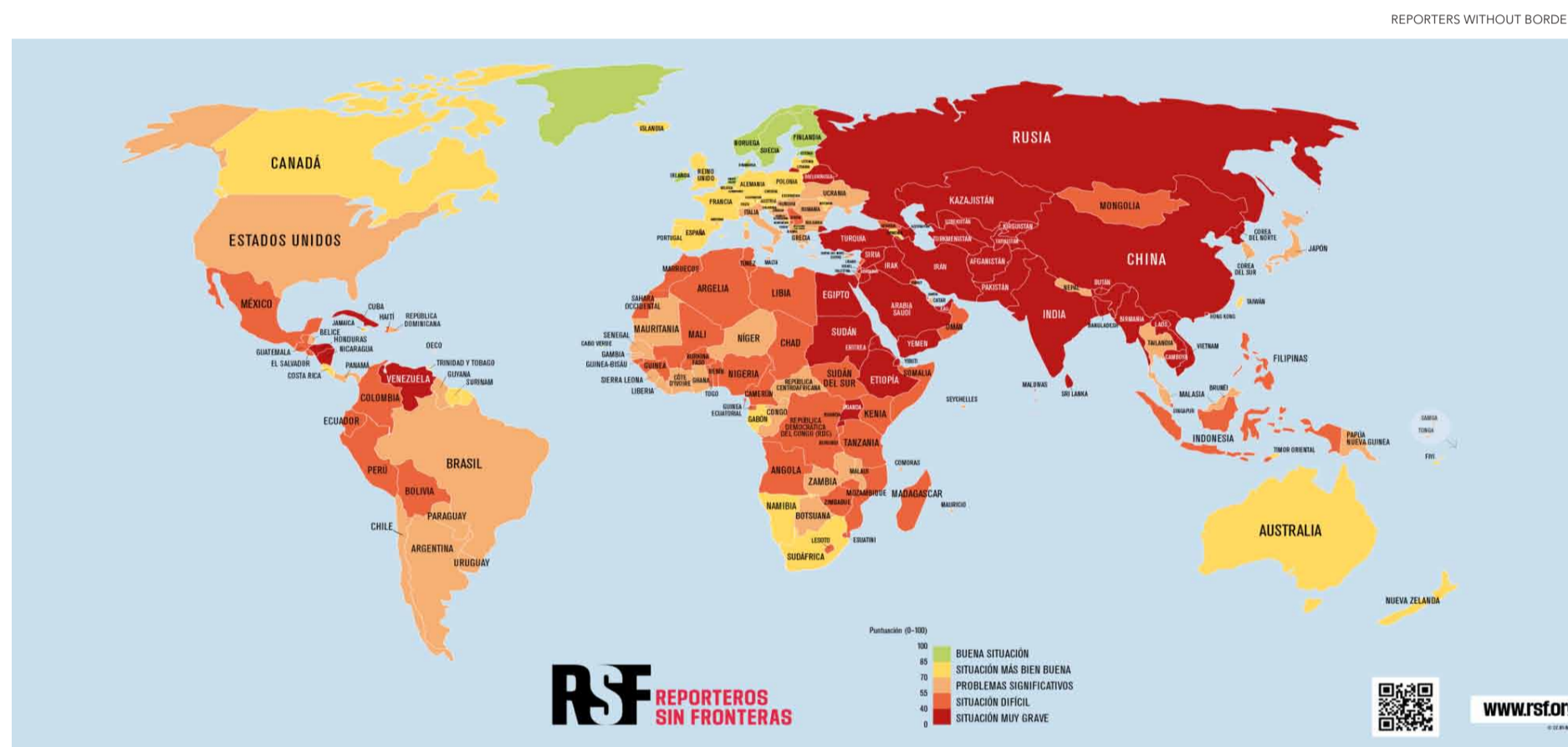


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UP TO SEVEN POSITIONS COMPARED TO 2024

Still far from its European neighbors

Andorra manages to climb to 65th place, but remains distant from Spain (23rd) and France (25th)



The 2025 ranking points to economic weakness as one of the main threats to free and independent journalism.

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Andorra occupies 65th position this year in the 2025 World Press Freedom Ranking prepared by Reporters Without Borders (RSF), a figure that places the Principality behind Spain (23rd) and France (25th), in a global context marked by the deterioration of the conditions for practicing journalism. This is a position that distances it from the group of countries with environments considered «good» or «rather good» for freedom of information, thus remaining within the strip of states with a «problematic» situation, according to RSF's methodology.

The report highlights that 56% of the world's population

lives in countries where press freedom is in a «very serious» situation, while less than 1% live in truly favorable contexts. This 2025, for the first time in the history of the classification, conditions for journalism are «bad» in half of the world's countries. The top three places

in the global ranking are occupied by Norway, Estonia and the Netherlands, while the last places are occupied by China, North Korea and Eritrea, considered environments totally hostile to press freedom.

According to RSF, the economic weakening of the me-

SOME OUTSTANDING POSITIONS

NORWAY

Norway is the first country to top the world press freedom list.

SPAIN

Our Spanish neighbors are in 23rd place on the world press freedom list.

FRANCE

Our French neighbors are in 25th place on the world press freedom list.

ERITREA

Eritrea closes the list and is the first country in the queue on the world press freedom list.

dia sector is one of the key factors explaining this regression. The fall of the economic indicator of the global ranking to critical levels—below 45 points—highlights the difficulty of maintaining independent newsrooms in the face of business

concentration, pressure from advertisers and limited or opaque access to public funding. RSF also warns that subtle pressures—such as economic or legal—can have an impact as serious as or more serious than physical attacks.

In Andorra, despite its political stability and low incidence of violence against journalists, these structural tensions are also evident. The small communications market, dependence on institutional aid and lack of business plurality make sustainability and editorial independence difficult. However, it is worth noting that the Principality has climbed seven positions compared to the previous year (when it ranked 72nd), although it still remains far from the results achieved in 2023 (it ranked 37th). ●

WORK PERMITS

4,225 seasonal permits for non-EU staff in the country

The consumption of seasonal quotas exceeds 104% in April, representing 5.7% more than in 2024

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On April 18th, 2025, the global consumption of seasonal quotas is 104.6%. This is indicated by the data made public this Friday by the Department of Statistics, which highlights that 999 temporary work permits have been granted for EU staff and 4,225 for non-EU staff, which represents 114.1% of the initial non-EU quota. On the other hand, the quotas that have been used the least in absolute terms are the Agencies, the Cleaning and the Retail Trade, for which on the same date, 25, 110 and 138 authorizations have been agreed, respectively.

In general, the number of temporary workers has increased by 5.7% compared to the same period last year. The dynamics of hiring on April 18th is, compared to the previous year, a positive 6.7% of the consumption of quotas for non-EU workers and a positive 1.6% of the consumption of quotas for EU workers. Spe-



The queues caused at the Department of Labor of the Government Immigration Service.

cifically, for non-EU personnel, the sectors with the greatest return of personnel, percentage-wise, have been the Ski Slopes, Ski Rental and Travel Agencies.

It should be noted that for the 2024-2025 season, the authorizations granted to EU workers have increased by 1.6%, while for non-EU workers, they have increased by 6.7%. Regarding the overall number of authorizations granted, in the 2024-2025 season there has also been an increase of 5.7% compared

to the previous season. Otherwise, on the same date, the most important group of temporary workers, with 43.8% of the total, is in service occupations, such as restaurant waiters and assistants. Next is the group of unqualified workers, which represents 34.1% of the total and which thus includes room waiters, kitchen assistants and ski lift operators. These two groups account for nearly 80% of all temporary workers.

The consumption of seasonal

THE EUROPEAN VALUE

999

These are the number of work authorizations from the Immigration Service distributed to community staff.

+1.6%

This is the value that corresponds to the work permits agreed for community staff in 2024-25.

quotas for the current academic year on April 18th, 2025 is 5.7% higher than the consumption on the same date for the previous season (282 more authorizations). The consumption of quotas therefore increases by 1.6% in the case of EU staff (16 more authorizations) and by 6.7% in the case of non-EU staff (266 more authorizations).

Regarding the number of authorizations agreed this season compared to the last, an increase in hiring is observed in all sectors except the ski rental sector. This season, a quota of seasonal permits was authorized for EU staff that differentiates between border and non-border workers, without this meaning a limit on the hiring of border workers. In addition, a smaller number of initial authorizations has been authorized by decree than last season with a decrease of 9.4%, with 517 fewer authorizations.●

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