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Andorra

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> INTRODUCTION

Andorra (also known as the Principality of Andorra) is an independent state located in the Pyrenees, between Spain and France. The Principality is considered one of the smallest states in the world.

It is governed by a single system, the *paréage*. Based on feudal Law, the Andorran throne belongs to two co-princes: the Catalan bishop of Urgell and the French head of state.

Andorra's economy is based primarily on the financial sector and tourism:

- Passing tourism: to take advantage of competitive prices due to the absence of taxes (cheaper than in France or Spain).
- Snow tourism: to make the most of its many ski resorts.

Andorra is an attractive jurisdiction for businessmen and investors as it has many advantages, such as reduced VAT of 4.5%, a tax on income of individuals and on wealth of 0%, corporation tax of only 10%, etc.

> INCORPORATION OF A COMPANY

Beyond its purely specific fiscal features, Andorra retains all the flexibility of traditional onshore jurisdictions with a system that is not very restrictive.

- Minimum 1 shareholder and 2 administrators, one of whom a "director", are enough to set up a company. It will be necessary, however, to have a "secretary" who is resident in Andorra.
- Therefore, special attention must be paid to the choice of the agent who will take care of the formalities of the incorporation, as they should also be responsible for the organisation's daily management: duties such as "secretary", registered address of the company, filing of the annual accounts, etc.

> TAXATION

- A company registered in Andorra with business activities and non-residents pay a corporation tax of 10%.
- · Andorra has an indisputable advantage over European Union countries, with VAT of 4.5% and there is no need for the annoying application process of an EU VAT number to be able to do business "without VAT".
- **0% tax on dividends** and capital gains.
- 0% tax on wealth.
- 0% tax on the income of individuals.
- 5% tax on royalties.
- Reduced social contributions, about 20% (5.5% the employee and 14.5% the company). These contributions cover leave due to accident, sickness and retirement.
- There is no tax on company cars.

> SUMMARISED COUNTRY FACT SHEET

COUNTRY'S FEATURES		
Geographic location	Independent state, located in Southern Europe, specifically between France and Spain	
Political regime	Parliamentary co-principality	
Population	85 082 (2013)	
Language	Spanish, Catalan, French, English	
Currency	Euro	
Time zone	GMT +1	

FEATURES of the INCORPORATION of a COMPANY		
Type of company	SL	SA
Capital required	€ 3,000 - disbursed in full at the time of incorporation	€ 60,000 - disbursed in full at the time of incorporation
Legal system	Feudal Law	Feudal Law
Number of directors/shareholders	Minimum of 2 administrators and 1 shareholder	Minimum of 2 administrators and 1 shareholder
Anonymity and confidentiality	The name of the administrators is public (published in the Official Journal and available at the Registry for Commerce and Companies)	The name of the administrators is public (published in the Official Journal and available at the Registry for Commerce and Companies)
Secretary service	Yes: Local	Yes: Local
Corporate tax	10%	10%
Wealth tax	0%	0%
Tax on dividends	0%	0%
VAT	4.5%	4.5%
Government taxes	Yes: annual tax of 802 €	Yes: annual tax of 882 €
Accounting requirements	Mandatory to keep accounts and file annual reports	Mandatory to keep accounts and file annual reports



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