

Electric grid andorra city

Currently electricity is on everyone's lips due to the crazy prices of electricity after the pandemic. If Andorra stands out a lot for something popularly, apart from skiing, it is for the low price of some products such as fuels (gasoline and diesel), alcohol and tobacco. This is due to the fact that, although these products currently do have special taxes due to the homologation that the country had to do, these are substantially lower than those of neighboring countries such as Spain or France.

Electricity, as we will see in this article, is one of those cheap goods since it is also considered a "strategic" good (which translated from politiqu?s means that it is widely used and therefore must be taxed) and contains special taxes. As in Andorra the special taxes are low compared to other countries, electricity is more affordable and the price of electricity is lower.

We have decided to dedicate an article to the light and its costs because it is very relevant to make an approximation of the cost of living in Andorra, something that many of our clients and people who want to settle in the Principality try to do to make their budget and profitability calculations. This is something that becomes much more apparent in electricity-intensive businesses, such as cryptocurrency mining.

Even more so if we compare it with the price of electricity in Spain, as has soared to all-time highs in 2021. According to the Organization of Consumers and Users (OCU) the average total bill in Spain has been 949 euros, which is 41% more than the 2020 bill (675 euros), and 18% more than the 2018 bill, to which the Government had promised not to exceed. In average monthly terms, the electricity bill in Spain was 62.33 euros in 2019, 56.28 euros in 2020 and 79.11 euros in 2021.

In Andorra, electricity is monopolized by a parastatal company called FEDA (Electric Forces of Andorra). This entity is the responsible for both generating electricity in the country and importing the rest from neighboring countries (Spain and France). This is a reorganization of FHASA (Forces Hidroel?ctricas de Andorra) after nationalization, establishing itself as a modern company and expanding its powers and mission to supply the Andorran territory with energy.

In fact and going further, FEDA is the public entity that imports, generates, distributes and sells electricity in the Principality. It manages the Encamp hydroelectric plant, which supplies approximately 20% of the electricity consumed in the country and its two subsidiaries FEDA Ecoterm Y FEDA Solutions, promote projects for heat networks, energy generation and sustainable mobility. Finally they have FEDA Culture who directs the MW Museum of Electricity of Andorra, the didactic path of the Encamp plant and other social and cultural projects.

The costs of electricity in Andorra, in a similar way to other countries, They are difficult to estimate since they follow a complex pattern according to consumption, power and the time zones used. In addition there are

several rates. You can consult everything in the sections of FEDA for individuals Y FEDA for companies.

As we can see in the link, for companies there are three different tariffs: blue (up to 20 kWh of power), red (between 20kWh and 250 kWh) and green (more than 250 kWh). Each of them with their corresponding minimum costs, flat rate and hourly discrimination rate that we are not going to reproduce here because it exceeds the objective of this article. If you want to obtain clearer information and advice in this regard, we recommend that you contact FEDA's customer service, or you can also get some info here. As for the initial costs, remain:

On FEDA's own website it is indicated that at the time of formalizing the supply contract, the client will communicate the number of the IBAN account where he wants to direct the receipt to be charged monthly. If the bank of the domiciliary IBAN provided returns a receipt, the payment can be made:

As due to the exorbitant prices in the surrounding countries, the price of electricity was fashionable, S?lvia Calv? Armengol, who is the Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Sustainability and the president of FEDA, explained the reasons why the Andorran electricity bill is cheaper than in other European countries such as Spain, France or the United Kingdom.

As we have said before, The Engolasters hydroelectric plant supplies the country with approximately 20% of electricity it consumes. On the other hand, there is a protocol for the sale of photovoltaic energy to those who have these panels, and other mini hydroelectric plants such as Nord Andorr? in Arcal?s. But as we will see later, they are irrelevant compared to the total consumption of electricity in Andorra. The 80% of the light that is consumed in Andorra is imported, specifically buying it from France and Spain.

This being the case, why has the increase in electricity prices in neighboring countries not affected the Andorran electricity bill? It is due to a series of factors and commitments carried out by FEDA and the Government of Andorra. First, decided to keep the price of electricity the same than in 2020, and the intention is that it will also be maintained for 2022. Basically to support families and companies that are affected by the economic and social crisis caused by COVID-19.

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