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GENERAL COUNCIL

## The first organ donations would arrive in 2027

The regulation of corneal donations would indeed be scheduled for this September

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Year 2027. This is the deadline set by the Government and the Ministry of Health, headed by Helena Mas, to start the first organ donations in the country, while the procurement of tissues would arrive in 2025. This is how she explained the holder of the portfolio, responding to a demand from the social democratic councilor, Susanna Vela, who reproached her that six years ago a law was approved around this issue: «They impose deadlines that they are not able to comply», stated Vela, highlighting that, once again, the Executive has not been able to comply with the deadlines set by themselves.

Even so, Mas did want to emphasize that the portfolio she heads is currently working on the regulation of corneal donations, which are expected to begin their journey this September. «It is a more easily adaptable circuit», the minister pointed out, indicating that a transfer of a team of professionals is planned to carry out the extraction of tissues and the preservation of organs. In addition, the head of Health, questioned by Vela regarding a possible waiting list of citizens awaiting a transplant, pointed out that in 2023 10 people underwent several transplants, 9 of them renal and 1 pulmonary.

On the other hand, the minister emphasized the fact that there have also been changes in the



The head of Health, Helena Mas, during the General Council session held yesterday.



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«[From the Government] they self-impose deadlines that they are unable to comply»

five regulations pertaining to the aforementioned law. «It has been found that some are not necessary because the agreements between the countries already contemplate them or because they are subject to developing their own activities», explained Mas. Among those cataloged as ‘unnecessary’, there is the one relating to blood donation, as there is currently no blood bank in Andorra, or the one referring to cells and tissues. ●

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# Concòrdia criticizes the lack of protection towards environments of cultural interest

Escalé states that there will come a time in the country when there will no longer be assets to protect

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The Concòrdia parliamentary group sent the Government a question referring to the protection environments of immovable property of cultural interest. And it is that according to the president of the political formation, Cerni Escalé, the pace of construction that the country is currently going through will make «a moment come when there will be no assets to protect». It is for this reason that from the bench that Escalé leads, as well as from that of the social democrats, the Executive and the Ministry of Culture were urged to launch a road map that decrees these protective environments.

The holder of the portfolio, Mònica Bonell, pointed out that right now work is being done on the protection environments of various spaces in the country, such as the churches of Sant Serni de Nagol, Sant Esteve of Andorra la Vella, Sant Miquel of Engolasters and Sant Julià and Sant Germà of Sant Julià de Lòria, or Casa de la Vall itself. In addition,



The president of Concòrdia, Cerni Escalé.

and with a view to 2025, once the new Ordino Town Planning Plan has been approved, work will also be carried out in areas such as the church of Sant Martí de la Cortinada.

Even so, Bonell wanted to exemplify once again the good work done with the municipality of the country, even though, in the face of the issue raised by Vela, in which she exposed the problem that the candidacy for Unesco for 2026 could cause if not all real estate is protected, the minister has emphasized that «we agreed that it will be from 2026 for the candidacy to be ready». ●



The president of the social democratic parliamentary group, Judith Casal.

## The PS criticizes the Government's «stall» in the European Social Charter

Since June 2004, the Government has only signed one more article out of all of these

Faced with the issue raised by General Counselor Judith Casal, in which she criticized the Executive for its position regarding the collective agreements of the European Social Charter, the Minister of the Presidency, Economy, Work and Housing, Conxita Marsol, affirmed that they are awaiting the ratification of some more articles, emphasizing that 75% are counted. «The intention is to sign more articles», mentioned Marsol, such as the one referred to in article 22, which has to do with the participation and contribution of improvements in working conditions.

However, Casal stated that currently there are only a total of 31 signed articles, more considering that since June 2004, only one more has been signed. Marsol, however, avoided the issue and mentioned that the problem is that no way has been found to apply the law in the business fabric: «The country's

### Marsol reaffirms the need for worker representation in companies to move forward

companies still do not have employer representation even syndical», while indicating that the job of the Executive «is to encourage workers to be represented so that they can continue to empower themselves». ●