

Almost 11 million euros for section 3 between La Massana and Ordino

This crosses the Valira del Nord river from the Camí ral de la Cabanota to the Palanques bridge area

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The works on section 3 of the diversion of the general road CG-3 between La Massana and Ordino have been awarded for an amount of 10,846,953.80 euros. The works, which have a deadline of two years, have been entrusted to the company UTE Cevalls-Copsa. As announced by the minister's spokesperson, Guillem Casal, during the press conference following the Council of Ministers, the aim is to «decongest traffic in the center of La Massana and improve the quality of life of citizens».

In December 2023, the works on section 2 were awarded, which began in February 2024 and are expected to end in February 2026. This section is about 610 meters long and connects to the Serra de l'Honor, where the south access traffic to La Massana is concentrated during peak hours. Section 3 has now been awarded, which is about 500 meters long and includes several viaducts over rivers. Its route crosses the Valira del Nord river from the Camí ral de la Cabanota to the area of the Palanques bridge, in continuity with section 2.

Although the works on this second section are still ongoing, section 3 has been awarded following the principle of progressive tendering, in which each phase is awarded as the previous ones progress in order to accelerate the pace of the project. The overall diver-



Images of the works project.

sion project is divided into four main sections. Two of them have already been awarded, including the third section announced today. From the end of section 3, there will be a branch of 390 me-

ters (section 4) in the direction of Arinsal, which will connect with the CG-3 in the Telecabina area.

In addition, another branch of 450 meters (section 5) will be built in the direction of Ordino, which

will connect the diversion with the CG-3 at the height of the fire station bridge and the Farga Rosell. Both branches will allow direct access to Arinsal and Ordino, and it is expected that they will be tendered in the coming months.

It is estimated that the entire deviation, with a total length of about two kilometers, will be completed in 2027. Although its extension is not very large, Casal remarked that «it is a complex project due to the 'orography of the land', which has required the construction of retaining walls and viaducts to overcome the unevenness and the crossings over the river.

HYDRAULIC IMPROVEMENTS OF THE AIXIRIVALL RIVER // On the other hand, the Government also approved the awarding of the hydraulic improvement works of the Aixirivall river, to the company Copsa, for 2,357,814.56 euros and a deadline of eleven months. Specifically, the work mainly consists of the construction of around 160 meters of wall on the right bank of the Aixirivall river and the construction of a sediment retention dike.

This is a work that is being planned close to the urban center of Sant Julià de Lòria, about 100 meters away from the first residential building. In this way, and through this great hydraulic action in the parish, it is expected to be able to protect the Laureadian urban area and circulation routes against adverse weather or natural phenomena. ●

Increased budget for the Digitization Program

The total amount is 564,640 euros, the highest since the beginning of the program

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Last Wednesday, the government announced an increase in the budget of the Business Digitization Program (PDE) due to the exponential increase in demand from the country's business fabric. The initial item for 2024, which amounted to 286,460 euros, has been quickly used up, which has led to an increase of 260,000 euros, bringing the total budget to 546,460 euros, the highest figure since the beginning of PDE. The Secretary of State for Digital Transformation and Telecommunications, Marc Rossell, explained that this increase in demand is attributed to the changes introduced last June, which include «new subsidy



Marc Rossell.

services for the implementation of specific digital solutions for each sector". Since June, 103 businesses have applied for aid, with 50% opting for new packages designed for specific sectors, while the other 50% opted for solutions already available from the start of the project. ●

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Government intensifies surveillance of tourist homes

It will do so by means of a digital tool, which will 'screen' for the different platforms

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The Government has decided to strengthen control over illegal tourist accommodation that may operate during the moratorium on the granting of new licenses. For this reason, it has called an international competition to hire a technological tool that allows to detect, identify and monitor these homes that are promoted online without having the corresponding license. The minister's spokesperson, Guillem Casal, explained that, despite the current moratorium, «new housing for tourist use can-

not be put on the market», he acknowledged that there is a possibility that some actors will try to evade the regulations and sell homes illegally.

The new tool, which has been put out to tender, will allow the monitoring of various online platforms where these services are advertised, providing information to the administration to sanction possible infringements.

This control system will be managed by the Ministry of Tourism and Commerce, and if irregularities are detected, «a sanctioning procedure will be initiated, the relevant investigation will be carried out and, where appropriate, fines will be imposed», detailed Casal.

The tool will mean a significant improvement in the control of these homes, which until now was carried out face-to-face through the inspection and control unit of the ministry. ●

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