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CONCENTRATION AT THE LA SEU D'URGELL

Demonstration for a «livable and dignified Pyrenees» on December 6th

Called by around thirty collectives, the mobilization denounces real estate speculation

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Next December 6th, coinciding with the Puríssima longweekend, around thirty Pyrenean groups, from the Vall d'Aran to the Berguedà and including Andorra, have called a demonstration in La Seu d'Urgell to demand housing worthy of the Pyrenees. The mobilization, promoted by the Pirineu Viu platform, will take place at 18.00 in the center of the capital of Alt Urgell under the slogan 'For a Living Pirineu, decent housing!'

The organizers report that the Pyrenees is «at the limit», with one tourist bed for each inhabitant and 60% of the homes dedicated to second homes. The spokeswoman for the platform, Núria Ferrando, remarked that the young man from the Pyrenees is forced to leave to study abroad and then finds it very difficult to return home due to the job insecurity linked to tourism and the high price of housing. «The time when people thought we lived

off tourism is over, and now it's clear that tourism is driving us out of our homes,» she said.

This mobilization has the support of around thirty organizations, which include housing unions, environmental groups, transfeminism groups and Pyrenees homes. The Coordinator for Decent Housing of Andorra has also joined in, warning that the housing crisis and property speculation is particularly serious in the Principality. Despite the legal extensions and the Government's new measures, the market continues to be «tense», affecting both workers in Andorra and in the north of Alt Urgell, where housing prices have also risen.

Ferrando emphasized that work is being done to make the demonstration multitudinous, combative and festive, and in the coming days artistic performances and concerts will be announced for the day. The convenors hope that the mobilization will have a great impact and serve to make the voice of a Pyrenees that demands basic



The mobilization promoted by Pirineu Viu denounces property speculation in the region.



Núria Ferrando

PIRINEU VIU SPOKESPERSON

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rights such as decent housing for everyone heard.

It should be remembered that last September 23rd, the date of the presentation of the platform at Andorra la Seu airport, another member of Pirineu Viu, Júlia Leigh, already highlighted the difficulties faced by the youth of the Pyrenees, who «is forced to go study abroad and, once they finish their studies, they can hardly return home because the job offer is precarious around tourism and the price of housing is skyrocketing». In addition, Leigh showed that they would be inspired by the historic protests of this summer in Mallorca and the Canary Islands.●

PIRINEU VIU

PARISH AGREEMENTS

Canillo will pay 125,000 euros a year for the Pla de les Pedres chairlift

The transfer to the municipality of Encamp, for the next 15 years, puts an end to long territorial discrepancies

PARIS MAMEGHANI
ENCAMP

With the payment of 125,000 euros per year by the Municipality of Canillo to the Encamp corporation for the next 15 years, this is how the fair price of the Pla de les Pedres cable car was settled last Monday, owned by Ensisa and located in the Encamp territory. An agreement that brought together the two top leaders of each parish, Jordi Alcobé and Laura Mas, at Ràdio Andorra and that made it possible to materialize negotiations that «have progressed relatively easily» on the issue of the transfer of these spaces and which is closed with the payment of this amount. Apart from this, the Canillo community will also pay 300,000 euros to Encamp in compensation for the widget of the last 20 years. It should be noted that the subscription will have to be made from the approval of the Canillo municipal budget for 2025, within 60 days.

In this way, the first thing that



The agreement between the Municipalities of Canillo and Encamp signed yesterday morning in the Ràdio Andorra building.

Alcobé pointed out is that «after 20 years of questions and discrepancies between the two municipalities, a good understanding has been reached for economic clarification». In the same line, the Consul Major of Encamp spoke out, who called the price «fair and acceptable for the territorial and legal security of some land that has been in dispute

since 2004». Thus, after several economic studies and two decades later, Canillo agrees to repay these 125,000 euros to the Municipality of Encamp, in «a period of 10 years in which the former will be able to carry out the works he deems necessary with Ensisa», explained Mas.

«The understanding we have entered into is for the good fu-



LAURA MAS

CONSUL MAJOR OF ENCAMP

«We find that it is a fair and acceptable price to establish a territorial and judicial security that affected both places. With the understanding, we guarantee the good future of the whole country as well»

JORDI ALCOBÉ

CONSUL MAJOR OF CANILLO

«After 20 years of many questions and discrepancies, an agreement has been reached for the economic concession of the land in dispute, which has been resolved relatively easily»

ture of the two territories and to provide stability that had been fractured many years ago. We celebrate the good disposition of Canillo and to contribute to the economy that the skiing sector brings so much to us», specified Mas with satisfaction. ●

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