



COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

The Government is assessing with the banks how to limit the impact on mortgages

Jover endorses Vives' words and acknowledges that the buildings that the population would need have not been built

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The Government is working with the bank to establish a series of measures to help families and companies with certain types of mortgage so that they are not so harmed by the increase in interest rates dictated by the European Central Bank (ECB). The Minister of Finance and Spokesman, Eric Jover, did not want to go into too much detail about what these measures could be, although he emphasized that they must be «approvable» and «solid» not only from a national point of view but also international. He gave, however, an example of what could be one of the measures: keeping the installments constant and that the interest is earned at the end, extending the mortgages and that there is no more pressure on the monthly installment.

Jover assured that the current situation is different from that of 2008, although the Executive sees this increase in interest rates «with concern». In this regard, he stressed that when this pressure increases, more difficult it will be for certain families and companies to meet financial expenses.

The head of Finance recalled that the level of defaulting in Andorra is not very high and must not increase. Thus, even though they want to promote solutions «as soon as possible», it «holds them back» so that what is decided is «approvable» at the international level and is not interpreted as «covering up» certain actions.

WORKING CLASS // On the other hand, the Government yesterday positively assessed the declarations of



► The director of Andorra Banking, Esther Puigcercós.

One measure would be to keep the monthly installments constant and have the interest earned at the end

the episcopal co-prince, Joan-Enric Vives, by assuring that the homes that have been built in Andorra in recent years have not been aimed at the working class. The Minister of Finance acknowledged that «many constructions have been made, but not all that the population needs» and, for this reason, «I agree with the co-prince», stated Jover.

It is precisely because of this situation that the Government has

activated different levers «because we know that it is a complicated problem», to which «we have to find a solution». The measures that have recently been promoted and which aim to «help citizens to mitigate» the effects of the problem are in this line.

Nevertheless, the Government spokesman valued Vives' words, acknowledging that «we have a problem with rent and the type of housing» in the country. ≡

Extension of housing benefits until next year

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Grants for rental housing to improve citizens' purchasing power are automatically extended until December 31st of next year. This was agreed yesterday by the Council of Ministers.

The Government explains this decision by taking into account the fact that the grants for rental housing, awarded through a call for tenders, and the grants for rental housing to improve the purchasing power of citizens, last until December 31st of this year, and taking into account the situation of the

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residential rental market. Thus, it is stated that the objective is to ensure that people can continue to meet the expenses of their rental housing.

However, the Government will make «all the checks» it deems necessary to verify that the requirements that gave rise to the right to receive aid are still being met. If there are changes in the personal or family situation of the beneficiary, the extended benefit will be extinguished. ≡

Works' tender to build fourteen floors with Pisma support

The Minister Spokesperson has an impact on independent access to the CREI

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The Council of Ministers gave the green light yesterday to the tender to tender for the conditioning works of the Solà d'Enclar building in order to allocate it to homes with support from the Comprehensive Mental Health and Ad-

ditions Plan (Pisma). As highlighted by the Minister Spokesman, Eric Jover, it is about the construction of 14 floors that will be equipped depending on the different needs they have to cover.

Thus, the minister recalled that in 2018 the drafting of the project and management of the reform works of the building that housed the former Solà d'Enclar residence was awarded. The task of the Ministry of Social Affairs was to create a Residential Intensive Education Center (CREI), which would

occupy four of the six existing floors. The other two floors, floors two and three, would be used for housing.

Subsequently, during the development of the project, it was decided to first tender the project for the part corresponding to the CREI, leaving for a later phase the two floors on which to build housing with support.

With the CREI already in operation, on October 6th the General Council approved an extraordinary loan of 1.05 million euros to carry out the re-

form of the two remaining floors. The project foresees the integral distribution of the floors with different types of apartments according to the necessary support, and with a forecast of five and nine homes, respectively. It is also planned to replace the external staircase to adapt it to the new use of the building. In this sense, Jover emphasized the importance of access to the flats being done independently of the CREI.

Asked about the criticisms of mental health organizations about the fact that the Santa Coma area is becoming a ghetto, Jover emphasized that what the Executive is doing is building «necessary infrastructure» in the country and keep providing content to Pisma. ≡



► The exterior of the CREI.

GRIFOLS

The Ordino opposition holds a public meeting against the P3 laboratory

The appointment will be on November 23rd at 8.30 pm in the congress center

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The councilor of X'Ordino Enric Dolsa and the councilor of Movem Ordino Joan Miquel Armengol have formally asked the Consul Major of Ordino, Josep Àngel Mortés, to be able to use the room of the Congress Center of La Covanella to hold a public meeting to deal with the installation of a P3 laboratory in Prat de la Farga by Grifols, of which both councilors are against. In addition, they request the list of physical labels of all the electors of the parish with their corresponding address in order to be able to send them the invitation. The appointment will be on November 23rd at 8:30 p.m.

It should be remembered that Dolsa has already expressed on several occasions his concern regarding the safety of a laboratory of these characteristics in the center of the town and even proposed a televised face-to-face meeting with the former Minister of Health, Joan Martínez Benazet, who never got an



►► Image of Prat de la Farga, where the Grifols laboratory must be installed.

answer. For his part, since Armengol came to the Ordinance council to replace Sandra Tudó, he has also raised various doubts claiming that there is a «lack of information for the population about the details of the project and the economic viability».

Nevertheless, the municipality has long since given its approval to the Catalan pharmaceutical company with a «positive and binding» report, in the words of Mortés, who also considered that «we already held the relevant meetings at the parish level together with

the Government and with members of Grifols», so that «the maximum amount of information and transparency possible was already given». Both the Municipality of Ordino and the Government have repeatedly ruled out holding a public consultation on the matter. ≡

CATALONIA OPERATION

Andorra has permission to investigate Mariano Rajoy

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The Superior Court of Madrid gives the Andorran judiciary the go-ahead to investigate the former president of the Spanish government Mariano Rajoy and three of his ministers for Catalonia operation. Rajoy had submitted an appeal to disable the judicial process of the Principality, but the Madrid court has ruled it out, so the possibility of seeing him sitting in the dock is getting closer. Rajoy would be accompanied by his ex-

The court of Madrid reject the appeal presented by the former Spanish president

ministers Jorge Fernández Díaz and Cristóbal Montoro, all three accused of coercing, extorting and pressuring the Andorran authorities to obtain information regarding pro-independence leaders and which ended with the intervention of BPA in 2015. The court, however, believes that the precautionary measures that were requested do not make sense and, therefore, it will be the justice of Andorra that will decide the final imputation of the three politicians. ≡

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