



## «We have very different DA positions in urban planning and foreign investment»

**CERNI ESCALÉ** elected general counsel and leader of Concòrdia



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Cerni Escalé is the leader of the new Concòrdia political formation.

His party, which contested for the first time in an election, enters the General Council as the second force, behind the Democrats and, surpassing the PS SDP+ alliance.

–Yesterday the results of the electi-

ons were announced, and their formation achieved a very good result entering as the second force in the General Council. How do you feel?

–We know that the people of the country have given us a great responsibility, which must be translated into doing a good job in the General Council. We will oppose generously, but bravely and clearly. We are aware that one aspect of this work is to make positive legislative contributions and that there is another aspect of monitoring government action. We are very critical of the current situation in the country, but at the same time constructive and optimistic.

–What were the sensations of the

party yesterday?

–The party is very satisfied with the trajectory we have had during the eight months of the formation's life. It is a short period during which we have traveled a great distance. What fills us most with pride is having run a campaign focused on the proposals, both together and in the near future. We avoid treating any other formation as enemies, or even as rivals. We have also had the opportunity to put Andorra's growth model, which causes serious repercussions for the quality of life of people and the territory, at the center of the public debate.

–Did you expect this result? And unseat the PS?

–The truth is that at no time until election day we talked too much about the number of councilors we would get. The goal was always to focus all efforts on communicating our ideas well and contrasting them with the rest of the parties.

–Apart from the national results, you achieved the territorial of Sant Julià. Do you think that the orphan voter of Terceravia and Unió Laurèdiana has opted for his training?

–We are very happy with the result obtained in Sant Julià, where we presented Desperta Laurèdia as a local training. We are sure that the excellent work done during the campaign by our candidacy convinced people from other parties to

opt for Pol, Mari Àngels, Anna, Raquel and Ariadna. It is difficult to know which specific sectors have positioned themselves in a certain way during the elections. In any case, we thank each Concòrdia voter.

–What awaits Concòrdia from now on?

–The first mission we have is to combat the citizen's forgetfulness after the appointment with the ballot boxes. We want to guide the Concòrdia legislature in a very open way, sharing our proposals widely. In this sense, we would like to present a proposal for a welfare framework law, which includes objectives and indicators for Andorra in terms of territorial protecti-



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on, housing, energy and mobility, among others.

**–Yesterday Xavier Esport spoke of similar positions with the opposition. How do you face this milestone?**

–We have very different positions from DA on issues such as the country’s urban planning model and foreign investment. But we will extend our hand to DA and the other parties to work side by side in the challenges facing Andorra. Victories in politics should be for all parties involved if they start from the



► The leader of Concòrdia, Cerni Escalé, celebrating the election results.

sense of State. Of course, we will maintain our independence at all times and we will express ourselves bluntly.

**–What are Concòrdia’s priorities in this legislature?**

–The priority for Concòrdia will be to increase the quality of life of the

country’s people. In this sense, we need to intervene to better protect the territory, with a natural nature reserve that surrounds it, we need

to reduce the average price of the real estate market through measures that limit foreign investment, and we need to build an ecosystem of entrepreneurship and added value that complements our economy. All this without forgetting that social cohesion and a sense of community is the most important thing we have.

**–The elections are over and the campaign for the national and parochial elections has ended, how are the municipal elections next December?**

–We face the next municipal elections with the desire to translate the party’s national approach into proposals for local competition. We talked a lot, for example, about how to modify the urban planning and land management laws in order to better protect the country. The execution of these rules corresponds to the municipalities and we will articulate proposals in order to strengthen the principles of Concòrdia. It is a process that we look forward to and that we are sure will allow us to continue to strengthen ourselves, both politically and humanly. ≡

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