



WASTE TREATMENT

The Government proposes to reach 65% of waste recycling by 2035

The National Waste Plan aims to progressively improve selective collection

The management of the textile will be carried out through cross-border cooperation with Occitania

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The second National Waste Plan, inspired by the circular economy law approved in June 2022, aims to guide waste management in perspective for 2035.

This ambitious text has as its main purpose the recycling of 65% of urban waste by 2035. As explained yesterday by the Minister of Environment, Agriculture and Sustainability, Sílvia Calvo, and the Director of Environment, Sílvia Ferrer, the plan is divided into six action programs and 31 specific actions, 10 of which have been classified as strategic.

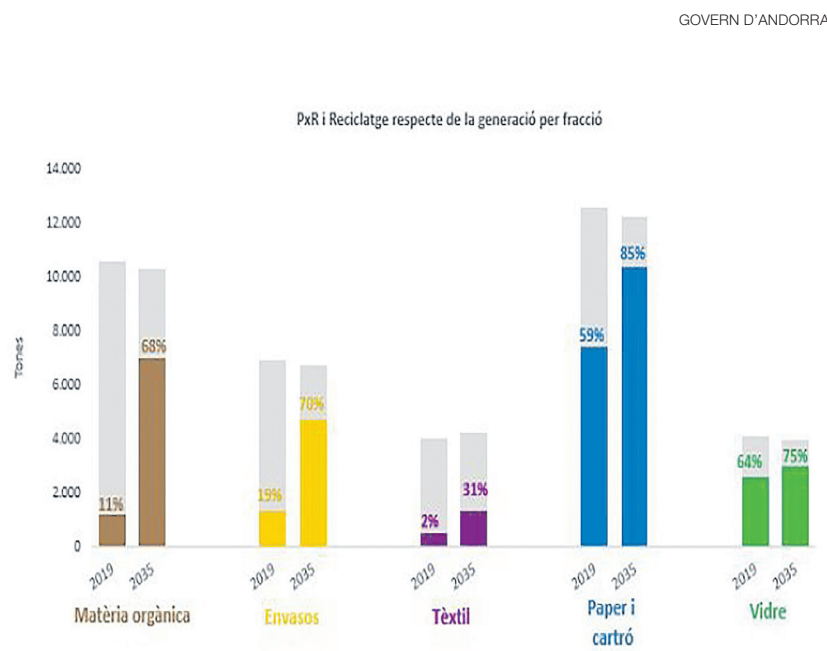
Among the most outstanding actions we find the progressive implementation of the selective collection of organic matter for large producers and later for citizens, the gradual implementation of textile collection throughout the territory and improvement of its management and the substantial improvement of selective collection and packaging management. It is a process that is currently carried out in infrastructures such as shopping centers, some hotels, schools and the hospital that is carried out voluntarily, and that with the new plan will go to «a new phase of expansion», assured Ferrer.

Another of the aspects on which the plan affects is the gradual implementation of the collection of textiles throughout the territory and to carry out an improvement in its management. In this case, the intention is to go from 2% recycling (2019) to 31% (2035). Precisely, the Director of Environment emphasized that in order to reach this milestone, we are working on a cross-border cooperation with the region of Occitania so that they can recycle this textile waste in their infrastructures and can reuse it, since they are currently carrying out such processes.

Regarding packaging, paper and cardboard and glass, the plan envisages having an impact on the population's awareness and on the implementation of more efficient



► The Minister of Environment, Agriculture and Sustainability, Sílvia Calvo, and the Director of Environment and Sustainability, Sílvia Ferrer, at press conference.



collection and management models. In the case of packaging, the aim is to reach a recycling rate of 70% compared to the current 19%; with regard to paper and cardboard, the aim is to go from 59% to 85%, and with regard to glass, the intention is to increase the percentage of recycling from 64% to 75%.

Calvo and Ferrer highlighted the importance of the waste prevention program, which includes actions in the area of food waste prevention and the reduction of single-use product waste. In the document, it also establishes an ambitious goal of reducing food waste by 50% by 2030.

In general, Calvo stated that one of the important aspects in order to achieve the objectives is prevention and a more efficient management of waste. In this sense, she

recalled that the plan will be reviewed at least every five years and the purpose is to «make selective collection much easier with the citizen». As a result, the municipalities will play a crucial role, since they are the administrations that have these powers in their parishes and, she assured that some of them have already begun to look for new waste collection formulas.

However, the minister recalled that the municipal waste collection contracts end in 2024 and, therefore, it is during this 2023 when the bulk of the work must be done to define the selective collection model that will have to implement each parish. «There will have to be an assessment of the pilot tests that have been carried out in order to implement them for the future», concluded Calvo. ≡



GENERAL COUNCIL

All the civil unions made up to now will be called marriage

The PS presents a modification of the Person and Family Law according to the ruling of the Constitutional Court

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The Social Democratic Parliamentary Group (PS) presented yesterday the modification of the Person and Family Law following the ruling of the Constitutional Court (TC), which declared the difference between civil marriage and canonical marriage unconstitutional due to discrimination. The text, which represents «an absolutely historic moment of great political and social significance», according to the president of the PS, Pere López, will mean that all civil unions made up to this day and those after will be called marriage.

Specifically, the new draft law endorsed by the TC consists of five articles, considering the first as the central point. In this, as López pointed out, «a single denomination is established for marriages, which can be accessed through two formulas: on the one hand, the civil and, on the other, the canonical». «In short, a single institution, a single name and two access routes to this constitution», he added. In this regard, the deputy presi-

The text, still lacking the Government's criteria, will be voted on in the session that the General Council will carry out on the next 30th

dent of the party, Judith Salazar, emphasized the fact that this will serve to solve the bureaucratic problems that occurred in some countries abroad, «where they have not yet assimilated it». «Thus, in our country, we already have equal marriage», he remarked. That is to say, without distinction due to sexual orientation or of any other kind.

As for the rest of the sections, some modifications have been made. In this sense, Salazar explained that with respect to article five «a generic substitution will be made for the term marriage in those places of the law where we talk about marriage or civil marriage», except for specific cases where, «to avoid misunderstandings, it will have to be changed to civil marriage». In addition, Article 78 will be changed, which from now on «harmonizes with the nomenclature of marriage».

Other reforms that have been carried out are modifications to two transitional provisions. In this sense, the first establishes that the civil registry must issue, once the new law enters into force, a marriage certificate «whether it is contracted from now



► Social democrat general councilors Pere López and Judith Salazar during the press conference.



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DEPUTY PRESIDENT OF THE PS

«A generic substitution will be made for 'marriage' in those places of the law where marriage or civil marriage is mentioned, except in specific cases»

on or it has been done previously under the civil union formula», declared the deputy president of the PS. The second will be used to modify the regulations for the adoption of people of legal age. Thus, «it will be allowed for a period of five years that anyone can access it without having to listen to the parent in court», he mentioned.

Finally, according to López, «a document is being prepared by the General Council that will be signed by the five presidents of the parliamentary groups». In relation to this, there is already an agreement between them «to waive the procedure for presenting amendments». In this way, once the Government has issued its opinion, which has a maximum of 15 days, the text will immediately be included for debate in the General Council. Specifically, it will be the last initiative that will be discussed in the next session on the 30th. The content of the proposal, therefore, which only responds to the corresponding changes according to the judgment of the TC, «we understand that it will be well received by the different parliamentary groups». ≡

Bet to strengthen the professional career of the Circulation Corps

► Social democrat general councilors Roger Padreny and Joaquim Miró have entered three amendments to the Proposition of Law amending the Law of Municipal Traffic Agents. In this sense, the social democrats emphasized the importance of taking into account the professional career of the body in article 14 of the legal text, referring to the functions of the Interparochial Body for the Coordination of Circulation Services, so that the final wording be as follows: «d) Fix with the competent technicians the structure and organization of the training plan for municipal traffic agents, and establish the operating budget and its financing, as well as the professional career of this body».