



IMPROVEMENTS

Mútua Elèctrica invests 1.5 million in a photovoltaic park in Naturland

Each level of the park will independently generate all the energy it consumes

The company will compensate Camprabassa with 50,000 non-monetary euros to finance the improvements

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Mútua Elèctrica and Camprabassa signed an agreement yesterday that will allow the implementation of a photovoltaic park in the parking lots on the two levels of Naturland. In this sense, the director of Mútua Elèctrica, Joan Albert Farré, pointed out that the entity will allocate «around 1.5 million euros» to this initiative. The Consul Major of Sant Julià de Lòria, Josep Majoral, extracted three benefits from the agreement: «The first, professional support. Next, some renewable energy installations. And the last, that we are suppliers of electricity for our own consumption».

Specifically, a system of canopies will be placed in the car parks that will incorporate the photovoltaic panels. In more detail, at Level 1,600 four roofs will be established in an area of 1,800 square meters, while at Level 2,000 there will be three in a space of 1,650 square meters.

As Majoral commented, these facilities will not reduce the number of parking spaces on each level. Thus, the 1,600 will keep the 127 places and the 2,000 will continue with the 108 currently available. In this sense, the lowest station will be integrated by 693 photovoltaic modules with a minimum nominal power of 350 kilowatts (kW). Therefore, the estimated production will be 540,000 kW per year, the equivalent of 110 homes. On the other hand, the high level will have 640 panels with a minimum nominal power of 320 kW and the estimated production will be 560,000 kilowatts per year, corresponding to 120 homes. In relation to this, each quota will generate on its own the totality of the energy it consumes. Thus, 100% of the electricity will be produced in Naturland and, in addition, it will be of renewable origin.

In addition, the canopies will enjoy 12 charging points for electric vehicles. In this sense, the Consul Major of Sant Julià explained



► A moment from the signing of the agreement.



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CONSUL MAJOR OF SANT JULIÀ DE LÒRIA

«Three benefits: professional support, renewable energy installations and being our own suppliers»

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MÚTUA ELÈCTRICA DIRECTOR

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that the exact location has not yet been defined, «but the proportion is going to be half and half, approximately». In other words, six on each level. On the other hand, the works will allow the placement of sensors for the accounting of occupied and available parking spaces, as well as a system of payment barriers.

The commissioning of this facility is expected to be operational by next June, although «the materials must still be ordered and the canopies bought, in addition to preparing the projects, which they are already assessed as valid», indicated Farré.

The concession signed between the two entities has a duration of 25 years, which can be exten-

ded up to 42, «which is the longevity of Naturland's award with the Municipality of Sant Julià de Lòria», pointed out the senior consul. Thus, Mútua Elèctrica will undertake the necessary work and will also be in charge of maintenance and repairs. In addition, this body will satisfy Camprabassa with 50,000 «non-monetary» euros that correspond to the financing of the improvements or new energy constructions that must be implemented in the park, «always around the energy efficiency progress of the same facility», pointed out Majoral. Finally, the consul added that if the concession is extended, the compensation will be 75,000 euros, instead of the current 50,000. ≡



Basketball ▶ Interview with Iria Uxía



«I never thought I would be the first woman to lead a LEB Or team»

IRIA UXÍA Second coach of Club Ourense Baloncesto (COB)

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MoraBanc will play a new LEB Or game tomorrow, this time against Club Ourense Baloncesto (COB), at home from 7:00 p.m. The meeting, vital for tricolor interests, will have a special protagonist: Iria Uxía. The current COB second coach made history last December when she became the first woman to lead, as head coach, a team in the second category of national men's basketball. The dismissal of Guillermo Arenas caused Uxía to take charge of the Galician team and thus write a new page towards equality on the benches.

–How long have you been involved in this sport?

–I was about six years old when I started playing basketball. Then, when I was older, I studied the degree in Physical Activity and Sport Sciences (also known as INEF), and I have always been linked to it.

–Did you imagine getting to where you have? What has been the secret?

–The truth is that I couldn't have imagined it for anything in the world. There is no specific secret, but I think the key has been working hard, investing an exaggerated amount of time in my training and believing that I really could. I have continued to look for ways to be able to work in this field.

–First woman to sit as first coach in a LEB Or team. How did you experience it? At the time it was important?

–The truth is, no. I had never thought about this, that I could become the first woman to lead a LEB Or team, nor I had considered it. When they dismissed Guillermo [Arenas] I had to take charge of the team with little time until the next game, and I didn't have time to think about anything else. At no point I thought about the impact it would have on me. I was focused on helping the team, on preparing as well as possible the meeting and the whole plan to be able to compete to the maximum.

–Does being second to being head coach change much?

–Responsibilities are different. As an assistant you focus on some specific facets, but from this point to lead a match as you want and prepare it properly, decide, make decisions about how it will be played, how the match will be faced, the plan we will bring for try to win etc. Driving is very different.



▶ Iria Uxía during her debut as coach of Ourense.

–You did not have an easy role, against Burgos and at home against Alicante. How do you define yourself as a coach? What do you look for in your team?

–I am the first to work for the team, to try to help as much as possible, and I ask the same from the players: effort and concentration

at the service of all. That there is no selfishness and that they try to give the best of each, both in attack and defense, the maximum effort. I like my teams to be intense in defense and brave in attack, to try to play quickly to find the best play option at every moment.

–How do you rate the season so far, with the team 12th, with five wins and 10 losses?

–We have just been promoted and, of course, our goal is to continue in the LEB Or next season. Permanence is our priority, and more so coming from LEB Plata. Ourense is a historic club of the LEB Or, and for all its history I think it is where it should be. But we have to be realistic, we come from where we come from, and we are in a season in which the league is very strong. We have to fight for stay and try to save ourselves, to be able to have a quiet campaign and if that leads us to be able to compete for the play-offs, that would be great.

–Now you will receive the MoraBanc. How would you define the team and what game are you waiting for?

–MoraBanc Andorra is one of the strongest teams in the competition, with a great coach, with a lot of experience in this league and who knows what it means to be promoted. Despite now being below Palencia, he remains one of the firm candidates, no longer to achieve pro-

motion, but to do so directly. We will try to plan a game in which we do not let them play comfortably. They are just coming off a defeat and it will be even more difficult to surprise them. A newly relegated against a newly promoted. A complicated duel in which we will seek to compete and have options for victory until the end of the match. We already won in Burgos, and we can do it again.

–Has the COB changed a lot with the arrival of Félix Alonso on the bench?

–I think we have grown little by little as the team was formed. We had a pre-season with few players, many were missing to join. Then, we also adapted to the idea of the game, at first with Guillermo Arenas, and now with the entry of Félix [Alonso], who also left his mark on the team, his way of playing. We have been evolving and changing over the course of the season.

–Having reached this point, do you think that the fact of being the first woman to lead a male team in the LEB Or can have repercussions for the future?

–I hope it can be like that, but the truth is that what I am most happy about having made my debut is the response I see from the fans, from other coaches, and the support I felt. Maybe I'm a little delusional, but I feel this desire for everything to progress a little and for there to be mo-



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re equal opportunities. I'm left with a positive feeling, and that maybe we'll take steps forward a little faster and that's what I'm hoping for. When I decided that I wanted to try to be an assistant coach in the first years of men's teams, at first it was difficult for me to find the opportunity. I looked at the reality, and saw that there were no female coaches in the technical teams. Neither LEB Gold, nor LEB Plata nor ACB. I hope that if any coach finds herself in the situation that I was in 10 or 12 years ago, that seeing me here will help her to encourage herself, to try and to see herself able to achieve it. And not only the female coaches, but that all the people around basketball see that female coaches can also lead elite teams, and elite men's teams, and hopefully we can see more female coaches on the benches.

–What should we change for this equality to occur?

–Everything starts with the values that our society possesses. Not only in the world of training. In certain sports, these differences are exacerbated. You should think that in the teams of categories like the Women's Basketball League, for example, there are not many female coaches either. I think that for this part, from the directives or sports management of the clubs, it is important to value the ability of people to develop their professional work, regardless of whether they are a man or a woman. There are characteristics that should not influence when making the decision to include a person in a workplace.

–What does Iria Uxía dream about?

–I don't have a defined goal that I would like to reach. I like to continue progressing and learning, improving as a coach. I want to have the opportunity to continue working in this world and reach as high as possible. ≡

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