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Montaner heads to the general elections

The leader of Andorra Endavant announces her candidacy and reaffirms that it must be governed with «coherence»

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Carine Montaner in a session of the General Council.

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ESCALDES-ENGORDANY

The president of Andorra Endavant, Carine Montaner, has reaffirmed her party's commitment to a program that is consistent and critical of interventionist policies. «We presented ourselves in 2023 with a program based on the line of a coherence. We are against interventionism», she declared. In this line, the leader of the formation has used her social networks to announce her intention to present herself as a candidate in the next general elections: «My people have asked me to present myself as head of the list and I have

accepted».

In her statements, she also stressed the importance of respecting the will of the people in the event that the referendum on the Association Agreement comes out as no. «At Andorra Endavant we think that if the referendum comes out negative, elections must be called. If they are not convened, a question of confidence must be made or a motion of censure must be presented because democracy must be respected», she said, while indicating that her party will be ready to face the elections both in 2025 as in 2027 and making clear its commitment to the public.

One of the party's key propo-

sals is the defense of a selective immigration model, an aspect that Montaner wanted to emphasize in the context of the Asso-



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PRESIDENT OF ANDORRA

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ciation Agreement with the European Union. As she remarked to EL PERIÒDIC, AE had already warned of the risks associated with this agreement, especially with regard to the antecedents of the immigrants. «From Andorra Endavant we presented the results of a study in which we warned about the overexposed situations with the subject of the antecedents of immigrants coming to Andorra, in which anyone who manages to serve a sentence in another territory, can come in Andorra in case of a yes to the Agreement», she warned.

In addition, Montaner has defended the need to diversify the Andorran economy, but has clarified that this diversification should not be done «at any price». Finally, it has announced that Andorra Endavant is working on a law to curb budget deviation, showing its commitment to rigorous and transparent economic management.

The declarations of the president of Andorra Endavant come at a time of discrepancies between the head of government, Xavier Espot, and the minister of the Presidency, Housing and Work, Conxita Marsol, since last week the latter advocated for the convening of elections «immediately» after the referendum, regardless of the result, because she believes that «changes must be made» and «a new General Council that develops all this» is needed. Finally, Marsol's idea is at hoods with the intentions recently expressed by Espot, which is not in favor of advancing any electoral date. ●

LIVESTOCK

The blessing of cattle, marked by cases of blue tongue

FACIP is concerned about the numerous cases in France, where animals are not being vaccinated

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ORDINO

The traditional blessing of the cattle was celebrated this year in the Canya de la Rabassa, in the Rialb Valley of Ordino, in which approximately 200 heads of cattle went up during the day yesterday; specifically, 120 cows, 40 small calves and the rest horses and foals. At the event, the priest of the Ordino parish, Joan Fenoosa, proceeded to the blessing in front of more than fifty people, among whom were the Minister of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock, Guillem Casal; the minor consul of the Ordino parish, Eduard Betriu, and the president of the Andorran Hunting and Fishing Federation, Josep Maria Cabanes.

Regarding Cabanes, he explained that the number of cattle is more or less similar to last year, which is very healthy unlike the neighboring regions: «The blue tongue has appeared with intensity, especially in the rancher sector». In this sense, he reported that after talking to farmers in French Cerdanya, he confirmed that «50% of the lambs have received a lot, most of them dead». And the fact is that in France there is no vaccination to deal with the disease, a fact that worries Ca-



The authorities and the priest of the parish during the traditional blessing of the cattle.



JOSEP MARIA CABANES
PRESIDENT OF FACIP

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banes a lot: «We have been in contact with the neighboring hunting federations for years, but they tell us that there is no way, that it's another policy, and some ranchers don't have the concern that we have», he said.

In response to Cabanes' concern, Casal considered that the contact with the neighboring authorities is constant and that vaccination began in Andorra because «we believe it was the only way to make a barrier against

this disease», insisting on the fact that neither the disease nor the vaccine «affects the quality of the products». As for the wild fauna, «what and that's what should worry Mr. Cabanes», Casal emphasized that «we have only found one case in a mouflon, and they will overcome it naturally. We will have to control them, but for now in the situation we have we are not worried», the minister made it clear. On the other hand, the president of the Federation of Hunting and Fishing also underlined the fact that «every year more and more hunters sign up, we have many young people aged 18 to 30 who have taken up it». In line with this fact, Cabanes also emphasized that «the relief must be, nature must be repopulated and taken care of and if it is not done, no one will see what is happening», giving examples of some cases such as the disorder of the wild boar, of the rabbit in Lleida, the disappearance of some species. «The forests must be cleared otherwise there will be no food and no wildlife,» said Cabanes.

Finally, Betriu stated that «we are happy that the sector is holding on, every day there are new generations working there. This is a primary sector for the identity of the parish», he said. ●

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