



LIBERAL CONGRESS

# Gallardo denies a change of direction and that the ideology has changed

He believes that the general councilors should leave the seat but the party refuses to take legal action

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The extraordinary congress of Liberals of Andorra (L'A) held yesterday at the Congress Center of the capital, with the presence of about fifty members, ratified Jordi Gallardo as president of the party. Just before the start of the event, Gallardo denied that the party had changed the course with the election of Josep Maria Cabanes as a candidate for the next general election, as no new proposal or idea has been approved or discussed that represents an ideological turn of the party.

«Behind this argument on the part of those who have left are other totally legitimate reasons that are hidden, as no one can prove that there has been any ideological change, because we must remember that in the party when a programmatic pact or an electoral proposal has always been discussed and voted for by the militancy, and these days this has not happened», said Gallardo. «In the end,» he said, «organizations are living entities, there are people who leave, others who arrive, because that's the life cycle; we have a roadmap, a candidate, we will work from the party to accompany this candidate and to continue in a positive and responsible way».

One of the highlights of the upheaval that the party has suffered as a result of the primaries process is that it has lost the parliamentary group in the General Council, as all four councilors have left the party. In this sense, the Secretary General, Maribel Lafoz, ruled out starting any legal battle because there are precedents and there is little time left to finish the legislature. However, Gallardo considered that they should leave the seat, but he respected the decision. «It's not a situation we like, I think the com-



► Jordi Gallardo and Josep Maria Cabanes, during the extraordinary liberal congress.

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mitments are to be respected until the last moment or to abandon your responsibility, but this is my opinion, which is just as respectable as that of the people who have decided leave" said Gallardo.

With elections scheduled for the end of next year or the beginning of next year, the party has yet to define the policy of alliances or coalitions. In this sense, Josep Maria Cabanes used the process that has been marked sin-

ce he won the primaries. «First we wanted you to accept the president, the next step is what we did today [yesterday] and now we have to work, we have to consult the bases and from the decision that is taken, we will start, if necessary and it looks good within the party, the turn of contacts, because I think you have to talk to everyone, although that does not mean that you have any commitment to anyone,» said the candidate.



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PRESIDENT OF THE L'A

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CANDIDATE OF THE L'A

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The congress held yesterday served to renew the two vacant positions of the executive: Jèssica Gastó and Josep Fusté. Thus, the two new additions were approved unanimously: Sergi Alís and Xavier Coma, who will be vice-presidents, and Gerard Estrella will remain as secretary of the organization. The formation said that the number of affiliations exceeded the number of casualties in recent days, but did not want to specify this in figures. ≡

# Marc Forné leaves the party because «he does not defend the liberal manifesto»

The former head of government is not advancing if he joins the platform of the outgoing

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«I prefer to be out of the party because, at the moment, he does not defend the ideas of the liberal manifesto that was made in Andorra.» The abandonment of the liberal ideology, according to the former head of government and founding member of the Liberal Party of Andorra (for-

mer PLA, now Liberals of Andorra), Marc Forné, have led him to make the decision to tear the card, as other affiliates have done in recent days. «It seems to me that the current Liberal party is not in line with the precepts of the manifesto we made at the founding of the party,» Forné told EL PERIÒDIC, which stated that «I continue to be a liberal ideologist but I do not belong to the party.

As he explained, the beginning of the end of his ties to the party began to take shape at the end of the extraordinary congress on May 29th,

where Josep Maria Cabanes was chosen as the future head of the list for the general elections by just one more vote than her opponent, Judith Pallarés. «After the ballot, it was said that a meeting would be held between the two candidates, the winner and the loser, and that they would make an executive together; but this has not happened», highlighted the former head of government, who, having observed the public position of the elected candidate and the president of the party, Jordi Gallardo, in a more conservative tendency, has stopped feeling represen-

ted by the blue formation. In fact, he pointed out that «European and world liberals are against all forms of extremism and populism as well, so they remain in a rather center-left position.» «Unfortunately, I had to leave,» said Forné, who insisted that «I did not leave because of people, but because of ideology.»

In any case, the ex-liberal wanted to downplay his departure from L'A, stating that «there have been a lot of people who have left the party and nothing else has happened.» However, the reality is that Forné acknowledged that he felt serious

about having to disassociate from the party that himself had promoted to create: «It has not been easy, because I remember very clearly when the party was formed. We filed the lawsuit on June 4th, 1992, just 30 years ago.

In any case, despite having made this decision and taking into account that he has not been the only liberal affiliate who has taken the same path, Forné did not clarify whether he will join the platform that from the side of Pallarés and the four general councilors intend to move forward. «When it is done, if they do something, we will see,» said the former head of government, who said that «first I have to check what ideology it has, and then I will decide accordingly. For now, I can't decide anything.» ≡



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# JBL Quantum will sponsor the FIVE Media Clan eSports Club

Renowned figures such as Agustín51, RickyEdit and MateoZ will be some of the brand's new ambassadors

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JBL Quantum Spain announced yesterday the sponsorship of the eSports, lifestyle and entertainment team, FIVE Media Clan. In this way, JBL Quantum becomes the official audio partner of one of the most renowned teams in Spain.

With this association, JBL reinforces its goal of betting on the «creativity and work of young people, in this case, focused on the youth culture of gaming and lifestyle,» according to the organization. Well-known figures in the field, such as Agustín51, RickyEdit and MateoZ, who are the current co-owners of the team and fans of JBL Quantum products, will be some of the brand's new ambassadors to the southern country.

JBL Quantum will equip all content creators and professional FIVE Media Clan players with headphones, microphones and other audio devices from the brand, as well as appearing as the main sponsor of the team's official equipment and jerseys, including many more surprises for fans and fans of the team, such as raffles and more.



► From left to right: RickyEdit, Agustín51 and MateoZ, during a FIVE Media Clan promotional event.

**A FAST CONSOLIDATION** // FIVE Media Clan was born at the beginning of 2021, and currently, in less than a year, it has become one of the leading teams in the gaming sector in Spain, as well as being a benchmark within the genera-

tion of experiences in the digital field. «Thanks to this collaboration, we are not only looking to expand the brand and its high quality products to the entire audience and gaming industry in Spain, but, above all, we will create qua-

lity and exciting content for the public.» giving them the opportunity to enjoy the best sound experience at the hands of their favorite content creators, players and streamers" explained JBL Quantum in formalizing the sponsorship.

**ANDORRAN LABEL** // Founded in early 2021 following the covid-19 pandemic by three young Andorrans, Roger Espuga, Dani Lorenzo and Sergi Martí, FIVE Media Clan has managed in a record time and barely a year to run as one of the leaders in the gaming sector in Spain.

Committed to creating a strong and attractive brand inspired by American organizations, and with a clear differential focus on lifestyle as a form of communication, FIVE Media Clan has even gained the trust of figures such as Agustín51, RickyEdit and MateoZ, current co-owners of the team and professionals in this field who attract many followers and views of its content.

On the other hand, the JBL brand «embodies the sound that shapes the most epic moments

**In just one year,** Roger Espuga, Dani Lorenzo and Sergi Martí have consolidated FIVE Media Clan in the «gaming» sector

of life», being present at iconic events such as concerts at Madison Square Garden or parties at Yankee Stadium. JBL's products have 75 years of experience and development, tracing a unique career path, combining their vision of the future with the talent of engineers and designers around the world. In this way, they have partnered with the best talent in the world in music, sports and eSports. ≡

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