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► Berna Coma, Jean Michel Armengol and Jordina Bringué to the Ordino territorial debate.



Jean Michel Armengol

PS + X'ORDINO CANDIDATE



«There was no open competition for other laboratory projects because the Government was not interested»

Berna Coma

CANDIDATE OF ACO + DA + LIBERALS



«If the population does not want this association agreement with the European Union, then there will be no agreement»

Jordina Bringué

CANDIDATE FROM ANDORRA ENDAVANT



«We cannot mortgage the country to Europe so that our young people go to do Erasmus. They can do it now»

other issues parallel to the main ones, the debate went on with the occasional rebuke and quite cordiality on the part of the three candidates for the Ordino regional elections for the next general elections on April 2nd.

The territorial debate of Ordino has started with the economic bloc, in which the candidate of PS + X'Ordino, Jean Michel Armengol emphasized that facilitating access to foreign investors has caused an inflationary effect on the price of housing for residents of the country. In the same way that energy and food prices are affected. Armengol has reminded the Democrat + Liberals candidate, Berna Coma, that «doing load studies when construction has already started is putting the cart before the horse». The social democratic candidate commented that Democrats + Liberals have done an exercise in political cosmetics to say a lot and do little. In response, Coma has stated that the Government has implemented many measures that have benefited the public, such as the reduction in the price of electricity, to which Armengol intervened to remind him that this fact is not true, that the light has gone up by at least 15%.

The Andorra Endavant candidate, Jordina Bringué, recalled that the Ordino parish has grown significantly in luxury housing but not in housing for working people. She also stated that there is a lack of dynamism and tourist attraction proposals for the whole year that bring visitors to Ordino, since Arcalís only works in winter. In terms of the association agreement with Europe, Bringué recalled that the EU does not make tailor-made suits and therefore Andorra cannot today take on the legislative flow of the community. «Before, the population should be asked in a referendum if they want an agreement with Europe.» Berna Coma pointed out the advantages of the negotiation that is being carried out

The debate

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Ordino's debate focused on housing and the P3 Laboratory

by the Government and also that there is no need to rush to close the agreement. Democrats + Liberals want to respect the specificities of the country in order to get closer to a Europe that would give many opportunities to young people and companies. Armengol expressed himself in favor of establishing minimum parameters to frame the agreement and thus be able to hold the acceptance referendum with a document in hand that allows giving meaning to a new status of the Principality within the European space.

Berna Coma highlighted the approval of a sustainability law to determine the carrying capacity and have sustainable growth. Some studies that the municipal people have to do. For her part, Bringué reminded the democratic candidate that Andorran students can already enjoy the Erasmus program, even though Andorra does not have an association agreement.

Armengol highlighted the Grifols project as one of the least clear projects of the democratic legislature, in this sense he questioned the way in which this dossier has been handled from the beginning, emphasizing the fact that three laws have had to be changed to maintain the partnership pact between the Government and Grifols that had already been signed previously. Bringué denounced that the laboratory will carry out manipulation of live animals, viruses and other high-risk pathogenic agents. He also expressed his dismay at the eventual contamination of the water that will be used in the facilities. Finally, Bringué remembered that pharmaceuticals are ruined. Berna Coma defended the laboratory saying that it is a research center and not

a P3 Laboratory, even though it has a P3 security zone. Otherwise, he highlighted the high added value that this laboratory represents and the pole of attraction for companies in this area. Armengol wondered and asked the democratic candidate because with a heliport there have been lawsuits against it and its location has been changed up to four times, and on the other hand, for the Laboratorio P3 de Grifols project there has not been made no inquiry neither to the town nor to the country. Bringué assured that this project will not bring any profit and that it will be much better to devote the land to building social flats, residences or simply leave them as they are.

In terms of housing, Armengol talked about limiting investment in housing for foreign capital and creating public housing for the country's inhabitants. Coma acknowledged that the problem is worrying and finding solutions is complicated. In addition, he proposed to activate planning aid for owners and that they put accessible rental flats on the market. Jordina Bringué proposed the unlocking of the existing empty floors.

Finally, the three candidates talked about the elderly and their problems. Armengol pointed out that since 2018 there are more old people than children and that the beautification is quite serious. In addition, he emphasized the lack of prevention of dignified aging relative to pensions. He followed the same line as the social democratic candidate and added being able to choose a referring GP. Berna Coma, for his part, proposed the figure of the third payer for the elderly and disabled as well as the creation of a memory unit.

And so, disentangling some

POLITICS

Pere López: «The DA model is out of date and no longer of any use»

The party led by Pere López closed the electoral campaign event at the Municipal Theatre of Andorra la Vella

Pere López and the rest of the party members were confident in their candidacy

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On Wednesday evening, PS SDP+ offered the closing event of this year's electoral campaign at the Municipal Theatre of Andorra la Vella, in addition to the town meeting of the candidates from the aforementioned parish. Number two in the parish candidacy, Marian Sanchiz, highlighted «the inaction of the Democrat government», who now seem to «discover everything: the problems of housing, of abortion... Our party have been saying it for many years.»

Following this line, the socialist candidate from Andorra la Vella also wanted to mention the «social fracture that has become so evident due to her inaction», affirming in addition the «offense» that this entails for the citizenry and the «bubble of complacency» in which the members of the party led by Xavier Espot seem to reside.

«The DA model means not being realistic with resources and endangering both economic growth and the territory», said Laia Moliné, number five in the na-

tional candidacy and who was also determined when explaining that on the part of the democratic formation «there is no intelligent management of the territory nor tourism and an economic as well as social future».

In the same way, Pere Baró, number four on the national list, highlighted the impact that continuing with the DA model can bring «to the personal development of young people», who will see «not only their future condemned, but also that of all Andorra».

The event ended with the statements of the candidate for Head of Government, Pere López, who reaffirmed and conveyed the excitement and joy with which they are starting this year's project. «Change is unstoppable and inevitable», affirmed López, who also recalled that «the model of the Democrats' party is outdated and does not give any more of itself». In the same line, the socialist leader assured that «his party has been prepared to govern since the first day», a statement in which he reaffirmed to ensure that «our formation is voted on next April 2nd or we decide to continue the same, with the danger that this will entail for all». ≡



▶▶ The candidate for head of government and head of the PS SDP+ list, Pere López, during event at the Municipal Theatre.



PERE LÓPEZ

PS SDP+ LIST HEAD
«Either we vote on our formation or we decide to continue as it is, with the danger that this will entail for all»

MARIAN SANCHIZ

NUMBER TWO OF ANDORRA LA VELLA
«It seems that DA discovers everything now: the problems of housing, those of abortion...»

LAIA MOLINÉ

NUMBER FIVE OF THE NATIONAL CANDIDACY
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Lead the country towards sustainable energy

PS SDP+ wants to lead the country towards a more sustainable energy. Elisabet Zoppetti, number two of the party in Escaldes-Engordany, said that we are in an environment of climate change and we only need to see how scarce the snow is this year and the difficulties it entails. That is why they propose to take advantage of the parish's hot water and its geothermal energy to feed it into FEDA's heat network to make energy consumption more sustainable. She emphasized that sustainability must be achieved as soon as possible in order to improve the consequences of climate change.

Dafe and sustainable national mobility plan

Number four on the national list of the social democratic and progressive coalition announced that the alliance will create a National Mobility Plan that will bet on security, sustainability to help recover economic and commercial activity, and combat the climate crisis. Pere Baró emphasized the importance of promoting intermodal strategies to reach urban centers by public transport, and thus be able to allocate land on the periphery to car parks. They want to study transport such as the tramway, aerial metro and cable transport.



Modernization of schools

Social democrats believe that it is necessary to provide all possible tools so that teachers can carry out their work and children can enjoy a better educational experience. Marc Ferré points out «several shortcomings in many schools in the country, and in particular in Sant Julià de Lòria». When a structure begins to become obsolete, in addition to being a danger to the integrity of the students, it is also a danger to the teachers, and this fact is a consequence of the fact that no follow-up is being done to ensure maintenance.

Rights of the elderly

The Social Democratic Party wants to fight for the rights of the elderly. The candidate on the party's list, Naeco Yamamoto, explained at the Escaldes-Engordany Retirement Home that «this sector of the population needs a dignified retirement», and explains that «the PS is the only party that dedicates time to the elderly, and I think they can make the change we need.» On the other hand, Yamamoto explains that «many of the godfathers will vote for the PS, but in addition their children, grandchildren, friends and nephews can also vote for the party».

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