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# The former head of government, Toni Martí, dies of a cardiorespiratory arrest

The politician from Escaldes died last Monday at the age of 60 from a cardiorespiratory arrest

The government has decreed two days of official mourning and institutional events are suspended

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The former head of government, Toni Martí, died last Monday afternoon due to a heart attack. The cardiorespiratory arrest would have occurred when he was at home and, although he was transferred to Hospital Nostra Senyora de Meritxell, the medical team could do nothing to save his life.

Martí was head of government for two consecutive terms from 2011 to 2015, and from 2015 to 2019. During the period in which he was at the head of the Executive, the process of economic opening was completed, and of approval and international transparency of the country.

Martí was an architect by training and studied architecture at the University of Toulouse. In 1994 he began his dedication to the world of politics with the foundation of the Liberal Party of Andorra, he was general councilor between

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1994 and 1997, re-elected in 1997 and 2001. He held this position until 2003, when he stood in the municipal elections and was elected Major Consul of Escaldes-Engordany.

Later, in 2011, he was elected head of government at the head of Democrats for Andorra, a newly created party that was created to run in those elections. With this victory, Martí achieved the party's goal of ousting Jaume Bartumeu, who at the time was head of government.

Although Martí had returned to his job as an architect since 2019, a few weeks ago he had joined as an observer in the negotiations for the association agreement with the European Union.

The death of the politician from Escaldes generated a series of reactions last Monday. The government, with statements by Xavier Espot last Monday past 9:00 p.m., decreed two days of national mourning. During today and tomorrow the outer flags of the official buildings will remain at half-mast and the inner flags will wear black crepe. During the two days, no public ceremoni-



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►► Above, Antoni Martí at the Periòdic d'Andorra event. Bottom right, the former head of government at the United Nations. In the center, a profile photograph of Martí and Petit. On the left, the former leader of the Executive with the owner of the newspaper, Enric Dolsa.

es other than funerals can be held.

The news was announced during the inauguration ceremony of the day center in Escaldes-Engordany, where several authorities participated such as the head of government, Xavier Espot and the minister of So-

cial Affairs and Public Service, Trini Marín. Both left the event, as they explained to the media, «due to a sad event».

A few hours later, the current head of government summoned the media «to bear witness and express

condolences on behalf of the government I represent, and I dare say on behalf of the country's institutions». Espot expressed his surprise, since «this news has hit us all enormously, not only because of youth or age, which obviously no one ex-

pected this tragic outcome but because he was in good health». The current head of government said goodbye to his predecessor, whom he served as secretary of state and minister, thanking him for his advice and support during his career. ≡

ENERGY TRANSITION

# The Municipality of the capital achieves a 13.2% reduction in CO2

Astrié and Estrella present a study on the carbon footprint and energy saving measures



**David Astrié**

CONSUL GENERAL OF THE CAPITAL

«I want to congratulate the municipal workers. Without them, this CO2 reduction would not have been achieved»

«The municipality, as a public administration, must play an exemplary role (in reducing the carbon footprint)»

otprint, which would be equivalent to eight tons of CO2.

**OTHER SPECIFIC ACTIONS** // The senior counselor, Gerard Estrella, also stipulated that three measures have been applied in the same way, two more defined and a third that serves as a conglomerate of other smaller actions. Estrella explained that the first has been to reduce the use of heating oil and the parish street lighting network, which has changed from the traditional light bulb to the more ecological and efficient LED system. In addition, other measures, such as those already mentioned at the Serradells sports center, have been the purchase of more electric vehicles, the reprogramming of the lighting in the Center Ciutat car park and the 50% reduction in off-peak hours, the replacement of three panoramic lifts in the Prat de la Creu car park, the lighting of the Congress Center stage and other rooms in the building with more efficient systems.

**FUTURE CHALLENGES** // Astrié also explained that between 2024 and 2025, 8,000 homes in the capital are expected to be connected to the FEDA Ecoterm network, as well as the Congress Centre. Finally, the consul declared that they want to build a clean energy point on the roof of the building of the old municipal car park of the Pouets, since it is currently in disuse and the Municipality wants to try to exploit it with a roof of photovoltaic panels. ≡

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The Municipality of Andorra la Vella presented last Monday its latest study on the evolution of the carbon footprint in the capital and the effects of the measures applied by the Municipality between 2019 and 2022. The Consul Major, David Astrié, accompanied by the senior counselor, Gerard Estrella, presented the results of this evaluation last Monday at the Andorra la Vella Convention Center, where it was reported that the parish has achieved in the mentioned period a 13.2% reduction in CO2 emissions, in addition to highlighting a 34% reduction in emissions produced by heating. This decrease in pollution has been thanks to three types of measures that the public administration has been developing and applying within its powers. The actions taken in the municipal departments of efficiency and energy saving, the replacement of the heating system by the FEDA Ecoterm-Cetrasa network in some strategic public buildings with regard to energy consumption and the optimization of trips with the vehicles of the municipal fleet explain this reduction in the carbon footprint.



►► The Major Consul of Andorra la Vella, David Astrié, and the Major Councilor, Gerard Estrella, during the presentation of the study at the Congress Center.

**EFFICIENCY AND ENERGY SAVINGS IN MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS** // The measures applied within the same sections of the Municipality of Andorra la Vella focused on efficiency and energy savings to reduce fuel consumption for heating and air conditioning have been one of the central measures of this reduction of carbon emissions. During these years, the municipal officials had a minimum temperature of 26 degrees in the summer and a maximum of 20 during the winter, producing lower energy consumption and avoiding polluting emissions. Astrié specified that this «modification of the consumption habits of the Municipal workers» has been of great importance for the reduction of CO2 that has been detected from the study presented last Monday, and that it thus fulfills an «exemplary role» in this matter as stated by the consul, declaring

that «I want to congratulate the involvement of all the workers of the Municipality because, really, without them this important reduction would not have been achieved».

**FEDA ECOTERM IN STRATEGIC BUILDINGS** // Another key factor for the reduction of the carbon footprint has been the replacement of the heating system of the Serradells sports centre, an infrastructure considered to have high energy consumption. In this particular case, 484 tons of CO2 have been reduced. To make a comparison that explains the value of this quantity, it must be considered that last year, the Municipality of Andorra la Vella generated 1999.3 tons of emissions, in addition to assuming a majority of the 34% reduction in municipal consumption of emissions produced by heating systems. In addition, the sports center has also received energy efficiency impro-

vements such as the replacement of windows with more insulating and sustainable glass and the improvement of insulation in the Olympic swimming pool and throughout the sports complex. The Andorra la Vella Congress Center is also one of the strategic infrastructures to reduce the energy consumption of the administration and in which energy saving and efficiency measures have also been applied.

**OPTIMIZATION OF JOURNEYS** // The reduction of mobilities through the Municipality's fleet of vehicles by public workers in the capital has also been another measure implemented by the administration that has helped promote this reduction of the carbon footprint. The municipality has tried, as far as possible, that those trips that can be made on foot are made by walking, which has involved a 3% reduction in the carbon fo-

**the figures**

**13.2%** of greenhouse gases have been reduced since 2019.

**34%** less heating oil consumption.

**1,999,3** tons of Co2 absolute consumption by the municipal administration.

**484** tons of pollution savings at the Serradells sports center after the energy efficiency measures and the connection to the FEDA Ecoterm network.

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