



SIGNATURE OF THE AGREEMENT

The Casamanya hotel passes into the hands of the Government and the Municipality of Ordino

The agreement acquires a duration of 50 years and will have a budget of five million euros

The space will be for the offices of the Ministry of Environment, Agriculture and Sustainability

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►► The authorities last Tuesday at the signing of the transfer agreement of the Casamanya hotel.

Esport believes that the Government has done a lot for housing

►► The head of government, Xavier Esport, spoke yesterday about the statements of the citizen's reasoner, Marc Vila, which he expressed in his parliamentary session in relation to the abusive housing prices that some owners charge. The Head of Government was aware of the current situation in the country with the problems of the rental market and recalled that with the extraordinary budget that was voted and with the competition that went ahead, an investment of more than 20 million euros in different projects aimed at affordable apartments will be made. Likewise, he asked for patience because the results of these investments will not be reflected immediately and declared that «we are now evaluating all the proposals that have arrived in these competitions. We asked that disused buildings, empty buildings or buildings that needed to be rehabilitated be made available to the Government. We have several offers in which we can make a significant investment for the benefit of all citizens», he pointed out.

der it very important».

The signing of the agreement was also attended by the Minister of Environment, Agriculture and Sustainability, Sílvia Calvó, and the Minister of Territory and Housing, Víctor Filloy, and the junior consul of the Municipality of Ordino, Eva Choy.

All the authorities agree that the most positive part is the understanding between the administrations, especially for the good of the citizens as a whole and at the same time of the institutions, since they will be able to use the spaces for their dependencies, apart from being able to rehabilitate a building that did not host any activity for a long time. ≡

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The Head of Government Xavier Esport, together with the Consul Major of Ordino, Josep Àngel Mortés, and the midwives of Ordino, Mònica Coste and Marina Benazet, met last Tuesday morning at Casa Rosell in Ordino to sign the collaboration agreement and temporary transfer of use for the Casamanya hotel building.

It is an agreement with a duration of 50 years to be able to move the offices of the Ministry of Environment, Agriculture and Sustainability, as well as some offices of the Municipality of Ordino, in exchange for their rehabilitation. The investment and expenses will be proportionally distributed depending on the space in square meters oc-

cupied by each correspondence. It is expected that two thirds will be managed by the Government and the rest by the Municipality of Ordino. In addition, a space will be given that will be used by Ordino's quarter. The text agreed between the parties also indicates that it will be the Government who will be in charge of tendering and awarding the building improvement and maintenance works. The Government has already started preparing the draft budget law, so that the works can start in the second semester of 2023.

The Ordino parish cedes the use of the building at zero cost and temporarily, the monitoring commission will be the one that will see to developing the rehabilitation and reform of the building following the criteria of energy efficiency and full



Xavier Esport
HEAD OF GOVERNMENT

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integration and with respect to the patrimonial value of the property. It is expected that the remodeling will be completed in 2025 and it is predicted that it will cost approximately five million euros. Esport assured that the purpose of the action «is to bring life back to the most important exponents of our cultural heritage, give them a new use to avoid the degradation they were suffering and also give them the prominence they deserve».

Mortés, for his part, was satisfied with the transfer of the building and declared that «in Ordino we have elements that differentiate us from the rest of the parishes, we are one of the most important natural heritages of Andorra due to the Reserve of the Biosphere and the fact that there can be this ministry in the parish will energize it, I consi-

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CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE NATIONAL PLAN

Education wants to extend compulsory schooling until legal age

Vilarrubla clarifies that until they cover the maximum possible study profiles the action will not be carried out

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The Minister of Education and Higher Education, Ester Vilarrubla, indicated last Tuesday in statements after the presentation of the National Plan for Childhood and Adolescence (PNIA), the desire of the ministry to extend compulsory schooling until the age of 18 years, an aspect that has been on the table for some time, since «we said it at the time in the 2019 electoral program», as Vilarrubla explained. Thus, the current situation of compulsory education, from 6 to 16 years, will become from three to the legal age.

In this regard, the minister pointed out that this change has not yet been made «for a very simple and very complex reason at the same time: from 3 to 6 years old we already have the majority of the schooling

The schools plan to replace, the next school year, expulsions to actions in favor of the community

population. Therefore, it could have already been put in place by law, but we wanted to wait until we had the one from 16 to 18 years», she emphasized. On the other hand, «legislating these last ages and not creating the necessary structures that respond to the different profiles is leading us to failure», asserted Vilarrubla, who added that after a certain age, the school conventional does not respond to all representations «or to their way of learning».

So, the desire from the Ministry of Education is to diversify educational models, «and when we have done it to the maximum exponent and we are sure that we cover the maximum number of profiles, that will be when we can make schooling compulsory», as it was at the time the implementation, a couple of years ago, of the Initial Professional Training, which currently has



► Pallarés and Vilarrubla during the Legislative Education Committee at the General Council, last Tuesday.



ESTER VILARRUBLA
MINISTER OF EDUCATION

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JUDITH PALLARÉS
MINISTER OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS

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around fifty students.

Regarding this work, the Minister of Education and Higher Education showed her conviction in having it completed «during the next legislature».

For her part, the Minister of Social Affairs, Youth and Equality, Judith Pallarés, also made reference to the work that she wants to develop during the next legislature with regard to kindergartens from 0 to 3 years old: «Sometimes we have sent requests to be able to have more pedagogical guidance, but this involves working with the municipalities and some private centers», she pointed out.

Therefore, from the ministry, they consider that «we must not simply work on the regulatory part in relation to nursery schools but al-

so on the part where more monitoring and accompaniment support can be given with these entities», a line of work which the minister assured that they are willing to do in order to facilitate monitoring for children during their first stage of life. A fact that does not go through the same framework of compulsory schooling, but «enters into other characteristics in a transversal and different way due to issues of competences», added Pallarés.

As for the PNIA, the two ministers presented it last Tuesday before the Legislative Education Commission. During the exhibition, they explained that the plan contemplates 42 actions, of which a total of 36 correspond to the Government, five to the commons, and one to the General Council. More specifically, the pro-

Agreement between Education and the College of speech therapist

►► The Minister of Education and Higher Education, Ester Vilarrubla, confirmed that an agreement has been reached with the College of speech therapist so that sessions during school hours are not considered truancy, a fact that is currently happening in the Andorran school. «They ask that, in some cases, it can be done during school hours, and Education also believes so,» highlighted Vilarrubla. Therefore, only some specific cases will be valid: «The commitment we have made is to define which are the pathologies or situations where we do have to enforce non-attendance in some class time so that this treatment can be carried out, since it has some very direct benefits with learning», she added.

gram has a budget of 900,000 euros per year until 2026. In addition, Vilarrubla emphasized the importance of follow-up. Thus, every six months the national commission will meet to take stock, while the PNIA coordinator will accompany the various actors of the different measures on a weekly basis.

Finally, they highlighted some of the actions included in the plan that they plan to launch throughout the first semester of this year. Some of these are, for example, the review of the schooling decree for students with disabilities, «a job we had pending», pointed out the Minister of Education and Higher Education. On the other hand, «at school level they asked us not to expel a student in the face of a negative attitude, but to convert it into activities towards the community» or other less unfavorable measures towards the same student and his family. This is a measure that is already being worked on and that they plan to implement in the regulations for the beginning of next school year. ≡

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