



MOBILITY

# The environmental badge for vehicles will come into force in January 2023

The government wants to include ITV information, registration and broadcasts using a QR code

Obtaining the sticker will not involve any additional paperwork for car drivers



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►► The director of the Department of Business, Trade and Transport, Josep Pujol, and the director of the Office of Energy and Climate Change, Carles Miquel.

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The operation of the environmental badge for motor vehicles in the Principality will enter into force on January 31st 2023 in accordance with the guidelines established by the regulations of the national energy labeling and car emissions system. In this sense, the director of the Office of Energy and Climate Change, Carles Miquel, declared that «it is time to adopt this measure that has been carried out for years in our neighboring countries».

During the process of designing the badge, the office encountered the difficulty of the non-existence of a common system in Europe and that is why «we have decided to cre-

ate a hybrid between the Spanish and French system». With reference to the Spanish part, cars that produce low or zero levels of pollution will be identified with a green sticker with a Z sign meaning zero emissions. The Eco badge will also be established, with a green and purple background and is identified by light vans, eight-seater vehicles and freight vehicles. The rest of the cars will have a numerical rating system based on the French system, which will range from 5 to 1 (from less polluting to more) depending on the type of vehicle, fuel and category.

On the other hand, the Executive wants to include the information of the Technical Inspection of Vehicles (ITV), the registration of the car and the category of emissi-



**CARLES MIQUEL**  
DIR. OFFICE OF ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

«It can be obtained by carrying out the ordinary ITV procedure or it can be requested from the ACA, if this is preferred»

**JOSEP PUJOL**  
DIR. DEP. COMPANY, TRADE AND TRANSPORT

«The certificate will have a cost to be borne by the driver, but we have not yet finalized the figure»

## the label

### 1. emissions

The color and signs (letters or numbers) on the inside of the badge indicate the level of contamination of the car in question.

### 2. register

The QR code will show the technical data of the car and the membership in the Vehicle Register, together with the license plate.

### 3. itv

The condition of the vehicle with respect to the official procedure of the Technical Inspection of Vehicles and the date of the next inspection.

ons in a single sticker by means of a QR code «in order to centralize the aspects technically, ecologically and of registration in one place and facilitate the work of control of the authorities», highlighted the director of the Department of Business, Trade and Transport, Josep Pujol.

Obtaining the certificate will not involve any additional procedure for drivers, as «it will be obtained at the same ITV centers for those vehicles that have to go through the process», or «it will be issued automatically for new passenger cars», or for those who have to modify the registration certificate, stressed Miquel. In this sense, people who wish, can go to the Automobile Club of Andorra (ACA) to ask for the badge before passing the ITV.

Finally, Pujol indicated that the certificate will have a cost, which «we have not yet defined.» As for newly registered vehicles, the holders will have to pay for the certificate at the time of issue and for those who decide to purchase the sticker at the time of processing the renewal of the ITV «will have to execute the contribution for the badge directly or will be included in the inspection invoice. In any case, Miquel stated that «it will be a reduced rate that will be dedicated to covering the cost of the expedition.»

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## GENERAL COUNCIL

# Filloy is open to extending the freeze on rents and increasing aid

The PS denounces that some landlords do not comply with the law and that the tenants suffer the consequences

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After the president of the Social Democratic parliamentary group, Pere López, reiterated yesterday in the General Council, in the question session to the Government, the concern for the prices of rental flats based on the report of the Citizen's Reasoner and denounced the lack of policies of the Executive, the Minister of Territory and Housing, Víctor Filloy, was open to keep the year of extension of contracts with the frozen price, as this «protects 60% of families», a measure that «it does not generate more supply», and that is why we have pursued other policies. He was also in favor of increasing housing subsidies and increasing affordable housing.

On vacant flats, quantified by FEDA at more than 6,000 due to zero or low consumption, Filloy said that a new law on urgent measures will soon be approved, as «a legal framework is needed to use this data beyond the statistics». However, the minister pointed out that «we need time to agree on the text with the actors involved», and therefore recalled that the housing commission will be held on the 31st. He also said that the issue will be included in the tasks of the mediators, as «one more tool», and that they will carry out dissemination campaigns so that landlords and tenants know their rights.

Precisely on this, the Social Democratic Party (PS) denounced that some landlords would be applying increases in rents that would be outside the law, a practice also denounced by the reasoner of the ci-



► The question session in the Government held at the General Council.



**VÍCTOR FILLOY**  
MINISTER OF HOUSING

«We don't have the magic formula; if it were so easy the cities where they rule would be no problem, and they are»

tizen. «We have never been so bad as now, in 2021 we reached historic highs of complaints to the reasoner, and this 2022 this maximum has already been minimized,» as «it will triple if the figures continue as before,» so «for that is why we need affordable public housing» said López.

In this regard, Filloy announced that before the end of the year the structure of the Borda Nova building will be known, a project that has cost 10 million euros. However, «we do not have a magic formula; if the cities where they ruled were so

easy, there would be no problems, and they are» he said, referring to Barcelona and other major cities in neighboring countries. In the face of López's criticism, the Minister of Territory and Housing reproached him for «not providing solutions», and thus «it is difficult for us to do things together», as «they are bad travel companions», because they do the opposite of that they write in the electoral program, he denounced while reading verbatim one of the points of the Social Democratic electoral proposal of the last general elections. ≡

## Riva leaves the door open to return to the Biennale

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The Minister of Culture and Sports, Sílvia Riva, stated yesterday in the plenary of the General Council that «we will have to assess whether we return» to the Venice Art Biennale, in response to the question posed to the Government by the Social Democrat Minister, Susanna Vela, on Andorra's participation in this cultural event. The minister explained that after five participations, the candidacies have been declining over the years and the pandemic has also affected the fact that this year there will be no item in the budget for the Andorran stand at the event. She also revealed that 15 more countries will be missing from the event, which will make it the «least popular» edition, Riva said.

**FIRST LEVEL SHOWCASE** // For her part, Vela reprimanded the minister for «always being under suspicion on your part, not on our part», and lamented that «leaving it now would be a shame because it is a first-class showcase for our artists». Therefore, he added that «we have to rethink the model if necessary and without sparing a single euro,» said Riva who announced a long-term strategic plan that goes beyond governments and caretaker ministers. ≡

## Pallarés assures that the new tariff model «leaves no one out»

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The Minister of Social Affairs, Youth and Equality, Judith Pallarés, assured yesterday during the question session in the Government of the General Council that no user of the so-

cial and health centers «will be left without support», because «everyone who does not get there will be it will help» as «this model leaves no one out of the system» he said of the tariff review decree. The president of the Social Democratic parli-

amentary group, Pere López, for his part, called on the government to withdraw the decree for lack of consensus. «There has been no public debate and they have done it through the back door,» he said. In addition, the co-payment «already existed»

and «they have thrown in the towel and increased rates,» so that families «contribute more and CASS less.» He also complained that the requirements for excess aid are too complicated. In this sense, Pallarés explained that during 2021 a total of 74 users benefited, with a departure of 430,000 euros.

The Minister of Social Affairs pointed out that the contribution of users is «meager», that the model was «obsolete» and that the reasons

for the change are «legal» and «technical», as we had to comply with the law. On the price increase, he said, «it will only affect families with resources.» The head of government, Xavier Espot, also referred to this. Thus, he replied to López that «it does not make us progressives and social democrats; «There can be no coffee for everyone, more money will pay off,» he said, adding that «our model is more social and more protective than other countries» he said. ≡

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