



SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Entities criticize CREI's location for landslide danger

The Mental Health Relatives Association regrets that Pisma does not consider residency

Unicef considers this a »big step« in the fight against the risk of young people

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Social organizations of people with functional diversity criticize the location of the Residential Center for Intensive Education (CREI) for its geographical location. According to Rosa Lluís, president of the Association of Relatives for Mental Health (Afmma), and Sandra Cano, president of the Association for the Defense of Young People at Risk, we believe that the building is in a place which entails certain geological risks such as landslides, and this is a rather worrying fact for the groups we represent. In general, however, the opinion of the associations is positive towards the CREI facilities, except for the proximity to the nearby screens. In fact, Lluís emphasized that »the building is very good, it is all new and it is noticeable that there has been a strong investment

The representatives of the groups send the Government a list with different aspects that should be improved

by the Government». Following the same line, the president of Unicef Andorra, Albert Mora, stated that »it has made a very good impression on us and has exceeded our expectations; it is a very large space that will be able to absorb the necessary number of people and it is a big step to fight against the situation of young people at risk in the country». For his part, Cano said that »we were not sure what kind of building we would find and we were positively surprised, as we found that the administration has allocated a lot of resources that we needed». In addition, the two associations agree that »this center not only strengthens the country's ability to care for young people suffering from addictions but will promote the reconciliation of their relatives by geographical proximity». During the visit, representatives of the associations had time to evaluate the materi-



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► Visit of political representatives and associations to the Residential Center for Intensive Education.



ROSA LLUÍS
PRESIDENT OF THE AFMMA

«Residence is one of our main demands of Pisma and the Executive has decided to rule it out»

SANDRA CANO
PRESIDENT OF THE YOUTH ASSOCIATION AT RISK

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als and facilities in order to check whether »everything is properly enabled by the people who will occupy the space in the future», said Cano. In this sense, the president of Afmma noted that »we made a joint list with different aspects that needed to be improved, such as some protections on the stairs, sharp items located in the showers and fire extinguishers». This list was forwarded to the director of the Department of Children, Adolescents and Youth, Jordi Olivé, who »wrote down all the requests for change that we requested effectively and in full collaboration on his part», said Cano.

WITHOUT RESIDENCY // On the other hand, the Comprehensive Plan for

Mental Health and Addictions (Pisma) does not include a residential center for people with mental illnesses, according to the Secretary of State for Health, Helena Mas. The initiative, which has been underway for years, aims to achieve social change that fights stigma and more comprehensive care for patients. In this sense, the president of Afmma regretted that »they rule out doing the residency, as it is one of our main demands for years». Lluís criticized that the Secretary of State had not sent the plan in advance and added that »it cannot be that the 32 people we have in Catalan centers are so far away from their families; this creates a very significant upheaval for travel. ≡

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The Penal Code will consider reckless driving to be a crime

The amendment to Article 270 will not require, as an additional element, to endanger the lives of persons

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Article 270 of the Penal Code will not require as an additional element of the criminal type of reckless driving that such driving effectively endangers the life or health of persons, but reckless driving will be considered criminal. This was explained yesterday during the press conference following the Council of Ministers in which the Government presented the Bill amending the Penal Code. «Recently, we have seen examples of reckless conduct, and this alone deserves a criminal response», said Home Secretary Joan León.

The aim of the reform is to adapt it to the new crimes related to new technologies and to the commitments that Andorra has acquired with the signing of international agreements. Thus, the new text will have 47 articles, with 36 that will be modified and 11 that will be incorporated new.

This includes a specific type of criminal charge for those who use social media, the Internet, or other information and communication technologies to spy on or harass another person, or to advertise or otherwise disseminate messages or recordings of harassment or assault. In addition, it is established that the penalty for the crime of



► The Secretary of State for the Interior, Joan León, was at a press conference on Wednesday.

It will include new criminal types related to the dissemination of child pornography and intimate images without permission

promoting prostitution will be imposed in the upper half when the crime is committed through social media.

In addition, in the field of Internet security, new types of penalties are included for the dissemination of child pornography on the Internet, as well as for the dissemination of intimate images without authorization for sexual satisfaction. According to León, until now these crimes did not go unpunished, but with the modification we increase legal certainty, as they are

more specific, although we do not increase the penalties».

It also includes a new type of criminal law consisting of the intentional creation, publication or dissemination of false news, with a clear disregard for the truth. On the other hand, the wording is modified or new ones are foreseen in relation to crimes related to human trafficking,

means of payment, money laundering or terrorism, including the classification of travel for terrorist purposes, regardless of the country from which you travel. Finally, the new Penal Code will introduce the modification of article 484, in application of the sentence of the Constitutional Court (TC), of last January 17th, with the aim that the sentence of work cannot be imposed on a sentenced person for the benefit of the community and the fine, but only one of the two. ≡

Reinforcement of environmental monitoring of the works

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The Environmental Assessment of Projects and Plans and Programs Bill presented yesterday by the Government strengthens the monitoring and control during the execution of the works by the facultative management through the figure of the person in charge of environmental monitoring and by part of the project manager, who must know the content of the environmental documents. The new text provides for the possibility of taking precautionary measures to prevent the continuation of infringements or aggravation of damage caused, includes the precautionary halt of the works of a project when it does not comply with the provisions of the law and provides for the repair of damage and the obligation to restore the environment to its original state. In addition, concepts from European directives are incorporated, such as consultations with the public at the same time as public information. ≡

Increased measures in Mountain Music

The government announced that it has decided to tighten security measures ahead of Andorra Mountain Music's upcoming concerts, after Martin Garrix, who drew 4,200 people last Saturday, saw many attendees without a mask.

In addition, the Ministry of Health has opened an information file to find out what happened during this concert. According to the spokesman, Eric Jover, there was a review at the entrance, but «it is clear that in many cases it was not complied with afterwards», he said.

Approved the regulation of the Customs Code

The Executive approved the amendment of the Regulations for the application of the Customs Code, which regulates the application of import and export duties and other measures provided for in the framework of trade in goods. Following the recently approved General Consumer Tax Tariff Amendment Act, preference is given to products originating in the European Union (EU) for the new 2404 codification of tobacco products intended for be inhaled without combustion, which were previously included in code 2403.

The works are tendered of the Borda Nova

At the proposal of the Minister of Territory and Housing, Víctor Fíloy, the Government approved yesterday the tender for the geological and geotechnical reconnaissance campaign for the construction of an affordable public housing building in the parish of Andorra la Vella (Borda Nova). The national competition will be held by open procedure and ordinary contracting. The deadline for submitting bids is March 31st, 2022. The works refer to the geological and geotechnical surveys to be carried out on the plot where the building is to be built.

Appeal against the 'Andorra' trademark ruling

The government applied in 2017 for the registration of the *Andorra* brand in the European Union, an application which, according to a ruling by the European Court of Justice, cannot be registered in all the categories requested by the Principality. According to Jover, the Andorra brand was registered in all existing categories (45), although a total of 39 were awarded» and six have been left out». Following the decision of the European body, the Executive has decided to appeal the ruling to include the remaining categories.

New paving of the roads

The Council of Ministers tendered the specifications for the drafting of the project, facultative management, control of the agglomerate plant of the work and coordination of the safety of the new paving or reinforcement of the general road, secondary roads and streets for the year 2022, as well as the work of facultative management of the contract of horizontal signaling of the road network for this year. The deadline for the drafting of the project will be a maximum of two months after the signing of the contract.

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