

SPRING SURVEY

Democrats would win the election again and the PS would cut distances

Citizen support lowers for the association agreement and increases its current status with the EU

Majority endorsement of economic sanctions in Russia and the position on the conflict

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VOTE INTENTION + SYMPATHY

	PERCENTATGES (%)	VOTING INTENTION + SYMPATHY 2022	VOTING INTENTION + SYMPATHY 2021	ELECTION RESULTS 2019
Demòcrates per Andorra	33.3	52.14	61.99	35.1
Liberals d'Andorra	7.1	11.28	9.59	12.5
Partit Socialdemòcrata	14.4	22.57	19.52	30.6
Progressistes SDP	0.9	1.56	1.37	5.9
Terçeravia	3	4.67	5.48	10.4
Andorra Sobirana	0.5	0.78	0.34	4.6
Units pel Progrés	0.4	0.78	2.71	0.8
Andorra Endavant	2.3	3.50	-	-
Ciutadans Compromesos	0.9	1.17	-	-

WHAT KIND OF RELATIONSHIP DO YOU THINK SHOULD BE AGREED WITH THE EU?

YEAR	2018	2021	2022
Being a member of the EU	10,6	9,7	8,8
An association agreement like what is currently being negotiated	35,5	49,7	46,2
The status of Andorra as it is until now is good	31,3	22,9	28,6
Less relationship than it currently has	3,7	4,2	4
NS/NC	18,9	13,5	12,3

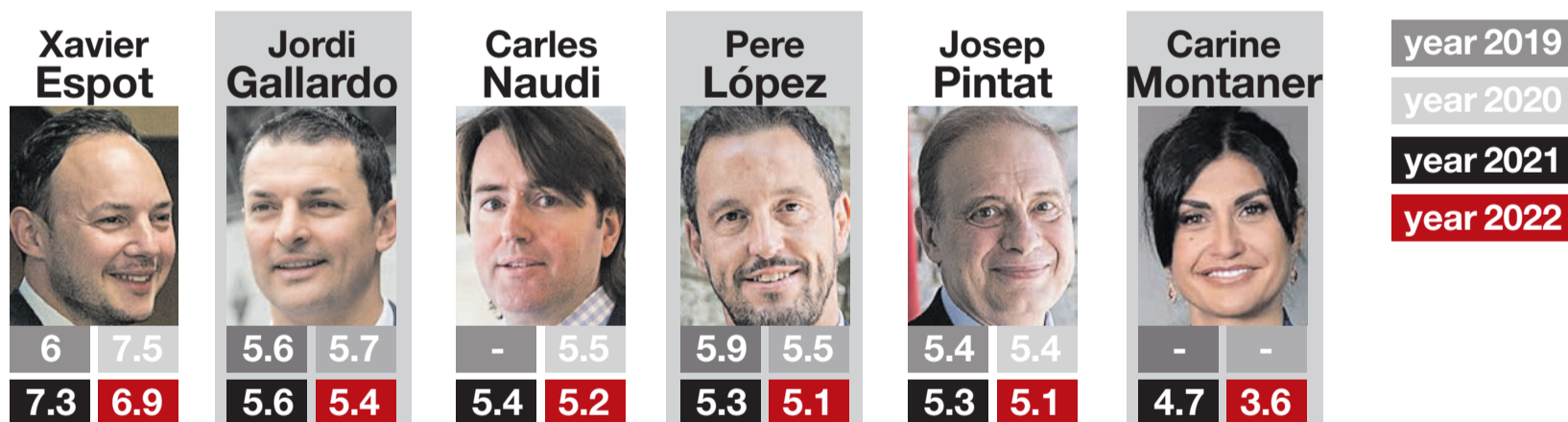
countries, although it has decreased compared to last year and increased compared to 2019, the year before the pandemic. The head of government, Xavier Espot, appears as the politician who deserves the most trust, with approximately 25% of answers, followed by the former Minister of Health, Joan Martínez Benazet. Both Espot himself (6.9), as well as the Minister of Economy Jordi Gallardo (5.4), the leader of the opposition Pere López (5.1) or the leader of Terçeravia Josep Pintat (5.1) approve in valuation, although all four worsen grade. Carine Montaner, meanwhile, clearly fails with a 3.6.

As for the Executive, it has a better rating among residents (6.7) than among Andorrans (6.1), a figure lower than two years of pandemic and higher than 2019. «We are in a phase of return to normalcy», explained Joan Micó.

The work also addresses the negotiation of the association agreement with the European Union (EU), a process that would be completed during the next legislature and would culminate in a referendum. Thus, the support of the respondents to the association agreement in the last year is reduced by three points. While a year ago acceptance was close to 50%, now it stands at 46.2%. However, maintaining the current status rises by more than five points, from 23 to 28.6%.

As for the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, only 51% of citizens support the position against the Russian invasion, although the percentage increases in the application of economic sanctions against Russia and Belarus (62%).

POLITICS EVALUATION



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Democrats would win the general election again with some comfort, although the Social Democratic Party (PS) would cut distances from last year, according to the spring political poll presented yesterday by Andorra Research and Innovation (AR+I). «The distance has decreased compared to 2021, but it is still large; however, the center-right parties have had the most hidden votes historically, the PS now also has one, but it seems that it would not be important enough to reverse the result

at the polls and catch DA», said the coordinator of the AR+I society, Joan Micó. If it is specified in figures, and the intention to vote and sympathy for a party is grouped, 33% of respondents would vote Democrats, 14% the PS and 7.1% the Liberals, while Terçeravia would be left with a 3% and Andorra Endavant (Carine Montaner's new party) with 2.3% in the national list, as the survey does not analyze the options of territorial candidacies. If the undecided are rejected, the comparative results indicate that the PS would gain 3% of voting intention (22.5%) compared to 2021 (19.5%), and DA would lose almost 10% (52% - 62%).

If we look at vote loyalty, DA manages to keep 57% of voters and Terçeravia 51%, while PS only 37% and L'A 23.4%. In this sense, it is noteworthy that 10.5% of PS voters would vote for Democrats in the next elections and almost 30% of Liberals would vote for DA and 11% for PS. At the same time, 20% of Terçeravia voters would go to Andorra Endavant.

The survey, conducted between April 29th and May 11th, with a sample of 403 Andorrans and 402 residents, predicts the election results in case residents could exercise their right to vote. In this case, the trend is similar to that of Andorrans, with 27% voting intention for Democrats

and 11% for PS.

The government's assessment of political leaders remains high, especially compared to neighboring co-



JOAN MICÓ

COORD. OF AR + I SOCIETY

«Surely the PS now has a secret ballot, although it does not seem significant enough to turn the result around at the polls»

FIRST REACTION // The Social Democrats did not take long to make the first assessment of the AR+I political opinion poll, and yesterday afternoon they highlighted, in a statement, the dissatisfaction of the citizens with the Government, already that the assessments made by the population show the mismanagement and lack of leadership that the Government has shown in recent months». In this way, they say, the AR+I data show the loss of citizen support for the government and that the PS project is being consolidated». ≡

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TERRITORIES

Acoda believes that a landfill is needed in every valley in the Principality

The Maià facilities will serve as a short-term solution for the closure of Beixalís

COMÚ DE LA MASSANA



►► Archive image of the Beixalís landfill.



Mònica Dalmau
MANAGER OF ACODA

«Excavations cannot be stopped, so we ask the government and the municipalities to work hard to find new options»

«The Rabassa of Sant Julià de Lòria facilities are an alternative with very high rates»

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The Association of Contractors of Works of Andorra (Acoda) believes that the Principality should have a total of three landfills, one in each valley, plus the Rabassa, to make up for the loss of space that will cause the closure of the facilities of Beixalís. This was stated by the manager of Acoda, Mònica Dalmau, stating that «an optimal distribution of landfills throughout the country would be needed to avoid long transport journeys; for this reason it would be good to have a space on the banks of Ordino, another on the Encampada slope and that of Sant Julià de Lòria».

Going into the details of the statement made public yesterday by the association, one of the main demands it reflects is the search for a solution in the medium and long

term in relation to the creation of new spaces, as «excavations not stop and we have to look for new options beyond temporary alternatives», said Dalmau. In this sense, the Acoda is grateful for the authorization of the Maià landfill, which is under the jurisdiction of Encamp municipality. Thus, the builders will be able to locate the rubble of the excavations in a facility that, according to the manager of the Acoda, has similar characteristics to Beixalís in terms of rates, as the price of this revolves around of 15 euros per cubic meter, while the landfill in Massana was about 14 euros. However, this is an alternative that will be effective during the summer and will last until September, so «it is very good to have a continuation similar to the conditions of Beixalís, but it is a fact on time; you have to look beyond it, because it won't last forever».

Following the same line, Dalmau

Some promoters will be forced to suspend their activities due to this closure

indicated that the Maià, which is located in the Port of Envalira, so far has made it possible to solve the needs of the constructions that are carried out in the Pas de la Casa area and in the areas of the northwest of the Principality, especially during the summer months due to the lack of viable alternatives in the other parishes, so that the redirection of the rubble to this area would cause «a considerable increase in the traffic of grain trucks dimensions for general roads» with the consequent increase in pollution and more difficulties in the field of mobility.

As for the Rabassa landfill, lo-

cated in Sant Julià de Lòria, the association believes that this is also a solution to the lack of space, but that, contrary to the facilities of the Port of Envalira, this one has very high dumping rates that are twice that of Beixalís and Maià. In this sense, the figures for La Rabassa are around 28 euros per cubic meter of material and, for the time being, only include the excavations that are being carried out in the Laureadian corporation itself. However, the manager of Acoda pointed out that if the management of the earthworks of other parishes in Sant Julià is allowed, the decision to make a higher payment to dump the surplus will depend on the case of each builder, but «we believe that the government and the municipalities should be more involved to see the point of view of the builders».

In addition, Acoda said that the «lack of planning» for the disposal of landfills across the country

could lead to a possible imminent shutdown of earthworks, which would have a strong impact on all entities that they are part of the construction process to the greater detriment of developers and landlords. In turn, Dalmau added that in cases where the agreements were already signed prior to the announcement of the closure of Beixalís there is no problem, as the landfill provides for the absorption of the waste resulting from these contracts. However, there are customers who have the planning permission of the corporations to carry out their construction and, due to the closure of the landfill, will be forced to suspend the activity».

Finally, Dalmau pointed out that «contractors need an alternative that will come into operation this summer» in order to «continue the activities of one of the most important sectors in Andorra». She added that «every day hurts us all», so «this aggravates the situation of widespread inflation, especially with the rise in commodity prices».

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