



INTERNATIONAL

## Forné meets with the Secretary of Mobility of Catalonia, Sanglas

One of the key points they discussed was a possible tram in the country with a connection to La Seu

There was also talk about the heliport and the new bus between Andorra and La Seu d'Urgell

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► The Secretary of Mobility and Infrastructure of Catalonia, Marc Sanglas and the Secretary of State for Energy Transition, Transport and Mobility, David Forné.

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The Secretary of State for Energy Transition, Transport and Mobility, David Forné met last Tuesday in Barcelona to meet the Secretary of Mobility and Infrastructure of Catalonia, Marc Sanglas. Thus, the two representatives of mobility met with the aim of deepening the relations of good neighborliness between the two territories in terms of infrastructure and land and air connections, with the aim of facilitating tourism promotion, economic relations and businesses and the opening up of the Pyrenees territory.

Thus, Forné and Sanglas exchanged the projects that the two territories have in common to im-

prove mobility. Forné explained to Sanglas the international competition opened by the Government to study and implement a sectoral infrastructure plan to launch a segregated urban public transport system for passengers. With this study, the Government wants to take one more step to find the best model of segregated public transport that would allow mobility to flow, decongesting the current system and allow the level of CO2 emissions to be reduced.

This comes after last October 11th in the Council of Ministers tendered the preliminary project for the implementation of the urban public transport system. Forné emphasized that it would be designed to run from the Central Valley of the parish of Sant Julià de Lòria to Escaldes-Engordany, passing th-

rough Andorra la Vella. Forné explained that there would also be a possible external opening with La Seu d'Urgell. The process will last 18 months, and the cost that was calculated was 300,000 euros, 180,000 of which are foreseen in this year's budget and 120,000 in next year's.

Forné also explained last Tuesday to the secretary of the Generalitat de Catalunya the new developments promoted by the Government to improve connections between Andorra and La Seu d'Urgell by bus. Thus, with the new authorization to operate the line, the frequency of passage was increased, almost tripling, the costs of season tickets were reduced and services were extended during the week and, above all, on Sundays and holidays. The initiative makes it

**The aim of the meeting is to deepen the relations between the two territories in terms of connections**

**The government wants to take one more step to be able to find the best segregated public transport model**

possible to increase a greater connection between the nearest neighbor, facilitating the daily flow of borderers who use the service every day.

Finally, the Secretary of State conveyed to Sanglas the Government's desire to build a new national heliport that will generate new opportunities. It should also be noted that he explained to him the commitment to enhance the airport of Andorra-La Seu d'Urgell, since the Government has recently tendered a new route that allows connecting the Principality with Palma de Mallorca.

The two representatives agreed to continue working at a technical level on the aspects discussed to promote better cooperation in the field of mobility between Andorra and the Catalan territory. ≡



SOCIETY

# Mobilization to protest the current housing situation

The DenunciAND organization calls on all citizens to go on strike on October 31st

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The strike proposed by the Union of Andorra against the current housing situation in the country is already a reality. As reported by the DenunciAND entity last Tuesday through its social networks, next October 31st a meeting or protest organized by the people of Andorra, thus giving the starting point to citizen mobilization for decent housing. The organization invited all attendees to wear chestnuts or something similar, representing «the bad management of our politicians». It is planned to dissolve the meeting at 8.45 p.m., although it will depend on the motivations of the moment.

The entity took advantage of its publication to request «maximum responsibility, education and pacifism» on the part of the demonstrators, also highlighting that it is a citizen's rally, created «under no official entities, groups or individuals in a personal capacity». In addition, they were also invited to bring banners, leaflets, or any other tool

of artistic or sound expression.

DenunciAND put the final point in its publication by assuring that «we are you», so «we want to continue doing our work of denunciations in the fields of education, urban planning, health, justice or occupational health».

**SOMVEÏNS, IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSAL//** The Somveïns d'Andorra association did not take long to respond to the information given by DenunciAND, being fully in favor of its proposal. «We cannot do anything other than support it, as well as all those initiatives that seek to improve the quality of life of the residents of our valleys», they indicated, affirming that «we cannot close our eyes to the serious situation for which the residents of all the parishes are going through and which affects Andorrans and residents who have been in our country for many years». In addition, as they were responsible for explaining, many people have conveyed to them «a widespread feeling that the administrations have arrived late in making the necessary decisions». ≡



►► The poster for the meeting called for next October 31st.



►► Archive image of Cerni Escalé.

## Concòrdia also shows its support for the mobilization

►► The Concòrdia parliamentary group was the first to express «firm support» for the citizen mobilization. As they mentioned, «it is a crisis that affects people's lives, their stability and sense of security, threatens the well-being of the community and worsens living conditions in the country». Those from Cerni Escalé emphasized the fact that «it is incomprehensible that at the worst moment of the housing crisis the measures taken so far are relaxed. Only through collaboration and determined action will we be able to guarantee everyone's access to decent housing.» We remember that some of his proposals in this matter are to extend the freeze on rents or to modify the Foreign Investment Law.

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