



TRADE

PS SDP+ wants more budgets for traders' associations

The party wants to create a Ministry of Tourism and Commerce and amend the Andorra tourism law

We also want to reactivate the Andorran Council for Trade Competitiveness

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The PS SDP+ presented the proposals for the candidacy on the topics of tourism and trade last Monday afternoon. The head of the party's list, Pere López, highlighted his political program, which focuses on tourism and trade because «Andorra has been, is and will be for many years a tourism and trade destination. The two sectors drive our country's economy, they are the two sectors that generate more wealth, more jobs, more tax collection and, therefore, they are absolutely at the center of our political proposal», stated Pere López.

The candidate also explained what measures the party is proposing. First of all, they want to create a Ministry of Tourism and Commerce, «we want to unify these two departments, a ministry that is dedicated exclusively to these two issues, that serves to unify policies», López explained that this ministry would touch on all the issues of procedures and also the most administrative ones, but also all those who are linked to the projection of the image that we want to give to the outside world and to the Andorra brand.

Secondly, PS SDP+ wants to modify the Andorra tourism law with greater participation and involvement of the tourism and commercial sectors, therefore with its composition of the board of directors. «We want a more plural and participative management of the budget and an assessment of the efficiency of the measures taken by Andorra tourism»



►► Pere López and Joaquim Miro last Monday afternoon.

declared the candidate. They are also betting that Andorra tourism will become the tourism observatory to have more data and more information

in relation to tourism and the traders of the Principality.

On the other hand, the party wants to reactivate the Andorran

Council for the Competitiveness of Trade, which is one in which it was created, but which is currently not operational, because it considers



Pere López
PS SDP+ CANDIDATE

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it to be an essential body for commercial dynamism. Finally, the PS SDP+ announced that they want to provide, so that all this is possible, more budget to the associations of traders so that there is more linkage and more participation in cooperation with this ministry of trade and tourism. The candidate also recalled that a diagnosis had already been made of the trade, but that «it is a job that has not had any kind of continuity, in these four years». Pere López claimed that cooperation with traders' associations is essential, since many of them are below minimums with their operation, and for this reason «we think that their role is very important, it is not only an economic issue, we want to provide more budgets for these associations, but cooperation with different areas is necessary». ≡

PS bets on the university residence in Sant Julià de Lòria

Roig wants to make the parish a point of reference in higher education

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Last Monday morning, Josep Roig, number two of the PS SDP+ coalition in the parish candidacy of Sant Julià de Lòria, appeared before the media at the gates of the University of Andorra to explain the plans they have to boost the center. Roig stated that «Sant Julià is a university town, we Laureadians feel very proud to be able to host this infrastructure (the university) in our parish. We think

that the next step is to favor and promote Sant Julià de Lòria as a university town, to make our university, and our parish as well, a point of reference for higher education in the Pyrenees. This happens, above all, to provide more services to students and build the university residence, apart from allocating more resources to research and investigate».

The coalition wants to focus especially on higher education, as it is seen as a mechanism to reduce inequalities. Number two of the social-democratic and progressive candidacy wanted to mention that they also want to take into consideration «the professional career of the uni-

versity's teaching staff, so that they can grow horizontally. We understand that it must be an attractive career, that rewards academic merit and that recognizes their teaching work», declared Roig.

Regarding the association agreement with the European Union and its effect on university education, Roig referred to the fact that the coalition would like the agreement to have a direct impact on students, and that the agreement would allow the possibility that young people can go out to study and work throughout the European space under the same conditions as citizens of member countries.



►► Josep Roig before the UdA.

Roig cataloged as «key» the collaboration between the Government and the community, as it is an element of the country that is located in the Laureadian parish. In addition,

he showed the coalition's opposition to building the residence in Prat Gran, as it is a very necessary space for the children and young people of the parish. ≡

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Concordia proposes more doctors in primary care centers

The candidacy sees with concern the «saturation» that is being experienced at the Nostra Senyora de Meritxell hospital

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Concordia sees with concern the «saturation» that is being experienced in the emergency department of the Nostra Senyora de Meritxell hospital and for this reason they propose that the primary care centers have a general practitioner. This was highlighted by the number two of the territorial list of the formation for Escaldes-Engordany, Lara de Miguel.

«Many times we have some problems that perhaps shouldn't be attended to in the emergency room, but the fact that we don't have this doctor in the primary care centers means that we go there,» explained De Miguel.

She also added that the proposal of her training is that during the day, a general practitioner can be present in the primary care centers to attend to all those pathologies that are not an emergency.

The candidate gave as an example parents who are often «scared» of health problems their children may have and who end up taking the child to the emergency room when it would probably not be necessary to go to this service. «Adding a doctor to the health centers



► Ramon Tena and Lara de Miguel, in front of the hospital Nostra Senyora de Meritxell.

would decongest the emergency rooms,» she assured.

On the other hand, from the formation they also showed disbelief with the proposal to expand the

hospital. «I don't know where we're going to get the money from,» assured De Miguel, adding that perhaps what is needed is for this money to cover «more necessary servi-

ces and strengthen what we already have». Number two on the territorial list of Concordia in Escaldes-Engordany also stated that they want to take into account and give mo-



Lara de Miguel
NUMBER 2 CONCORDIA IN ESCALDES

«Incorporating a doctor in primary care centers would decongest emergency rooms»

re importance to the pathologies of the elderly.

For this reason, her proposal would be to include the podiatrist in the CASS portfolio of services, a demand that the elderly groups had brought to them.

Regarding the country's lack of specialists in certain branches of health, Concordia's number two, Lara de Miguel, stated that to solve this problem, a study would need to be done beforehand with the people involved. ≡

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