



CLIMATE CHANGE

## The current anomalous temperature falls within the forecasts of meteorologists

The amount of snow, in decline since 2019, is around 25 centimeters this year

The professionals point out that last year's Christmas was hotter than this year's



►► Archive image of a snowfall in the center of the capital.



**Guillem Martín**  
METEOROLOGIST

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despite being able to talk about a warm Christmas, it has not been about anything else. In fact, as the meteorologist pointed out, last year was even higher. The difference, then, is that during the first fortnight of the previous December «it snowed a lot». Therefore, «we faced the month with very warm weather but with a higher amount of snow in the mountains than this year».

Finally, the increase in temperatures has had a direct impact on the snowfall that has fallen in the Principality. In this sense, the National Meteorological Service also reported that if the amount of snow is analyzed, it can be seen that this December is the tenth with less snow since 1981. Of these 10 years, «three of us we find between 2016, 2018 and this 2022», where the maximum thickness of the latter is about 25 centimeters. In addition, it should be noted that the volume of snow has been in continuous decline since 2019. However, the year that recorded the worst results was 2006, where the thickness barely reached five centimeters. ≡

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«We had already planned the current scenario and now we find that this anomaly of warm temperatures and little precipitation will become more normal». This is how the meteorologist of the National Meteorological Service, Guillem Martín, explained the situation that Europe is experiencing during the last month of the year and the forecast for the remainder of winter, which has only just begun.

December this year is having unusual temperatures. In this sense, the Meteorological Service re-

ported on Tuesday that the last month of 2022 will close with temperatures around seven degrees Celsius higher than usual. «The maximums are about 15 degrees, when the common ones for this time of the year should be about eight», remarked Martín. In addition, «the minimums should be zero and we find that they reach up to four degrees», he added. In relation to this, the meteorologist clarified that «temperatures have been persistently high» during December, except for some specific cases such as at the beginning of the month and on the 11th and 12th.

Regarding the anticyclone forecast for the rest of the week and during the beginning of 2023, Martín

**The weather will remain through the weekend, but there may be some light snow on January 2nd and 3rd**

pointed out that «it will remain the same until this Sunday». From then on, and over the course of next week, «a modest drop in temperatures is expected, although they will continue to be higher than usual». Likewise, it is predicted that «there will be some very weak snowfall on January 2nd and 3rd», although

it remains to be reviewed and confirmed «how the masses of cold air that are currently circulating in the Atlantic will affect us».

It should be remembered that Andorra has measured meteorological data with complete regularity and continuity since 1934, right after the concession of FEDA. However, «the first dates back to the end of the 19th century with a station located at Pont Pla», recalled the meteorologist.

On the other hand, in relation to the weather during the Christmas festivities, Martín emphasized that this year «the maximums were around 15 degrees at the bottom of the valley», while the minimums «were around zero». With this,

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►► The councilors of Ordino in the celebration of the Municipal Council.

# Ordino approves a deficit budget of 20 million euros

Dolsa is considering taking the appeal against Grifols to Strasbourg and is disappointed by the TC's decision

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The Municipality of Ordino approved last Wednesday, as part of the ordinary session of the Municipal Council, a deficit budget for the year 2023 which includes 15.1 million euros in income and 19.8 million euros of expenses with a deficit of 4.7 million euros that most expect to cover from an accumulated cash balance. «We have the means to cover this deficit that we present», as-

sured the Minister of Finance of the municipality, Maria del Mar Coma, «The most important part is that we do not generate more debt», she added.

The most relevant revenue item in the budget – which was approved with nine votes in favor and one against by councilor Enric Dolsa – reaches the figure of three million euros and refers to the construction of a vertical car park in the urbanization of Unitat d'Actuació 21 which is located on the road to the Coll d'Ordino, where the corporation had

previously planned the installation of a geriatric residence. «We make the investments we consider appropriate and this is done in a growth area of Ordino. We think it is a valid and very well invested investment», assured the senior consul of the parish, Josep Àngel Mortés. In relation to this new equipment, Coma pointed out as an advantageous feature the fact that having this car park will mean less rent for the community, which until now did not have its own parking lot.

For his part, Dolsa commented

**The most important investment will be a vertical car park with a cost of three million euros**

that «with the prices on the market and the problems that exist in the country, now is not the time to build this parking lot» and he opined that «it would be better to wait for a year and a half or two». «These millions could be used to reduce the loan of 11 million euros», he pointed out. In fact, the car park will have a total cost of 5.5 million euros, and will be financed during the financial year relating to 2024.

The minister of X'Ordino, on the other hand, also criticized the fact that the corporation has increased public prices - in particular he made an impact on the nursery school and the sports center, which has increased the fees by 10% – and admitted that this, along with the parking point, were the sections that triggered his vote against the accounts. «The increase has been made based on the general rise, that is to say, 3.5%», justified the Minister of Finance for her part. «For years the Ordino municipality did not raise prices, we were not even increasing the CPI» emphasized Coma. In addition, Dolsa also expressed its disagreement with the fact that 22.74% of the revenue expected for the year 2023 comes from the collection of construction licenses.

Regarding debt, the budget foresees a total figure of 11.6 million euros, which represents 93.14% of the permitted debt ceiling.

**GRIFOLS, IN EUROPE** // In relation to the decision of the Constitutional Court, which refused to admit the appeal of the councilor of X'Ordino in relation to the agreement between the Government and the pharmaceutical company Grifols to promote a laboratory of investigation in the parish, Dolsa was disappointed and explained that he does not understand why the organization considers that he, as a counselor, «is not legitimate to bring to Justice an issue that affects the entire Ordino». Faced with this scenario, the councilor made it known publicly that he is considering taking the matter to Strasbourg. Mortés, by way of allusion, reiterated once again that the municipality, together with the Government, «is completely legitimate» for having taken the decision to place the laboratory in the parish, as reported by the ANA. ≡

JUSTICE

# The Constitutional does not resolve Magallón's incompatibility.

The general councilor is also the head of sports of the Municipality of Andorra la Vella

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The Constitutional Court does not accept the protection appeal that Enric Dolsa, as an Andorran citizen and not as a politician, presented against the incompatibility of positions of Marc Magallón, who is general counsel for the Independent Parliamentary Group and head of Area of Sports in the Municipality of Andorra la Vella. Dolsa de-

nounced that Magallón is in breach of the Qualified Law of the Electoral System and the Referendum which makes it very clear that «the position of General Counsel is incompatible», among others, «with any activity of a nature labor that entails a salary consideration under public law». Likewise, according to article 39, paragraph 2 b) of the Public Service Regulations of the capital corporation, «officials must apply for leave with reservation of place» if they want to access the condition of general counsel, a fact that has not happened, since Magallón continues to exercise in the municipality.

The Constitutional Court, however, believes that in order to carry out a demand of these characteristics, an act of the General Council is required that declares the incompatibility - a text that is not available to ordinary citizens -, and that Dolsa has not suffered any damage directly by the case. Consequently, and after all the judicial proceedings - the Batllia and the Superior Court rejected it for considering it a political issue-, «the Court has not resolved the substantive issue, which is the incompatibility of public positions», as noted by one of the lawyers consulted. ≡



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