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## Andorra la Vella starts the 'Reviu' program as an alternative to empty flats

The Municipality will assume 20% of the total cost and the rental price will be between 400 and 750 euros

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The Municipality of Andorra la Vella announced last Thursday the launch of the 'Reviu' program, highlighting its intention to put currently empty flats on the rental market. The program offers various incentives to encourage owners of vacant homes to rent them, including support in the necessary works, administrative management, and tax credits, in addition to guarantees of legal security.

Rental prices have been established according to the average salary, guaranteeing that owners will receive between 400 and 550 euros for studios and between 550 and 750 euros for three-bedroom homes. The Municipality has reserved 150,000 euros for this year's program and will open a three-month period from August 7th for owners to submit their ap-

plications. Several criteria will be taken into account in the final assessment, such as the necessary work and the type of flats, to prioritize actions.

At the same time, criteria will be established for tenants interested in these homes, and work will be done to determine the best long-term management of resources. «The intention is to promote a balance between the massification of the new construction that has been registered in recent years and what we already have in the parish, giving new life to the existing buildings», said Consul Major, Sergi González, who stressed the initial interest from landlords and the importance of addressing the approximately 250 vacant flats in the parish.

For his part, the Minister of Housing, Marc Torres, considered that the program «seeks to offer legal security to the owners of disused flats in the pa-



Presentation of the "Reviu" project, at the Congress Center of Andorra la Vella.

**SERGI GONZÁLEZ**

CONSUL MAJOR OF ANDORRA LA VELLA

«We want to promote a balance between the massification of new construction and what we already have, giving new life to existing buildings»

**MARC TORRENT**

MUNICIPAL COUNCILOR OF HOUSING

«The program seeks to offer legal security to the owners of disused flats, guaranteeing comprehensive management by the Municipality until the return»

COMÚ D'ANDORRA LA VELLA



rish by guaranteeing comprehensive management of the property by the Municipality until the return of the «housing, once the term of transfer ends».

For this reason, the Municipality has set maximum limits for the financing of home renovations, such as up to 10,000 euros for bathrooms and kitchens with a 20% subsidy, and up to 40,000 euros for larger homes with a subsidy of 8,000 euros.

So, the owners can choose to pay a fixed monthly fee for five years or during the validity of the ten-year agreement, during which the Municipality will manage the homes, deducting these fees from the rental income they will receive. «The maximum amounts determined have been assessed by the technicians of the Municipality in accordance with the current market prices in the construction sector», indicated the councillor of the capital. The opening of applications will begin next August 7th, with the BO-PA publication of the regulations, and will end after three months, on November 7th.

Recover disused spaces / At the same time, González mentioned that the 'Reviu' program is part of a series of measures aimed at recovering spaces that are currently in di-

### THE FIGURES

## 10,000 €

The maximum financing for properties that only have a bathroom and a kitchen.

## 40,000 €

The maximum financing for properties with two bathrooms, a kitchen and three bedrooms.

suse and that over the coming months will be presented by the different departments involved. In line with this issue, the Consul Major spoke about the project at the Cedre, stating that next week he plans to meet with the Minister of Housing, Conxita Marsol, to finish defining what the Government's involvement may be: «There is good harmony. We want to collaborate and not to boast to the Municipality, but rather make it a national project», he pointed out.

To finish, and questioned about the matter of the fountains in the La Rotonda square, González indicated that a meeting is also scheduled for next week to mark the calendar to be followed in order to find a solution, as well as to an exchange of responsibilities with each of the actors involved. ●

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