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**GRIFOLS AFFAIR** 

# Strasbourg accepts the claim presented by Enric Dolsa

The municipal councilor assures that it was essential to prevent the project from being «at a standstill»



The ECHR accepts the claim presented by Enric Dolsa for the Grifols case.

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As EL PERIÓDIC has been able to know, the councilor of the municipal minority of Ordino, Enric Dolsa, has received a positive response from the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) regarding the demand presented by the Grifols case, since the secretariat of the Court has confirmed full receipt of the claim form and associated documentation on October 10th.

«The assessment is very positive, because we were waiting

to see if it would be accepted or not. This means that the Court of Strasbourg, at this moment, has looked at it and they must have seen something that deserved their attention to be able to enter and judge it», Dolsa told this medium. The municipal councilor explained that we will now have to wait for the evaluation of the case, although the secretariat could ask for more information if it considers it necessary: «In any case, they have all the necessary information and now it's about wait and see what», he added.

#### **Enric Dolsa**

COUNCILOR OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ORDINO

«If this appeal had not been entered in Strasbourg, the Grifols issue would still be on the table» Dolsa has also made it clear that the presentation of this resource was essential to prevent the Grifols project from coming to a standstill. «If this appeal had not been entered in Strasbourg, the issue of Grifols would still be on the table», he stressed, emphasizing that the project «was alive and going forward» in the words of the head of government. Now, after the appeal has been accepted, the councilor has pointed out that «Grifols must be happy to have made the decision he made».

Regarding the process, Dolsa has revealed that he had considered the possibility of withdrawing the appeal, but finally decided to continue to see if «we were really right or not right» in relation to the Government's decisions. It should be noted that now, the lawsuit will continue its course in the Strasbourg Court, with the possibility that more information will be requested during the procedure.

THE DEMAND ARRIVED IN JUNE After going through all the judicial authorities in the country, the contract signed between the Government and the multinational Grifols arrived in June at the European Court of Human Rights, after all the judicial authorities in the country ruled that Dolsa, as a member of the Municipality of Ordino - democratically elected -, did not have legitimacy to make this appeal. ●

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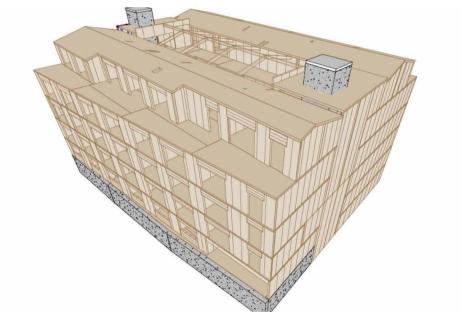
### Government bids for 7 million for the construction of 82 new affordable homes

The project includes 34 flats for rent in Escaldes-Engordany and 48 other homes in Coll d'Ordino

**ALEX MONTERO ESCALDES-ENGORDANY** 

The government has given the green light to the competition to award the construction and adaptation works of three apartment buildings that will be part of the affordable rental public park. According to the minister's spokesperson, Guillem Casal, during the press conference after the Council of Ministers, «these three buildings will add a total of 82 new homes to the public park».

Specifically, the tender for two adjacent buildings located in the Coll d'Ordino, one for rent and one for purchase, has been approved. Casal explained that the work in the first building, currently configured as a hotel, will consist of «modifying its use to offer 25 affordable rental homes». As for the second building, which is only finished externally, the project foresees the construction of 23 new homes for purchase. The tender will be made through a natio-



The project also includes a public elevator that will connect Avinguda del Pessebre with Carrer Hortalets de Guem, facilitating access to the area.

#### **Guillem Casal**

**MINISTER SPOKESPERSON** 

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nal competition, with a deadline of 12 months. The works are expected to be completed by the end of 2025 or the beginning of 2026.

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At the same time, the Official Gazette of the Principality of Andorra (BOPA) has published the tender for the first phase of the works for the construction of the affordable rental housing building located at Avinguda del Pessebre, number 60, in

Escaldes-Engordany. This project is part of a joint initiative between the Government and the Municipality of Escaldes-Engordany, formalized in an agreement signed in March 2023. According to this agreement, the municipal corporation cedes a plot of 791.78 square meters free of charge for the construction of 34 homes.

The project envisages that the Municipality of Escaldes-Engordany will take charge of the excavation works, the construction of the car park and the ground floor of the building. For its part, the Government will be responsible for the construction of six residential floors. According to Casal, «the government works are divided into two phases to adapt to the work of the Municipality», and the first phase, which corresponds to the construction of the six floors, has already been tendered. This first phase starts now, while the second phase will be awarded soon to ensure the continuity of the project.

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