

# Tension over the Grifols case: criticism of the management and the demand in Strasbourg

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The municipal councilor of Ordino, Enric Dolsa, has responded to the statements made last Friday by the Minister of the Presidency, Economy, Work and Housing, Conxita Marsol, in relation to the Grifols affair and the lawsuit presented by Dolsa to the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR). In her intervention, Marsol played down the importance of the process admitted by the court, stating that «the partners' agreement no longer exists, it was annulled, and therefore it makes no sense that we continue to talk about this issue».

In addition, the minister acknowledged that the lawsuit presented in Strasbourg had been accepted, but she clarified that «this does not mean anything more» and expressed her opinion that «the issue will have to fall by itself». However, Marsol did not waste the opportunity to add that the experience had not been positive and that, ultimately, «we have to learn that a train has passed that we did not know how to catch, and it is a shame for the country».

In response to these statements, Dolsa has stated that, although the partners' pact has been annulled, the situation cannot be ignored. «As Minister Marsol says, the membership agreement no longer exists», he acknowledged, adding that the process presented to the ECHR had an important role in the resolution of the agreement. According to the



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municipal councilor from Ordino, «the pressure exerted by a good part of the public has produced positive results», although he regrets that Marsol wanted to minimize the process.

Dolsa has pointed out that, despite the fact that the case has reached Strasbourg, the repercussions it has had for the country cannot be ignored and has reiterated his disagreement with the view of the holder of the Economy portfolio on the impact of the project Grifols, stating that he «didn't contribute anything to the country» and that «it could have caused many problems». However, he emphasized that the problem was inherited and generated by the previous Minister of Health, Joan Martínez Benazet, who would have transferred the conflict to the current government corporation.

This exchange of statements comes after the ECHR has admitted Dolsa's claim for the Grifols project, a case that has generated controversy since its initial proposal, with disagreements over the use of the Farga d'Ordino land and the management of the project. Despite this, the municipal councilor insists that «I will continue to defend his position before the European Court». Apart from his demand, it should be remembered that Minister Marsol admitted last Friday that there had been «an excess of prudence» in the management of the project, in addition to confirming that the Government has already formalized the return of Grifols' investment and the assignment of the use of the land. ●

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### DeFi: a new horizon for Latin America and Europe

Decentralized finance, or DeFi, has emerged as one of the most disruptive innovations in global finance. DeFi is a financial system that operates without traditional intermediaries, such as banks or financial institutions. Using Blockchain technology and cryptocurrencies, it allows users to transact directly with each other, access loans, invest and save in a more accessible and transparent way. This means that anyone with an internet connection can participate, without the need to have a bank account.

In the Latin American context, the growth of DeFi responds to a combination of factors. High inflation, economic instability and limited access to traditional banking services have led many to seek more efficient and accessible solutions. For example, countries such as Argentina have seen a significant increase in the adoption of cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin and Ethereum, not only



as a form of investment, but also as a means of preserving the value of their savings. The exchange platform Binance has reported an increase in the use of its application in Latin America, highlighting the need for financial alternatives.

In contrast, Europe presents a different picture. While there is also a growing interest in cryptocurrencies, this is fueled more by the desire for technological innovation and the search for investment alternatives. The economic stability and robustness of the European banking system have allowed the adoption of DeFi to focus on the creation of new financial products and services. The European Union is active-

ly working on the regulation of crypto assets, seeking to balance investor protection with the promotion of innovation. This approach could accelerate adoption, creating a safer environment for investors.

A remarkable example in the European context are various platforms that allow merchants to accept payments in cryptocurrencies and receive euros directly into their accounts. These types of solutions show that they are starting to be integrated into day trading, although price volatility remains a significant obstacle.

However, both in Latin America and in Europe, challenges persist. The lack of public understanding of how cryptocurren-

cies work, and the associated risk perception limit their adoption. In addition, regulations vary dramatically between countries, creating uncertainty for both users and service providers.

Despite these obstacles, the growth of DeFi as a payment method and financial tool is on the rise. Improving technological infrastructure, creating clearer regulatory policies and growing consumer acceptance are driving its expansion. In this new financial horizon, Latin America and Europe could learn from each other, adapting their approaches to maximize the benefits of decentralized finance.

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