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# The capital allocates 2.7 million euros to the reform of Plaça del Poble

The renovation includes the modernization of the pavement and new leisure spaces, among other innovations



Simulation of the new Plaça del Poble of Andorra la Vella.

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The Municipality of Andorra la Vella has approved the comprehensive reform of Plaça del Poble, as well as its connections with Meritxell Avenue and Prat de la Creu street, with an overall budget of around 2.75 million euros. The project aims to modernize these emblematic areas in the center of the parish, improving their accessibility, ur-

ban aesthetics and creating new leisure spaces and services for citizens and visitors.

The action plan contemplates several structural and aesthetic interventions, which include the renovation of the pavement, the installation of new urban furniture elements, the increase of green areas with planters and the improvement of public lighting. In addition, the replacement and modernization of the underground infrastruc-

It is planned to carry out the work in sections, to minimize the impact on neighbors and local businesses tures, such as the sanitation of water and electricity supply networks, is planned, a key aspect to guarantee the sustainability and functionality of the space in the long term.

The project stands out for the use of an architectural language based on circular geometries, which will unify the current spaces of the Poble and Vinyes squares, turning them into a continuous and fluid area. This new design will integrate rest areas with benches and spaces intended for cultural and leisure activities, with the aim of revitalizing these areas as neuralgic centers of the social life of Andorra la Vella.

The works, which will be carried out in a single phase, will have an estimated duration of seven months. Even so, it is planned to carry out the work in sections, to minimize the impact on neighbors and local businesses. The project also includes a comprehensive health and safety study to ensure the protection of both workers and pedestrians during the execution of the works.

With this reform, the Municipality of Andorra la Vella seeks not only to improve the functionality and attractiveness of the squares, but also to enhance the connection between different key points of the city, such as Meritxell Avenue and Prat de la Creu street, establishing itself as a modern and accessible space for everyone.

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### **EXCAVATION WORK**

## Excavations begin at the Cubil dolmen, the first documented in Andorra

The intervention seeks to study the prehistoric and medieval occupation of the high mountain in Encamp

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Yesterday began the archaeological intervention on the first documented dolmen in Andorra, located in El Cubil and dated to 2,200 BC. The Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, Mònica Bonell, and the Consul Major of Encamp, Laura Mas, visited the place, accompanied by technicians from the ministry and the Municipality, as well as the director of the excavation, Josep Font. This intervention is part of a wider project that seeks to deepen the history of the occupation of the high mountain in Encamp.

The dolmen has been confirmed as the oldest prehistoric construction in the country, with a mound structure 13 meters in diameter. This first phase of the intervention includes the delimitation of the space and its graphic documentation, while the second phase, scheduled for 2025, will focus on the excavation of the burial chamber and the study of possible personal property remains.

Bonell underlined the relevance of these interventions in the preservation of Andorran heritage: «These interventions allow citizens to be shown how our ancestors lived, so that they



The archaeologist and responsible for the intervention, Josep Font, and the Consul Major of Encamp, Laura Mas, at the site of the Cubil mound.

### **MONICA BONELL**

MINISTER OF CULTURE

«These interventions allow citizens to be shown how our ancestors lived» know where we come from and what life was like in the middle and high mountains». In addition, she highlighted the collaboration between public institutions for the recovery of the country's cultural and natural heritage. For her part, Mas highlighted the joint investment of more than 500,000 euros since

2014 in the recovery of the Ruta dels Orris, an initiative that has attracted up to 15,000 visitors each summer: «This route is part of the activities of summer of the parish with access through the Funicamp», which allow them to «be attractive during July and August and receive up to 15,000 visitors», said the consul. ●

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