

TECHNICAL STUDY

AndRail welcomes the Government's return to the tram as a solution

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RTVA



The spokesperson for the AndRail platform, Sebastià Mijares, during an interview with RTVA.

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The Government has identified the tram as the optimal solution for public transport in the center of the country, according to the results of a technical study announced by the Secretary of State for Energy Transition, Transport and Mobility.

The study, commissioned at the end of 2023, focuses on defining a segregated transport system that meets sustainability, efficiency and economic

viability criteria.

According to the AndRail platform, which promotes railways in Andorra, this decision aligns with its historical position. The entity highlights that the tram offers high capacity, is energy efficient and requires lower investment in infrastructure compared to other options.

Its planned route through urban streets, where homes, businesses and workplaces are concentrated, will allow for a direct response to the mobility needs of citizens. In this sense,



AndRail

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IN ANDORRA

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they assure that «the social demand for a tram that we have led for years continues to gain advances like this, and we will continue working to translate these conclusions into the realization of the project».

The tram project enjoys broad social and political consensus. In the 2023 general elections, most political parties included this proposal in their programs. At an institutional level, it has the support of the General Council and most of the municipal governments of the central parishes. In addition, during the participatory process on sustainable mobility, the tram proposal was the most supported by citizens, surpassing all the other options presented.

With the technical endorsement and consolidated consensus, AndRail urges the Government to accelerate the next steps to launch the project. Among its demands, the incorporation of the tram into urban and sectoral plans stands out, as well as the drafting of the construction project to begin work as soon as possible.

The need for an efficient and sustainable transport system in the center of Andorra is unquestionable. For this reason, the platform emphasizes that now is the time to translate studies and social support into concrete actions to make this infrastructure a reality. ●

WORLD AIDS DAY

Health detects an increase in the registration of HIV cases in 2023

The figure represents an incidence rate of 11.75 cases per 100,000 inhabitants

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The Ministry of Health of Andorra reported that during 2023, 10 new cases of HIV infection were registered, a figure that represents an incidence rate of 11.75 cases per 100,000 inhabitants. This figure is below the European average, which is 12.7 cases per 100,000 inhabitants, according to the World Health Organization (WHO). Currently, the country has a total of 131 registered cases of HIV-AIDS, with a prevalence of 0.161%.

The main cause of transmission in the Principality is risky sexual behavior, that is, unprotected sexual intercourse, regardless of sexual orientation. In 2023, a nominal case reporting system was implemented with the collaboration of medical professionals, laboratories and pharmacies, to improve epidemiological surveillance.

In relation to early detection, the Ministry of Health announ-



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The incidence rate in the country is 11.75 cases of HIV-AIDS per 100,000 inhabitants.

ced that from January 2025, primary care centers will offer, free of charge, rapid tests to detect HIV, syphilis and hepatitis B and C. To date, only rapid HIV tests were provided in primary care centers free of charge, with the necessary accompaniment, ensuring that people who want to take the test receive professional advice on the test. In this way, it is ensu-

red that in the event of a positive test, cases can be referred quickly and appropriately, if necessary. Last year, 12 rapid tests were carried out, all with negative results.

Regarding treatment, people diagnosed with HIV-AIDS in the Principality receive full coverage from the Andorran Social Security Fund (CASS), which fully finances the treatment. In pa-

THE FIGURES

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12.70 IN EUROPE

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rallel, maintaining the objective of reducing HIV transmission in people at higher risk of HIV infection, in 2022 the Government approved the reimbursement, by CASS, of drugs called PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis) for HIV. This is a preventive treatment. During the last year, PrEP has been prescribed to five people. These drugs are dispensed in hospitals and CASS reimburses, for this indication, the 75% of the price. ●

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