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AFFORDABLE RENT

The apartments in the former Hotel Àrtic will have prices between 416 and 992 euros

Access will be reserved for people registered in the Housing Registry and will be based on different criteria

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The Minister of Housing, Conxita Marsol, and the Secretary of State, Jordi Puy, on the day of the presentation of the apartments in the former Hotel Àrtic.

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Yesterday, the Official Gazette of the Principality of Andorra (BO-PA) published the definitive price range for affordable rental apartments in the Tobira building, previously known as the Hotel Àrtic. The amounts will range between 416 and 992 euros per month, depending on the type and surface area of the apartments, as established in the management agreement between the Government of Andorra and the National Hou-

sing Institute (INH).

The building, located on Grava de Tobira Street, has 27 homes: 13 with one bedroom, 13 with two and one with three. The prices have been calculated according to Decree 454/2024, which sets an amount of 10.42 euros per square meter for homes in the public housing stock at an affordable price.

Rents will be determined according to the economic capacity of the applicants and the type of housing awarded, in accordance with the Regulation of access,

27 homes between 30 and 80 square meters

►► The old Hotel Àrtic has been transformed into the Tobira 11 Building, an affordable rental space with 27 homes that was presented on March 18th. The dimensions of the apartments are from 30 to 80 m², depending on the type. This initiative seeks to offer affordable housing, so that tenants do not spend more than 30% of their income on rent.

award and management of the public housing stock approved in August. The apartments include from one room with an area of 39.96 m² (416 euros) to two double rooms and two bathrooms with 95.26 m² (992 euros).

The larger units, such as those with three bedrooms, will be especially intended for families with more complex housing needs, while the smaller ones will be aimed at smaller living units or single people. There is also an outdoor parking lot with spaces available for residents, at a monthly cost of 40.50 euros.

The National Housing Institute will assume the management and supervision of the building, including maintenance and the necessary actions to guarantee its proper use. Interested parties can consult the requirements in the Register of Applicants for Affordable Housing and in the annexes published in the BOPA.●

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Contracting at origin validated, but with «calm» to establish it

The future political project contemplates «institutionalizing nationalities» to improve recruitment

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During the press conference following the Council of Ministers yesterday, December 11th, the spokesperson and Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock, Guillem Casal, specified the Government's will to apply a future and forthcoming measure of contracting at origin for all visitors from third countries who «for work reasons» enter to live in the Principality. In this way, Casal stated that this is a “tough” measure, since it requires a “duly complex logistical process” to be able to obtain from these countries, also those relevant to the European Community, such as neighboring territories, or Latin America (mostly), the relevant origin of each worker and thus be able to analyze whether they meet the necessary requirements, “regardless of whether they are assigned a job that can be extended or due to a quota”, and that they can carry it out with the maximum guaran-



The entry of the Immigration Service and the Government's Department of Labor in Escaldes-Engordany.



GUILLEM CASAL

MINISTER OF THE ENVIRONMENT

«It will be applied to workers of all origins, but especially to those third countries that are less well-connected»

tee of stability and dignity.

A migration policy, it is worth saying, that will be activated at some given time and that has appeared as a result of a recent agreement signed with Spain, which will allow the “institutionalization” of the countries of origin of displaced workers. “This is a project that must be worked on calmly and we are not yet in a situation to give exact dates for its application. We want to promo-

te the arrival of people from neighboring countries and also from third regions to improve our hiring model and more, in this winter season due to its full activity”, pointed out the head of environmental affairs.

In another order, Casal clarified that this measure “is not only the responsibility of the Government, but also of our neighboring countries, Spain and France, since they will have to pass through their borders first on their way to Andorra”. It is, therefore, a “mutual country solution” to maintain and allow an exchange of employees that in this way enhances the tourism process that “so characterizes and maintains our economy”. Finally, the spokesperson for the Executive wanted to call for calm for the consolidation of this policy, since “it will be necessary to work very well with the use of platforms that accelerate logistics” to determine that it is fulfilled the criteria and requirements specifically set out in the Immigration Law. ●

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