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SUBSIDIES FOR ASSISTED REPRODUCTION IN 2023

165,000 euros reimbursed

The CASS facilitates access to treatments and techniques such as in vitro fertilization or artificial insemination

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Since January 2023, assisted reproduction techniques have been publicly funded. Since this measure was implemented, one hundred women have been able to benefit from this funding from the CASS. Thus, according to data provided by the executive, the parapublic received in 2023, 74 applications for assisted reproduction, of which 53 were granted and 21 did not meet the criteria established by current regulations. And as for 2024, 63 applications were received, 47 of which were granted and sixteen not due to failure to meet the requirements.

Regarding the amount reimbursed between 2023 and 2024, it amounts to around 165,000 euros. This money has been allocated to cover different treatments such as sperm conservation, preimplantation genetic diagnosis, in vitro fertilization process, ovarian puncture, embryo transfer (maximum two transfers), artificial insemination and vitrification of oocytes by puncture (maximum two cycles).

It should be remembered that in 2022 it was announced that from 2023 assisted human reproduction techniques (AHR) would be publicly funded. In this way, from the beginning of 2023, treatments can be carried out up to a maximum of two attempts in public or private centers in Spain and France and the CASS, having previously agre-



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Up to two attempts can be made in public or private centers in Spain and France ed with the users, reimburses 75% of the cost in the first case and 20% in the second, provided that the requirements established in the decree are met.

The techniques contemplated in the decree are related to artificial insemination, in vitro fertilization, preimplantation genetic diagnosis and gamete cryopreservation. In the case of therapeutic reasons, there is funding for women who are in a situation of infertility or who have not been able to become pregnant within a minimum period of twelve months. Regarding preventive purposes, they are intended to prevent the transmission of serious ge-

netic diseases or disorders and, finally, special situations are also foreseen that refer, for example, to those women who undergo chemotherapy treatments that damage reproductive capacity.

Going into detail about the profiles of people who can access public funding, they are women over eighteen years of age and under 42, and also women without any previous children or couples without any previous children in common; also in those cases where the transmission of hereditary diseases can be prevented, and in those people in whom it is indicated by pathology or history. •

BUSINESS SECTOR ROUND TABLE

Public-private collaboration is the focus of the conference organized by the EFA

The event will feature presentations and round tables with the participation of public and business representatives

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Public-private collaboration is "an instrument that the public sector has" to promote policies, according to Mònica Reig, Associate Director of the Center for Public Governance (EsadeGov). For Reig, the most "important" thing is that this collaboration "is used correctly" and that it is motivated by a real "public interest". She considers it essential that "it is not politicized". The conference will take place on Friday, March 21st at Anyós Park and will include presentations and round tables. Participants will include, among others, Conxita Marsol, Minister of the Presidency, Economy, Labor and Housing; Jordi Puy Segura, Secretary of State for Economy, Labor and Housing; David Forné Massoni, Secretary of State for Energy Transition, Transport and Mobility; Juan Ignacio Horno Nieto, President of the Envalira Tunnel, and representatives of the Andorran Family Business, Daniel Armengol and Susanna Roca.

Reig details some key elements



Mònica Reig, Associate Director of the Center for Public Governance (EsadeGov) Teaching Fellow of the Department of Society, Politics and Sustainability at ESADE



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for these collaborations to function properly, such as "commitment and shared purpose" and the need for "learning and communication" spaces to reduce barriers and correct errors. She also highlights as essential governance, institutional quality and that the managements are "professionalized" and not "politicized".

She also considers it important that administrations have "clear information and objectives" and that they incorporate "expertise" from the private sector. She also states that these collaborations seek "efficiency" and require adequate planning.

Regarding the sectors where this collaboration could be applied, she argues that it is interesting "in practically all", especially in the technological sector due to its agility and flexibility.

Finally, Reig recommends that the administration know "the context for promote attractive conditions for the private sector", recalling that companies seek economic profitability and that tenders must have "attractive structures".

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