

FLEXIBILITY IN ACCESS TO PUBLIC HOUSING

A single family member will have to prove five years of residence

The Executive estimates that nearly 100 additional family units will be able to benefit from the modification



The Minister of the Presidency, Economy, Labor and Housing, Conxita Marsol.

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The Government is making the requirements for accessing public housing more flexible, now allowing only one member of the family over 18 to meet the five-year residence requirement. In addition, specific changes have been introduced for people over 65 and the economic criteria have been made more flexible to expand the number

of beneficiary families.

This was announced this Wednesday by the Minister of the Presidency, Economy, Labor and Housing, Conxita Marsol, after the Council of Ministers. One of the main new features announced involves the modification of the residence requirement. Until now, all members of the family had to have at least five years of residence to be able to access public housing. Now it will only

be necessary for a single member over 18 to meet this requirement. According to Marsol, this measure will allow “more people to benefit from this condition”.

On the other hand, a specific improvement is incorporated for people over 65. Now, those people who have contributed a minimum of 180 monthly payments, who receive a CASS retirement or a widow’s pension will be able to access the pu-

blic housing stock. Regarding the economic requirements, access has also been made more flexible, establishing that families or applicants must prove a gross monthly income higher than the minimum wage, currently set at 1,447.33 euros. With this measure now incorporated, the aim is to further expand the scope of beneficiary families.



Conxita Marsol

MINISTER OF HOUSING

“The measure [of a single member] will allow more people to benefit from this condition”

REGISTRATIONS IN THE INH // Currently, of the 545 total registrations, there are 105 registrations favorable to the housing access registry, especially highlighting young people with 43 registrations, which represent 45%, while the elderly account for 5%. 302 unfavorable requests have also been registered. The main reasons given by the Executive regarding unfavorable registrations are lack of residency requirements (20%) or not allocating more than 30% of income to rent (24%). ●

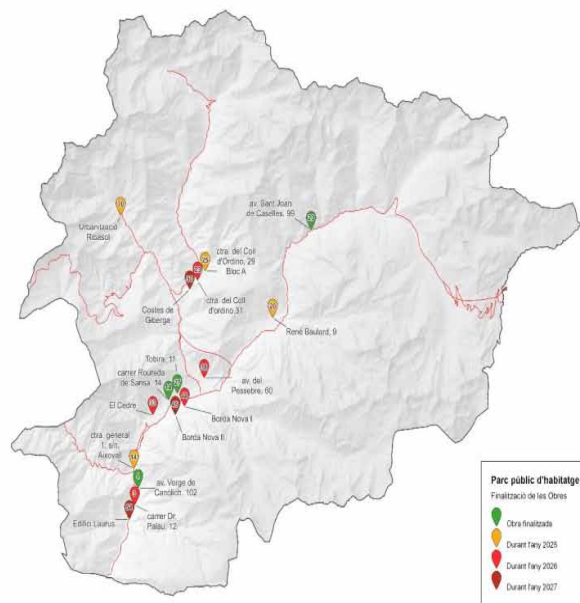
NOT YET IN FORCE

The arrival of the Omnibus Law has already caused the withdrawal of 39 tourist flats

The law sets a transitional period of 15 days before it comes into force

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A total of 39 tourist flats have been withdrawn from the Principality as a result of the approval of the Omnibus Law. This was announced by Minister Conxita Marsol, after the official publication of the new regulations in the BOPA. Marsol explained that



Graphic of the map with the locations of the public housing stock buildings.

“these tourist flats withdrawn from the market will contribute to expanding the residential offer for regular use”. The law establishes a transitional period of 15 days before it comes into full force, as well as a specific period of six months to incorporate empty flats into the public housing offer. Although there is still no specific figure on how many empty flats could be integrated, Marsol has confirmed that positive information has already been received from the real estate sector: “Several professionals have reported that there are empty flats that are entering the market”. The minister has insisted on the fact that “a six-month period will be guaranteed so that owners can make these homes available to the market”. ●

AS A SOLUTION TO THE HOUSING CRISIS

Bernardos proposes integrating La Seu d'Urgell as a metropolitan area

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“If the problem is that someone has to go and live in La Seu d'Urgell, blessed problem”. With this statement, the economist and university professor Gonzalo

Bernardos opened the conference ‘New ideas on housing policies’, organized by the Association of Property Owners, this Wednesday morning. Bernardos has defended that Andorra must face the challenges arising from its economic and fiscal attracti-



Bernardos proposes integrating La Seu d'Urgell as a metropolitan area.

veness with common sense and planning, avoiding impossible promises and populist discour-

ses.

Given this situation, Bernardos has proposed integrating La Seu d'Urgell as part of the metropolitan area of Andorra in terms of urban planning. “Andorra should buy land in La Seu and promote the construction of housing, accompanied by an efficient transport connection such as a train or rack railway,” he remarked, reiterating that “the administration should act as a regulator, leaving the development in private hands, and in this way the accounts come out perfectly.” ●

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