

AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE PRINCIPALITY

## Ubach: “Only those who are on the poverty line can access an apartment”

The Secretary General of the USdA is once again against the approval of the Omnibus Law

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The Secretary General of the Andorran Trade Union (USdA), Gabriel Ubach, has charged this Monday against the statements of the Minister of the Presidency, Economy, Labor and Housing, Conxita Marsol, in which she defended the work of the Executive in the field of housing and opened the door to new measures to guarantee access. Ubach has assured, in statements to EL PERIÒDIC, that “you cannot play with the interests of the citizens” and has added that “the citizens have the right to make ends meet”, referring to the real difficulty of assuming current rental prices.

The union leader has expressed his frontal rejection of the recently approved Omnibus Law, assuring that “it will not serve any purpose” and that “forty flats are insufficient”. In this sense, he has accused the Executive of “playing people for a fool” and has insisted that “accessibility must be guaranteed for everyone”, clearly differentiating between social protection flats – aimed at people in a situation of economic vulnerability – and general access to decent and affordable housing for the population.

Ubach has wanted to emphasize that “anyone should be able to buy and have access to a home” and has questioned



Ubach at the head of this weekend's demonstration.

Marsol's statements about the Government's effort to expand the public housing stock, referring to the statements as “lies”. He has also criticized the role of Democrats for Andorra in the

economic and social councils, accusing them of “promoting speculation” in the country.

Regarding market regulation, Ubach has once again called for the creation of a public

property registry, a proposal that –according to him– “the pressure groups have been demanding for more than ten years”. The union leader has once again questioned the impact of the foreign investment law, citing as an example the minimum value of apartments for investors, established at 600,000 euros.

Ubach's statements come after the minister stated this weekend that the Government “has done a lot of work” in the field of housing and that significant resources have been allocated to the public stock. In this context, the USdA is demanding that the measures go beyond welfare and guarantee access to housing as a right for all citizens. ●



GABRIEL UBACH  
USDA GENERAL SECRETARY



«The Omnibus Law will not be useful [...] The Executive is playing people for a fool and we need to guarantee accessibility [to decent housing] for everyone»

«The only thing Democrats for Andorra do is promote speculation in the country [...] Pressure groups have been demanding this for over ten years»

## ACCOMMODATION OF EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

# 265 students face the Official Baccalaureate Exams

The French Primary Education Center in Sant Julià, designated place

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SANT JULIÀ DE LÒRIA

The French Primary School of Sant Julià de Lòria (former Spanish school) will host the Official Baccalaureate Exams, known as the POB, from this year onwards, and for the coming years, becoming a fixed center for exams and also for other academic tests and edicts for teachers. An announcement made this afternoon by Eugènia Duró, director of the Department of Inspection, Educational Quality and Human Resources of the Ministry of Institutional Relations, Education and Universities, headed by Minister Ladislau Baró. In this regard, the education spokesperson announced that in this 2025 call, and on the third floor of the aforementioned center, "a total of 265 candidates will take the POB, of which 229 will do so in person and 36 in a free man-



The French Primary School of Sant Julià de Lòria during this afternoon, with the presence of a large number of students at the entrance.



**Eugènia Duró**

DIRECTOR OF THE INSPECTION  
DEPARTMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF  
EDUCATION

"For logistical reasons, we have decided to optimize this space. From 2026, all the main tests will be held here"

ner," she said.

In other words, the official count for this academic year represents "an increase of 10 more students in the free participation section and 11 more in those enrolled in high school" compared to the data and registrations that were given in 2024. Duró also announced that one of the new features that will be offered from next year will be that "all subjects in the specific block, or of an optional nature, will be carried out in the respective high school centers of each educational system, while those

of a compulsory or common nature will be carried out in a unified schedule and in this space", she revealed, referring to the disciplines of Catalan, English and philosophy. Precisely, this last subject has been the protagonist of the tests that the young people have begun precisely at 3:00 p.m.

Regarding the idea of this change of location for the Official Baccalaureate Exams, the director of the Inspection Department of the Ministry of Education stipulated that «it was important to start little by little with the coexistence of primary school and high school students» and for this reason a first test for the POB was carried out last year only from the optional blocks. She also specified that although this year the exams for some subjects of the core block are being carried out, «from 2026 they will all be available to be taken from here». Finally, a student queuing at the entrance, and with some nerves on her face, has told this media what her impressions were about passing the baccalaureate. «I have been preparing for these exams for two weeks, but my nerves tend to play tricks on me. Of this test today in philosophy I find that the most complicated part is extracting the thesis from the C2 and its problems, since the texts are not easy and require careful reading», commented Alba Vinyals. ●

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## AWARD PRESENTATION

EL PERIÒDIC



The space led by chef Rodrigo Martínez is included in the outstanding gastronomic selection of Andorra along with Celler del Toni, Kökosnøt and the Hermitage Group.

# The Michelin Guide 2025 recognizes the Beç restaurant for its signature cuisine

The establishment is included in the selection along with Celler d'En Toni, Kökosnøt and the Hermitage Group

EL PERIÒDIC  
ESCALDES-ENGORDANY

The Beç restaurant, located in Escaldes-Engordany, has been recognized by the Michelin Guide 2025, consolidating itself as one of the most outstanding gas-

tronomic proposals in the Principality. This award certifies the restaurant's commitment to quality, honest and creative cuisine, based on seasonal produce and the reinterpretation of tradition.

Led by chef Rodrigo Martínez,

**The Beç restaurant offers a culinary experience that fuses tradition with contemporary techniques**

with over 25 years of experience, Beç represents the culmination of his dream of creating his own gastronomic space. The restaurant offers a culinary experience that fuses Andorran tradition with contemporary techniques, highlighting dishes such

as matured beef tenderloin tartare, pig's trotters stuffed with Sant Carles prawns and seasonal specialties such as Maresme peas with wild mushrooms and white prawns.

Along with Beç, three other Andorran establishments have received recognition from the Michelin Guide: Celler d'En Toni in Andorra la Vella, Kökosnøt in Andorra la Vella and the Grup Hermitage restaurant in Soldeu. These awards reflect the growing excellence of the Andorran culinary scene and its consolidation on the international stage.

The Michelin Guide, created in 1900 in France, is one of the most influential gastronomic publications in the world. In addition to the famous stars, the guide awards recognition plaques to restaurants that, without having a star, meet high quality standards and offer an outstanding gastronomic experience. These mentions are highly valued within the sector, as they represent validation by one of the most demanding criteria on an international scale. ●



The founder of the Beç restaurant, Enric Dolsa, with the award.



The chef of the Beç restaurant, Rodrigo Martínez, with the award.



Award from the Kökosnøt restaurant.



Award from the Hermitage Group.



Award from the El Celler d'En Toni restaurant.