

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

18 months to accredit activity, new criterion for the foreign investment regulation

The Government will carry out an explicit control for each investment to guarantee its added value



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The Minister of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock and spokesperson for the Executive, Guillem Casal, appearing this afternoon.

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The Council of Ministers has today approved the foreign investment regulation, which develops the technical aspects included in the law for sustainable growth and the right to housing (Omnibus Law) approved just a month ago, while this regulation will come into force from next April 16th. In this sense, it should be remembered that the housing framework law already limits the purchase of homes by foreign investors to two properties, as well as real estate development, which is restricted to the promotion of rental homes, of

which 50% must be at an affordable price.

In this way, the regulations detail, on the one hand, how foreign investments are formalized before a notary once they have been resolved favorably by the Administration. On the other hand, and here is the novelty and technical point included in the regulation, «there will be a more exhaustive monitoring by the Government that will be carried out for new foreign investments once they have been approved», which must prove the exercise of an effective economic activity within a period of 18 months from their authorization, «a period of time that was not previ-



Guillem Casal

MINISTER SPOKESPERSON

«This regulation and regulation of foreign investment responds to an update of the reality of this country»

ously stipulated and that is now applied to reinforce this control» Casal explained with conviction.

Foreign capital companies «will thus have to prove the registration of a business, the accreditation of a minimum turnover and the fulfillment of accounting and tax obligations», among other aspects, as the minister has well described. For this reason, the legislation implements a monitoring and control mechanism associated with the investment so that it «effectively materializes and responds to business projects with added value», with a sanctioning regime in case of non-compliance and for an amount deemed appropriate. In addition, the regulations list and number the checks carried out by the Foreign Investment Registry in relation to the applications before resolving them.

Finally, and when questioned about whether the Ministry and Secretariat of State for Housing and the designated investment registry have a sufficient number of staff to deal with this increase in checks, the Minister Spokesperson stated that it will not be necessary to provide more workers in these departments «because with the current staff it will be possible to move forward». Regarding the regulation of this type of capital, Casal argued that it was essential «to adapt it to the new reality that the country is experiencing and to carry out its technical deployment within reasonable time frames». ●

FUNCTIONING OF THE COURT

The Superior Council warns of the disorder in the body and proposes structural reforms

Rosell announces a proposal for legislative modification to improve the management of the judicial system

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The president of the Superior Council of Justice, Josep Maria Rosell, appeared this morning in the framework of the oath-taking ceremony for Núria Garcia Val and Immaculada Rodríguez Díaz, part-time judges assigned to the Superior Court. Rosell presented the current situation of the Court and the organizational difficulties that the institution faces. During his speech, he announced several reforms and expres-

sed concern about the regulatory disorder that affects the functioning of the judicial system.

Rosell explained that the Court currently has five full-time magistrates, a number that, according to the needs transferred by the jurisdictional bodies, is sufficient. However, he expressed concern about the impact that the imminent changes will have: «With the resignations, there will be no resignations. Right now, we have the ones we have, but in September, if there is nothing new, three magistrates will retire.»

CONSELL SUPERIOR DE JUSTÍCIA



Magistrates Núria Garcia Val and Immaculada Rodríguez Díaz taking office.

He also announced that the Superior Council of Justice is working on a proposal to modify the qualified justice law and other related legal texts: «The qualified law provides that we can make proposals to the Government, and that is what we are doing.» The objective is for the Government to process the bill, although it could also be done by the General Council. «We hope that this law can be approved during 2026 and that it can be implemented in 2027,» he said.

Finally, he insisted that each decision must be carefully planned to avoid dysfunctions: «Now that you touch one piece, another one goes.» He highlighted the need to «prohibit all these places that will become vacant, with a certain order.» ●

23RD GENERAL YOUTH COUNCIL

Young people demand free contraceptives and sex education

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The free distribution of contraceptive products such as condoms and morning-after pills in pharmacies and health centers has been one of the main legislative proposals that have been debated and approved by a majority

this Wednesday within the framework of the 23rd General Youth Council. The proposal, presented by students from the secondary school of Encamp, aims to protect young people when having sexual relations in order to avoid unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases. The legislative proposal has

had around twenty favorable votes, five against and three abstentions.

Thus, the text foresees that Andorra will begin to apply a measure that has been present for some time in neighboring countries such as Spain and France. The idea, then, is that the Government will subsidize the donation

of condoms and morning-after pills for all young people under 26 years of age. The regulation also provides that minors who request some of these products will be subject to monitoring regarding the frequency of use and the quantity of products they purchase on a regular basis. The Executive has also approved the implementation by the Government of talks related to sex education to inform about the correct use of these methods, both inside and outside of school hours. ●

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