

SHAKE-UP IN THE GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE

Rossell takes over from Marín as Minister of Public Service

Espot defends the change to guarantee absolute dedication to the reform of the salary scales

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A significant ministerial reshuffle in the middle of the legislature. The Head of Government, Xavier Espot, announced this Wednesday a decision that reconfigures the structure of his executive: the division of the previous Ministry of Social Affairs and Public Service. From now on, Trini Marín will concentrate exclusively on the Social Affairs portfolio, while Marc Rossell—until now Secretary of State for Digital Transformation and Telecommunications—will assume responsibility for Public Service without ceasing to lead the areas he already headed up to now.

According to the Head of Government, who has defined the move as a «specific and surgical remodeling», the main objective is to be able to deal with the negotiation of the new salary scales of the general and special bodies of the administration with more dedication. «It is a complex process, with multiple actors and sensitivities, and requires absolute dedication», stated Espot, adding that «it was important to be able to have a minister who could dedicate 100% to this task». In this way, Rossell will be the one who will lead the meetings with the representatives of the bodies of the public administration, «under the direct control of the He-



The new Minister of Public Service, Digital Transformation and Telecommunications, Marc Rossell.

ad of Government».

At the same time, he stressed that the challenges facing the Ministry of Social Affairs «are increasingly important», with issues on the table such as the implementation of the new accessibility law, the definition of a system for assessing capabilities, the defense of the rights of people with disabilities and the growing challenge of the ageing population. «Taking

charge of two portfolios with this volume of work was no longer viable with guarantees», he assured, highlighting that the decision was taken «by mutual agreement» with Marín.

Espot pointed out that the new ministerial distribution is not new in essence, but rather partly recovers the scheme of the last legislature, when Marín already led a ministry with similar powers. He also recalled that

the Government Law allows the creation of new ministries if the needs of executive action so require in order to reinforce the political priorities of the second half of the legislature. Therefore, the decrees formalizing the changes have been sent today to



Xavier Espot

HEAD OF GOVERNMENT

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the Official Gazette of the Principality of Andorra and will enter into force tomorrow.

As for Rossell, the new head of Public Service, Digital Transformation and Telecommunications, the Head of Government highlighted his «extensive political and administrative experience». Rossell has held several positions in recent years: he was Director General of the Environment for four years, another four as Secretary General of the Ministry headed by Sílvia Calvó, and two as Secretary of State for Digital Transformation and Telecommunications in the current legislature. ●

MACRO OPERATION OF THE NATIONAL AUDIENCE

Youtuber Valyrio, involved in a cybercrime and money laundering scheme

The criminal network would be dedicated to data exfiltration

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The Spanish National Police and the Andorran Police have arrested four people as part of a joint operation, dubbed Boraska, led by the National Audience and coordinated by the specialized prosecutor's office. Among those arrested are the Spanish YouTuber resident in Andorra Álvaro Martín,

known as Valyrio; the hacker José Luis Huertas (Alcasec), and the former Secretary of State for Security during the government of the Popular Party, Francisco Martínez.

The person arrested in Andorra, a 28-year-old content creator, was arrested on Tuesday morning in Escaldes-Engordany as part of a rogatory commission, with an international arrest warrant. According to official sources, the man had been residing in the Principality since May 2024 and is one of four suspected members of a criminal network with a high degree of technological speci-



Images of the police intervention.

alization. He is being investigated for the crimes of money laundering, discovery and disclosure of secrets, illegal entry into computer systems, seizure of confidential data and membership in a criminal organization.

The searches were carried out this Tuesday in Madrid, Córdoba and Andorra. Valyrio has already been admitted to the Comella prison, while the Spanish authorities are expected to formalize the extradition request. The four detainees are expected to be brought before the courts between Wednesday and Thursday. ●

LACK OF EVIDENTIARY ERRORS

The Constitutional Court annuls two convictions in the case of the 'coca waitress'

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The Constitutional Court has decided to partially modify two convictions handed down by the Superior Court of Justice in the con-

text of the case known as 'Big Bang', an operation police operation against drug trafficking in Pas de la Casa in 2023. In one of the cases reviewed, the convicted person had been sentenced for hashish trafficking. However,

this crime did not appear in the indictment presented by the Public Prosecutor's Office. This means that the convicted person did not have the opportunity to specifically defend himself against this charge during the trial. The

other reviewed conviction refers to a person who, at the time of the events, had not yet turned 21. According to the Criminal Code, this could entail a reduction in the sentence (an age-based mitigation). However, the court that tried him formally refused to apply this benefit, but at the same time reduced the sentence from four to three years, justifying it with the defendant's «relative youth». ●

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