

## MUNICIPAL COUNCIL SESSION

# The Municipality of La Massana rejects the plan near the Arinsal gondola lift

La Massana adapts the LOGTU decree that limits construction to add exceptions and facilitate its application

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La Massana Municipal Council has approved this week the modification of the decree that sets an annual limit on the granting of building licenses in the parish. This decree, which was established a year ago as a control measure while the Parish Planning and Urbanism Plan (POUP) is being revised, has been maintained but adapted to incorporate new exceptions and a revised text that facilitates its consultation and application.

The consul general, Eva Sansa, explained that “this decree falls within the legal framework established by Law 32/2022, which reforms the LOGTU and promotes a model of sustainable and balanced urban growth, linked to the capacity of infrastructures and, very especially, to the sustainability of water and natural resources”.

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clude from the calculation of the cap the basement areas intended for parking, storage rooms or technical spaces, as long as they do not involve intensive water consumption. Small extensions of existing buildings and buildings for commercial, industrial or parking use that do not generate pressure on natural resources have also been exempted. In addition, the decree has incorporated a system

of exclusions to protect projects of public or social interest, such as access to housing, economic diversification or the rehabilitation of the built heritage.

From the minority, the councillor Guillem Forné has recognized the progress in the process, pointing out that “unlike last year, we have been able to obtain this decree with the appropriate time and form”. Forné also wanted to thank “the

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**EVA SANSA**

CONSUL MAJOR OF LA MASSANA

“This decree falls within the established legal framework and promotes a sustainable urban growth model”

working group with which we have been able to participate and make our contributions, which have been well received by the community”.

Despite showing support for the decree, the councillor has asked for more guarantees on the management of exclusions: “We would like to confirm that projects that the municipality considers to be of public or general interest can be presented in full within the Urban Planning Commission, and that what comes out of it can be binding”. Finally, he announced that his group had voted in favour of the proposal: “Our vote in this regard has been positive”. ●

## La Massana settles 65% of investments for 2025

►► The Municipality of La Massana has presented the settlement of the budget corresponding to the first quarter of 2025, in accordance with the provisions of the Law on Municipal Finances. As of March 31st, the corporation had executed 4,335,054 euros in expenses and had received 4,020,575 euros, remaining within the initial forecasts.

►► One of the highlights is the high level of execution of real investments, which have already reached 65% of the total planned for the year. Among these, projects such as La Massana diversion and the adaptation of the Anyós car park stand out. In terms of expenses, 17.47% of the current goods and services chapters have been settled. This item

includes the management of the waste disposal and lighting, the rental of land, cultural, social and sports activities, selective waste collection, technical studies and insurance premiums.

►► In terms of income, taxes such as “foc l lloc” have been settled, with a slightly higher collection than expected (2%). Indirect taxes, such as the ITP, have not been accounted for until April 30th, outside the period analysed, but

it is expected that they will reach 69% of the annual forecast. In addition, taxes such as hygiene, lighting, water consumption and landfill have been invoiced. Income worth 2.46 million euros has also been recorded in transfers, of which 451,000 euros correspond to capital transfers and 2 million to current transfers. In addition, 109,000 euros are added for the regularization of the vehicle ownership tax.

## GASTRONOMIC PLAN 2025

# El Beç, new gastronomic ambassador to position Andorra as a reference

High mountain cuisine is presented as an important asset to diversify tourism

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Andorran gastronomy takes a step forward with the presentation of the Gastronomic Plan 2025, an initiative promoted by Andorra Turisme and the Ministry of Tourism to consolidate the country as a reference destination under the concept of high mountain gastronomy. The event, held this Monday, brought together institutional representatives, restaurateurs and producers in an atmosphere of unity and international projection.

The bet is based on a change observed in the data: the percentage of visitors who choose Andorra for its cuisine has doubled in a decade, from 2% to 5.5% between 2014 and 2024. At the same time, the overall satisfaction of visitors with the catering offer has grown to 8.1 out of 10, consolidating gastronomy as one of the important assets of the country's tourism story.

With the aim of continuing the work done in recent years, the plan includes several actions aimed at training, external projec-



The new ambassadors of the Gastronomic Plan 2025.



## RODRIGO MARTÍNEZ

MANAGER OF BEÇ

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tion and strengthening the local sector. During the presentation, initiatives such as the Gastrolab, which will offer training sessions aimed at the sector, and the Andorra Orígens campus, designed as an intensive meeting with practical and immersive workshops, were announced. Interna-

tional actions have also been advanced, such as gastronomic meetings in cities such as Barcelona, Madrid, Toulouse or Bordeaux, with the aim of giving visibility to Andorran cuisine through collaborations with chefs from other territories. In addition, Andorra Taste will continue to be part of the country's gastronomic calendar, with a new edition scheduled between September 17th and 21st, which will combine lectures, professional activities and proposals open to the public.

One of the most prominent axes of the plan is the designation of gastronomic ambassadors,

chefs, restaurateurs and producers who act as representatives of the Andorra brand in the culinary field. Among those chosen are names such as Marcel Besolí, Jordi Grau, José Antonio Guillermo, Rodrigo Martínez, Carles Flinch, Victoria Kemerer and Gerard Martínez, representing Ramaders d'Andorra. All of them will have the mission of participating in promotional actions, advising new talents and representing the country's cuisine at international events.

One of the projects that best reflects this philosophy is El Beç restaurant, recognized for its young, rooted and courageous proposal. "It's something new, with a lot of warmth, a lot of passion and a very good team. We are committed to surprising with new techniques and we work with local products: honey, cheeses, cold cuts...", explains its manager, Rodrigo Martínez, who is already previewing a new menu for this summer with dishes that explore unexpected flavors and formats.

The final objective, as expressed by the head of Tourism, Jordi Torres, is to professionalize the sector, deseasonalize tourism and strengthen the international presence of Andorran cuisine, without leaving aside any type of proposal: from high-end restaurants to the most accessible, which often surprise with their excellent quality-price ratio. ●

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