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CONSTRUCTION OF THREE HOUSING BUILDINGS

## Sant Julià launches the first assisted housing complex for the elderly

With a budget of 18 million, the building will be operational at the beginning of 2028

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The construction of the new assisted housing complex for the elderly in Sant Julià de Lòria is beginning to take shape. This week, the first works of the initial phase began, with the demolition of the existing building on the land located next to the Sant Eloi shopping center roundabout and the subsequent stabilization of the site. This step marks the start of a project that, if the schedule is met, should be completed by the end of 2027 and enter into operation at the beginning of 2028.

The future building will be made up of three residential blocks that will total 54 one- or two-room apartments, with an average surface area of 50 square meters. The complex will also include a day center with capacity for around thirty users. The project is specifically aimed at people over 65, with the aim of responding to the lack of affordable housing for the elderly and providing a dignified and functional alternative to an increasingly large and vulnerable

group within the Andorran social fabric.

The total budget reaches 18 million euros and is financed through a public-private collaboration model, which involves the Government, the municipality and various private actors. In fact, as detailed by the Consul General of Sant Julià, Cerni Cairat, 90% of the financing is already guaranteed. "It is a historic fact that the community and the Government have joined forces with individuals who contribute capital in an altruistic way to carry out a project so necessary for the country's elderly", the president remarked.

The origin of the initiative da-



**Cerni Cairat**

CONSUL GENERAL OF SANT JULIÀ

"We have received many requests, logically, because people are worried, especially pensioners"



Cairat, Marsol and Cortesao, this Wednesday in Sant Julià de Lòria.

tes back to the previous municipal mandate, but it has not been until now that all the necessary administrative and financial steps have been taken. The project is divided into two phases: the first, currently underway, includes the demolition and stabilization of the land; the second, which will be activated once the first is completed, will be the construction of the homes.

The municipality has already begun to receive applications to access the future apartments. According to Cairat, the demand is high and responds to a latent need: "We have received many, because, logically, people are concerned and, above all, in this age group of pensioners, which is precisely who this property is aimed at."

Along these lines, the Minister of the Presidency, Economy, Labor and Housing, Conxita Marsol, also wanted to emphasize the value of the project, not only for the social impact it will have, but for the model it represents. "It is a public-private cooperation and it is a historic point because, with the collaboration of all these people and institutions, we can carry out this very important project and it will also be part of this affordable public rental park with the specificities of a project for the elderly", she defended. Marsol considers that combining assisted housing with a day center within the same infrastructure is "a model that we would like to be able to follow in other buildings". ●



## AGREEMENT PROCESS BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND UNIONS

# Five million forecast for GADA in the start of the salary review

Rossell indicates that a recognition of career for interims will also be taken into account

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The Government is back today to inform you about the final proposals presented to the special bodies of the public administration for their salary reviews. In this sense, it was the recently appointed Minister of Public Service, as well as Digital Transformation, Marc Rossell, who, at the end of the meetings that began today between the Executive, headed by the Head of Government, Xavier Espot, and in this case with Banders and Firefighters, had to detail the two “sustainable and equitable” measures that have been provided to them.

In this way, “there are two blocks”. On the one hand, to pay for performance management to regularize the years that have not been possible with increases that would range between 1 and 8% “and that would begin to be applied from July”, and, on the other, to carry out a review of the salary ranges that must serve “to avoid overlaps and thus offer



Representatives of the Government and members of the Fire Department, during the meeting this Wednesday.

more competitive salaries that retain talent and to attract new ones”. Under this precept, the minister confirmed that today they have presented the results of the study that was commissioned in order to balance salaries and find them a competitive point that adjusts them to the model of the surrounding countries. A dialogue process that will continue tomorrow with other sectors and that is expected to be completed during this month of June.

Another interesting component is the recognition of the ca-

reer of temporary civil servants, so that the total time worked will be taken into account and, depending on this, this gradual salary increase will be applied, which will vary from 1 to 8% if 15 years of contribution are reached. In this sense, the head of the Public Service has reasoned that “one of the parameters on which this increase falls is that of the base salary, applying to all the points already included in the GADA”. It has been important to remember that the review study requested by the Government has specifically covered “how the entry



**MARC ROSSELL**

MINISTER OF CIVIL SERVICE

“We want to offer more competitive salaries that retain talent and, in addition, can attract new ones”

port of the salary bands is; that is, between 80 and 120%, and that the first is compensated with a competitive amount”. The ball is now in the hands of the unions to endorse the proposal and give an exact return of conformity for next week.

Finally, the head of the public portfolio has dared to reveal some figures, explaining to journalists that the initial measure to favor the unions is to allocate a budget for the GADA that reaches five million euros, being 500,000 each year and with the intention of doubling the expenditure on training, “but this will be distinguished according to each case as they are all very particular”. ●

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