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## IMMIGRATION

# The A2 level of Catalan will be mandatory for the second renewal of residence

The measure will enter into force from April 26th, 2026

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The legislative commission for Education, Research, Culture, Youth and Sports closed this Thursday the text of the bill for the own and official language, which has been worked on intensively and in detail in recent weeks. Precisely this work, together with a prolific debate carried out on all points of the law, has made it possible to conclude an agreement that has the consensus of the Demòcrats, Concòrdia, PS and Ciutadans Compromesos parliamentary groups. In this way, it is expected that the bill can be approved with a clear majority next Thursday, April 25th. With regard to the accreditation of a minimum level of Catalan to renew the residence and work permit, one of the points that has generated the most interest in the law, it has been agreed that it is compulsory to take a Catalan course of 30 hours in order to obtain the renewal,



Agreement between the parliamentary groups for the Catalan language bill.

unless an adequate level of the language can be demonstrated. From here and in the case of the first renewal, it will be necessary to prove the A1 level of Catalan, while for the second renewal, the requirement will be the A2 level. This measure will enter into force from April 26th, 2026, provided the law is approved. Another im-

portant agreement agreed upon by all the groups is to extend these levels of Catalan to the rest of the immigration permits. At this point, a period of five years has been established for the law to apply to all permits. The bill, the parliamentary groups emphasize, fulfills its integrative mission, it associates the progressive learning of

the language by newcomers and the accreditation of this to immigration permits. For all that, «we congratulate ourselves for the climate achieved during the work in committee, which has made it possible to turn the respective amendments into objective improvements in favor of Andorra's linguistic heritage». ●

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## POLITICS

# AE asks that Xavier Espot goes on a vote of confidence

If he does not do so, the parliamentary group proposes a vote of no confidence

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The leader of Andorra Endavant, Carine Montaner assured to EL PERIÒDIC that they have been in contact with several councilors for days to request that the head of government, Xavier Espot, submit to a vote of confidence. A situation that responds to the Draft Law on sustainable growth and the right to housing, whose measures were presented by the Exe-

## Montaner assures that within the DA and CC parliamentary groups there is discontent

cutive without prior consultation with the rest of the parliamentary groups, and which led, to its time, to the abandonment of the formation led by Montaner and the social democrats of the housing group promoted by Minister Marsol. As the general counsel explained Friday yesterday, «taking into account the dissatisfaction of the chamber even within Democrats and Ciutadans Compromesos, we think that the head of government should present a vote of confidence». Even so, Montaner goes further and assures that, in case there is no change of course and a «cessation of this excessive interventionism» and Espot does not go to this vote of confidence, there are six councilors who propose a vote of no confidence against the head of government to see if he continues to have the legitimacy to govern. Montaner emphasized the policies carried out by the Government and expressed that «it is sinking the country, there is growing legal in-



The head of government, Xavier Espot.

security, which is not good for a country and leads it to an absolute drift». It should be remembered that the parliamentary formation already warned a few days ago that if the Executive did not rectify «its trajectory and does not eliminate the interventionist and counterproductive measures», it would take the Draft Law to the Constitutional Court. Even so, when the news with Montaner's statements was published, DA and CC issued a press release announcing their «absolute support for the Government and the measures announced». ●

## Espot is looking for support and alliances to get stronger in a meeting held on Friday at noon at the Coma hotel of Ordino

▶▶ When it seems that the Government of Espot is tottering, it would have met with ex-politicians at the Coma hotel to seek alliances. According to EL PERIÒDIC, last Friday at noon a meeting and lunch was held at the Coma hotel, in which Jordi Farràs, Bibiana Rossa, Albert Font, Jordi Cerqueda and Josep Duró would have

participated. And all on a busy day in which Andorra Endavant announced that it was asking for a vote of confidence and opened up the possibility of a vote of no confidence, and when it seems that the Democrats might be looking for an alternative to Xavier Espot and Daniel Armengol would be calling Bosch as a possible candidate.

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