



TOWN PLANNING

# 'Participa' is against macro urban planning projects

The citizens' platform asks that the Urbanism Plan be revised to try to stop the situation

They want what they are doing to become a symbol teaching what not to do

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The citizen platform Participa is completely against urban planning macro-projects, excessive growth and disrespect for sustainability. This is how they explained it yesterday afternoon at the church of Sant Cristòfol d'Anyós, one of the places that most worries the platform. «It's been a long time since many of citizens have been concerned about what's happening due to urban depravity and this lack of control», said one of the spokespersons, Manel Montoro, claiming that «we have heard from our Government that those who cannot to keep up, they have to leave the country when we are seeing that it continues to be built in an unbridled manner». The spokesman pointed out that all these homes and developments that are being built both in the parish of La Massana and in the rest, are not intended for the normal population, but «are intended for the richest people who have more money». The great concern of 'Participa' is that when building, cultural heritage such as the church of Sant Cristòfol d'Anyós is not taken into consideration. «Right next door, a macro-urbanization is being built in Anyós and it does not have and has not had respect for our environment or for our nature or for both social and economic sustainability».

From the platform, they want this fact and this public complaint to become a symbol of what is happening, not only in La Massana, but also in Sant Julià de Lòria, Andorra la Vella or Escaldes-Engordany, although this case «it's very blatant because we have this church and we're doing what we're doing just 100 meters away».

As for the measures they propose to slow down or try to reverse the situation if possible, first of all,



► Image of the members of the citizen platform 'Participa'.



## MANEL MONTORO

'PARTICIPA' SPOKESPERSON

«What scandalizes us is that cultural heritage such as Sant Cristòfol d'Anyós is not taken into consideration»

«The first step is to review the POUP. It should have been done last year, but it was not done due to a lack of political will»

make a review of the Parish Planning and Urbanism Plan (POUP), which has not been done since 2016. From 'Participa' they complain that this review should have been carried out last year, but that it was not carried out due to «lack of political will, because it is not of interest». Once it has been reviewed, it would be necessary to establish new territory sessions by the municipalities.

As they explain from the platform, in the POUP of La Massana, the high impact that the current Urban Plan can cause on priority conservation habitats, such as trees or agricultural land, is evident.

Montoro also acknowledged that in the Principality, «private property is sacred» and that a private individual can do what he wants without any kind of control on his land, however, they point out that the situation must be taken into account and that we are in a situation of climate change, «we are building massively without taking into account that we are told that in 2030 our water reserves will be much lower», detailed the spokesman while adding that «the owner or the private can do what wants to obviously, but there are limits and limits. I understand that if things are going well the State does not intervene massively, but when things are going badly it is the State that has to say so far. Be it private property or whatever.»

On the other hand, the president of the Institute of Human Rights, Elisa Muxella, also wanted to give her support to the citizens' platform. Muxella pointed out that «it cannot be built as it is being built because there will be a lack of resources». She also stated that this would cause inflation that highlights what would make Andorran citizens have to leave their country. Muxella ended by denouncing that «why do we have to leave our country. Maybe we should change our policy.»

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# The IGI collected during the first quarter rises to 44.6 ME

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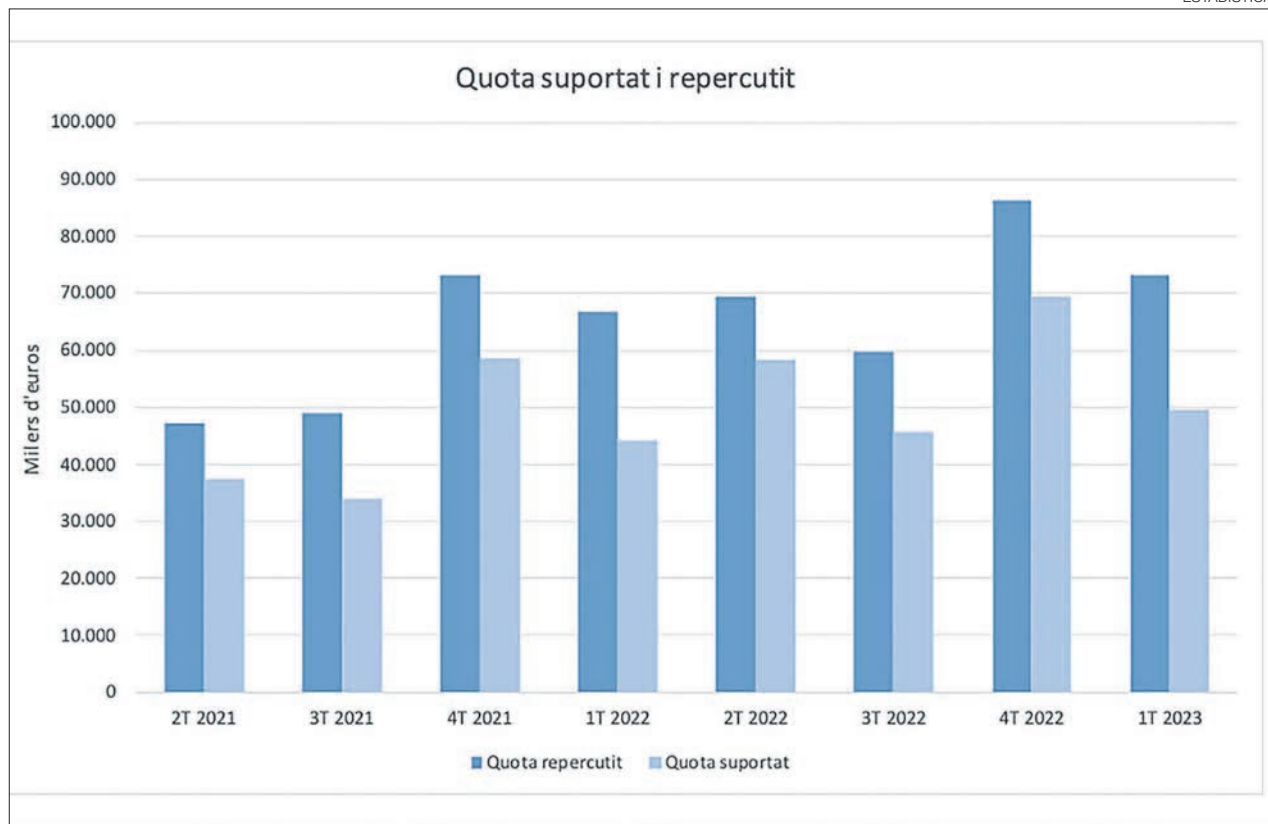
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During the first quarter of 2023, 1,770.13 million euros have been reflected in the indirect general tax (IGI), 7.2% more than in the same period of the previous year, as published yesterday by the Department of Statistics. In the same way, the share passed on was 73.06 million euros, 9.4% more than in the same period of the previous year.

With the same trend, the supported base has been 1,215.78 million, 11.5% more compared to the first quarter of 2022. As for the supported quota, this has been 49.6 million euros, the which has meant a positive year-on-year variation of 12%. Taking into account the totality of the IGI collected, which includes both the internal IGI, as well as that of imports and that of patrimonial transmissions, this was 44.6 million euros.

Regarding the tax on the income of tax non-residents (IRNR), which applies to natural or legal persons who obtain income in the Principality without being residents, it was 31.03 million euros for the first quarter of this year. 15.5% more compared to the same period of the previous year. In this sense, the settlement fee was 2.06 million euros.

The property transfer tax (ITP) was 3.41 million euros in the first quarter of 2023, 2.4% less than in



► Graph showing the evolution of the share borne and the share passed on from the IGI.

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the same period of the previous year. In relation to the liquidation of capital gains, these have been 3.03 million euros, with a positive year-on-year variation of 101.8%.

In relation to the personal income tax (IRPF), which taxes the income earned by individuals who are considered tax residents in Andorran territory with an annual fre-

quency, they have increased by 1.5%, going from 21,268 to 21,595 declarations for the financial year corresponding to the year 2021.

In the same way, the general taxation base for the financial year corresponding to the year 2021, between the two publications, has increased by 0.9%, going from 918.50 to 927.14 million euros. In relation

to the general settlement base for the financial year corresponding to the year 2021, between the two publications, it has increased by 0.4%, going from 479.10 to 481.01 million euros. And with regard to the liquidation quota for the financial year corresponding to the year 2021, between the two publications, it has increased by 0.2%, going from 48.67 to 48.76 million euros.

On the other hand, corporate tax (IS) has increased by 2%, going from 8,079 to 8,243 declarations. In the same way, the positive tax base, between the two publications,

**Corporate tax has increased by 2% and has gone from 8,079 to 8,243 million euros**

has increased by 1.8%, going from 1,011.55 to 1,030.23 million euros for the financial year corresponding to year 2021.

Regarding the cases where the tax base has been negative, between the two publications, it has gone from -214.42 to -217.52 million euros, a 1.4% increase. Finally, regarding the settlement fee corresponding to the 2021 financial year, between the two publications, it has decreased by 12.2%, going from 72.1 to 63.29 million euros. ≡

## The price of imports for the month of April increases by 12.2%

Figures that are 2.2% higher than in March

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Yesterday, the Department of Statistics presented the results of the volume of commercial exchanges of goods abroad for the month of April this year. Thus, import prices, in general terms, have experienced a positive variation of 12.2% in relation to the previous year. If you compare this data with the previous month, you can see how import prices have increased by 2.2%.

In the same period, export prices have increased by 2.1% in relation to 2022. Compared to the month of March, export prices ha-

ve decreased by 8.5%. In year-on-year terms and according to the groups of use, the prices of consumer goods have increased by 16.4%, capital goods by 13.5% and intermediate goods by 3.4%.

If the unified classification of international trade (CUCI) is taken as a reference, in imports, it is highlighted that all groups have positive year-on-year variations. In particular, the prices of the 'Machinery and transport equipment' group have grown by 31% and 'Manufactured articles classified mainly according to raw materials' have risen by 30.3%. On the other hand, the item 'Fuels, mineral lubricants and similar products' stands out, which showed a decrease of 32.4% compared to the same month of the previous year.

In the geographical areas as a whole, during April the evolution of the prices of the index in terms of imports from the 'Rest of the European Union and Great Britain' stands out, with an interannual growth of 37.6%, and those from Spain, with a positive year-on-year variation of 11%.

In the shared study, it is also reported that in recent years the Andorran economy has experienced a high growth in the volume of commercial exchanges of goods with the outside world. This is evidenced by the increase in commercial flows with origin and destination in the Principality. Imports of goods in 2022 exceed by 60% the imports that were made twenty years ago and exports exceed 100% of those made at the beginning of the 2000s. ≡

## Energy consumption fell by 0.6% in June

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The total consumption of energy in the country during the month of June was 36,774 MWh, a figure that, according to the Department of Statistics published yesterday, represents a negative variation of 0.6% compared to the same month last year. Regarding the import of energy, the data for June, with 23,253 MWh, show a decrease of 5.6% compared to 2022. On the other hand, the energy produced in Andorra shows a positive year-on-year variation of 9.3%.

Regarding the accumulated data from January to June, consumption was 292,314 MWh, which represents a decrease of 2.4% compared to the same previous period. Of this consumption, 228,707.2 MWh have been imported, a drop of 0.8%, while 63,622.8 MWh have been produced in the country, 7.8% less than in the

first five months of 2022.

In relation to the data accumulated over the last twelve months, consumption has been 556,689.3 MWh, which represents a decrease of 2.1% compared to the same previous period. Of this consumption, 459,150.8 MWh have been imported, while 97,564.1 MWh have been produced in the country.

**ENERGY CONSUMPTION IN TEP** // On the other hand, energy consumption in the country expressed in TEP during the month of June was 13,181.4, which represents a negative percentage change of 3.3%. In this sense, the groups that show positive variations compared to the same previous period are propane (220.4%) and domestic fuel oil (38.2%). The diesel locomotion groups (11.1%), gasoline (3.2%) and electricity (0.6%) showed negative variations. ≡

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