



PROGRESS OF THE CASE

The Municipality of Ordino refuses to consult the P3 laboratory

The project intended to build an immunology research center cannot be carried out

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The Municipality of Ordino has rejected the consultation requested by the councilors of the minority Enric Dolsa, Joan Miquel Armengol and who was candidate of Tercavia in the communal Jordi Balsa, for the project of the laboratory P3 because «the question does not obey the reality of the project since [...] it is a research center in immunology with the endowment of services of a research and development nature, that is to say that it consists of a center with a broader object and not only a laboratory P3» as specified in the resolution of the municipal ordinance. An infrastructure that is planned to be built on the «Prat de la Farga» land in Ordino.

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This P3 laboratory is a «confined center in which class 3 pathogens are analyzed, microorganisms that can cause serious disease in humans, but for which there is a prophylaxis (set of preventive health measures considered effective) or recognized treatment», according to the definition offered by the Pasteur Institute. Both research and the development of new therapies and vaccines are carried out in these spaces. But the people who work in these centers are exposed to a very important risk when doing their job.

According to article 32 of the Operating Regulations of the Municipality of Ordino, the municipal internal operating regulations can establish formulas



► A simulation of the P3 laboratory in the «Prat de la Farga» area.

to encourage citizen participation. To be more precise, the following points can be foreseen: «The convening of non-binding popular consultations, the holding of forums and public debates in the presence of citizens and other mechanisms that can favor citizen participation and that are not contrary to current

legislation». The second point of this article specifies that «the forms, means and participation procedures established by the municipalities cannot, in any case, undermine the competences and decision-making powers that correspond to the municipal bodies established by current legislation».

The main objective of the case is «to convene a popular consultation in order to know the position of the citizens of the parish of Ordino regarding the P3 laboratory», as detailed in the press release.

The fact that this infrastructure has been declared a «project of national interest» assu-

mes and entails that it transcends the parochial sphere. The press release adds that «the fact of carrying out the popular consultation in the terms set out by the applicants would mean underestimating the powers attributed to the Government as it is a matter that is not part of the powers of the municipalities».

The resolution issued by the Municipality of Ordino expresses that this ordinance «does not exhaust the administrative avenue [...] and an administrative appeal can be filed against it before the Board of Governors, within a period of one month of the date of its notification».

A result that has been communicated to Messrs. Enric Dolsa, Joan Miquel Armengol and Jordi Balsa. ≡

Silent march against Grifols in Ordino.

► A group of citizens, under the «Andorra anti-Grifols» initiative, has called for this Saturday a peaceful and silent march to protest against the laboratory. The call is at 11:45 a.m. in Main Square of Ordino at 12 p.m. the march will begin to the area where they want to

locate the P3 laboratory.

► Ordino begins to organize after a meeting with the councilor of the municipality of Ordino, Enric Dolsa, and councilor Jean-Michel Armengol. They were the ones who requested the organization of a public consultation

on the project and, seeing that the will of the people is not being listened to, the people have decided to act.

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INTERNATIONAL



►► Angel Ros at the Spanish Embassy during his appointment in 2018.

Àngel Ros leaves the position of Spanish

He retires after five years at the head of the embassy in the country

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The Spanish ambassador to the country, Àngel Ros, is leaving his position due to retirement, as he had requested last August when he turned 70 years old.

Ros was appointed in August 2018, after 14 years at the head of Lleida City Council.

The new diplomatic representative will be Carlos Pérez-Desoy, until now consul general in Salvador de Bahía (Brazil) who was already appointed yesterday Tu-

esday by the Spanish Council of Ministers. Pérez-Desoy has a degree in Law and Philosophy and one of the next topics he will have to deal with is the delimitati-

Carlos Pérez-Desoy was appointed yesterday as the new diplomatic representative by the Spanish Council of Ministers

on of the border with Alt Urgell in the area of Planell de la Tossa. Andorra built a solar park there.

Àngel Ros has been a member of the Socialist Party of Catalonia (PSC) since 1979, and in 2011 he joined the party's new executive. Of his political career, his mandates as mayor of Lleida stand out, characterized by the impetus of outstanding works such as the congress hall (La Llotja), the Príncep de Viana bridge, the road coverage, the footbridge that of the Maristes or the new one, the barracks of the Urban Guard. ≡

EDUCATION

The Public Library recovers pre-pandemic levels

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2022 was the year of the recovery of the usual levels of use of the Government's public library. The service received a total of 25,550 users throughout last year, which represents figures similar to those reached before the start of the covid pandemic. During 2022, a total of 11,826 books were borrowed, 2,327 audiovisual documents were borrowed and a total of 316 new cards were issued, reaching the figure of 10,435 registered readers.

Regarding monthly attendance, the monthly attendance was 2,129 users. November (3,669) and October (2,679) were the months with the most attendance; and the lowest in the month of July (1,128).

Regarding the total number of for hires made by the center during the past year, the figure amounts to 14,153 documents. In December, it was decided to increase the of hire period of books from 3 to 4 weeks, in response to user demand. The monthly average of books borrowed was 985.5 documents.

The most borrowed books were "La vall de la llum", by Toni Cruanyes; "La bestia", by Carmen Mola and "Le dard du scorpion", by Preston & Child, in the fiction categories for adults in Catalan, Spanish and French respectively. Young people have preferred "Antes de diciembre", by Joana Marcús, and manga comics.

The statistical data of the e-book lending platform show that 2,635 for hire documents have been made, of which 70.6% are books; 24.4%, magazines, and 3.4%, audiobooks. The most borrowed digital books have been "The Alaska Sanders Case", by Joel Dicker; "Benvolguda", by Empar Moliner, and "El libro negro de las horas", by Eva García Sáenz.

The library fund has grown to 59,681 copies. During 2022, 1,179 books have been purchased: 732 for the adult room and 390 for the children's room. The donations received were very important this year and amounted to 390 books for adults and 202 books for children. The total material purchased for the Audiovisual Service is 116 audiovisuals (79 for adults and 37 for children). 707 copies of electronic books and audiobooks have been purchased for the ebiblioAndorra platform. ≡



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