

Misunderstanding of corporations before the College of Architects

The representatives of the seven parishes express their discomfort for not reaching a certain understanding

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After a meeting held last Tuesday at noon between the different consuls of the seven municipalities at Casa Comuna of Sant Julià de Lòria, they were the representatives of this parish, Cerni Cairat, and of Escaldes-Engordany, Rosa Gili, who stole the proper explanations to the media about the matters discussed at the meeting, revealing, among other things, the discomfort experienced by the corporations with the position of the Official College of Architects to hire technicians who comply with their code of ethics. In addition, Cairat also revealed that the Laureadian parish will ask the Parliamentary Chamber to be able to modify the Land Law (that is, the legislation relevant to the planning of the territory and town planning), through the creation of an 'ad hoc' commission' for this one.

For this reason, the representatives of the mentioned territories explained that apart from having addressed the urban development plans (POUP) and the revitalization of certain areas, the dis-

cussion of a «blocked situation» due to the problems that the College of Architects is experimenting with to acquire new professionals. «We held a meeting that did not give any answer to what we hoped to fix», said Cairat seriously, who affirmed that this problem requires a «common treatment» and that this confrontation with the community of architects «is not generating a solution sustainable». For her part, Gili also expressed her displeasure with the situation and stated that the college response seems «excessive and out of place», receiving «certainly harsh» letters that she should not demand of them in no case how to act to the politicians, adding that Escaldes will try to have its own urban planning plan.

In this regard, it should be noted that the discomfort of the College of Architects with the Escaldes corporation, and this is how Gili recalled it, comes from afar when they vetoed their Municipality from collaborating on the buildings of the Pessebre Avenue. So, the tension has only been escalating, and it has reached a point where the manager believes that



The press conference following the meeting of the consuls took place in Sant Julià de Lòria.



CERNI CAIRAT
CONSUL MAJOR OF SANT JULIÀ

«We have not obtained any suitable answer for the problem we have. They ask us for freedom of attendance and the edicts end up closing gaps»

ROSA GILI
CONSUL MAJOR OF ESCALDES

«They banned us from their collaboration on the Pessebre flats. However, not all its professionals have the same point of view, and they must show it»

«with the clauses that the college has in mind, it will be very difficult for them to find people to work on an urban plan». She also said that it was difficult enough to arrange a meeting with them, and that «there are many professionals in the community who do not think like those who make the decisions, which is why they should raise their voices», the consul opined. In addition, despite appreciating their contributions, the parish manager believes that «the institution cannot dictate its guidelines to the municipalities, since political issues are decided and belong to the corporations of each territory».

Continuing the same line, Cairat detailed that the community of architects asks them to have «a free competition, when they don't end up presenting themselves and many of their edicts conclude deserts». On the other hand, he assured that with the advisory contracts «these criticisms are sent by letter» and that relevant measures must be promoted through the POPs. The Laurelian representative, upset by the contradiction of the situation, also asserted that despite the discrepancies and points of misunderstanding experienced at the meeting, «cordiality prevailed, just as during the last meeting of the municipalities in Andorra la Vella of the month of September».



The Sergi Mas room (Casa Comuna) in Sant Julià de Lòria hosted the meeting of the consuls.

With the modification of the Land Law, it is intended to delimit what will be the urban planning model of the future for Andorra

Another of the longings shared by the representatives is to modify the Land Law, for which Gili finds «the cooperation of corporations indispensable». Thus, with the parliamentary proposal to open a commission that will

be in charge of dealing with these matters, it will also have to be accompanied by «an issue of substance that will need to be addressed together», indicated the Consul. Gili pondered that «altering the content of this legislation may involve a certain amount of time, due to the complexity involved in encompassing so many articles».

With regard to the change in the Land Law, there is currently no clear position on what measures should be implemented within the law, but the feeling among all the consuls was to ret-

Resolution of doubts about cross-border cooperation and a resolutive project

►► During the meeting, two appearances also took place, as reported by Cairat. In this sense, on the one hand, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Imma Tor, presented and carried out an explanation about the cross-border cooperation agreement so that the administrations are aware of it and, on the other hand, the Chamber of Commerce appeared to present the mediation project that they are promoting in order to provide another tool for the resolution of conflicts in parallel with the administration of justice.

think in the face of «think about the urban planning of the future», expressed the leader of the province of Spain. For this reason, there is a «generalized feeling among the consuls of the seven municipalities that this law needs to be given more tools so that the municipalities can do more and better in urban planning» with the aim of «defining and working better on the Andorran model that we want in the field of infrastructure», specified Cairat, who, that is to say, did not want to tell the media what these measures will be. ●

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