



REPAIR WORK

Goal: end of the year

The Lauredian municipality plans to reopen -1 and -2 floors between the end of April and the beginning of May

Majoral assures that the initially estimated budget of 2.5 million euros will be increased



► Above, the current state of the Claror auditorium; below, one of the rooms affected by the fire; and on the right, the current state of the lobby.

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The Consul Major of Sant Julià de Lòria, Josep Majoral, explained last Tuesday that the objective set by the corporation is that the cultural and congress center of the parish, which suffered a fire last November, can return to open its doors at the end of this year. Of course, taking into account other setbacks that may arise «that have not even been seen yet». In this sense, Majoral, the minor consul Miria Codina, and the councilors of the minority Cerni Cairat and Maria Àngels Aché, visit the center to see the current state and how the repair work is progressing.

In relation to this, the Consul Major said that the -1 and -2 floors of the space «are expected to reopen between the end of April and the beginning of May». This fact, as he pointed out, will allow the return of approximately 300 people and, from here,

the idea is to be able to «slowly» open the rest of the spaces that can be repaired «little by little but as quickly as possible.»

It should be remembered that the offices of part of the staff of the Cultural and Congress Center were located on these two floors, and the teaching activities of the Art School, the Modern Music Space and the Liquid dance were located, in addition to spaces where the different Lauredian cultural entities rehearsed, which are currently relocated between the French School and other buildings in the parish.

Regarding the budget, which was initially estimated to be around 2.5 million euros, Majoral pointed out that it will be increased. So, he commented that «it will certainly not be the definitive figure», still but without being able to determine a specific one. «With 2.5 million I think it won't be enough, they will fall short», he emphasized, adding that «the experts have not yet been able



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MAJOR CONSUL OF SANT JULIÀ

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All in all, the Consul Major of Sant Julià de Lòria explained that there are three types of damage caused to the infrastructure. The first, where the fire started, that is, in the lobby of floor 0. In this case, the damage was caused by the fire itself. Then there are floors -1, -2, and the

areas below until you reach the offices of the Circulation Service, which were damaged by water from the same firefighting equipment. And, finally, on the upper floors, where the damage was mostly due to smoke.

In fact, in this last aspect, Majoral commented that «it forces us to dismantle all the auditoriums, which generates cumbersome, ex-

pensive and time-consuming work». What's more, the repair work on these plants is in another phase of the work. As an example, the auditoriums, two of the most affected spaces, had to be dismantled in order to clean them: the false ceilings, the seats, the sound system, etc. and, in addition, all dirty ventilation ducts will have to be replaced with new ones or cleaned completely. Apart from the obvious damage, it must also be taken into account that smoke is very corrosive, and, over the years, the beautification of the building can be affected.

Finally, the Consul General thanked the Government and the private owners again for providing facilities to accommodate all those spaces and activities that were affected by the fire, and mentioned that the visit was planned with the intention to convey to the public the status of the repair works so that they «become aware of the magnitude of what happened a few months ago.»

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The PS believes that housing is the great «frustration» of the legislature

López affirms that the alliance with SDP aspires to make lists in all parishes, except for La Massana and Canillo

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Housing is, for the Social Democratic Party (PS), the main «frustration» of the legislature. This was acknowledged the day before yesterday by the president of the team, Pere López, in an informal meeting with the press to take stock of the last four years and in which he took the opportunity to reiterate that, despite «the fact that we have provided very good proposals and very specific, [from the majority groups] they didn't even want to listen to us». Specifically, he praised the efforts made by councilors Carles Sánchez and Roger Padreny, who have most defended the 2019 electoral program in the General Council «with many ideas and very well presented». «But we have always found a wall in front of us», added López, who recalled that they have proposed a change of model and, even, a State pact to end the problem. «It is clear that the situation [of the rental market] is much, much worse now than at the beginning of the legislature», stated the president of the PS.

On the other side, López stayed with the sentence of the Constitutional Court, following an appeal filed by his parliamentary group, which annulled article 77 and the fourth transitional provision of the Qualified Person Law and of the family to consider it discriminatory to differentiate between canonical marriage and civil marriage. «It is a law that was made from a perspective of imposition and Catholic doctrine above what was the will of the legislator. Having achieved this victory is a historic fact and sets precedents for the future», pointed out the social democratic president. And it is that from his point of view «it is very important», bearing in mind that the electoral campaign will officially start in a month, that «we can have debates to move the country forward within the limits of the Constitution, more beyond future reforms».



► Members of the PS during the lunch with the press, last Tuesday.



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PRESIDENT OF THE PS

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«There is room to achieve more rights that do not have to come from Catholic postulates», he said without wanting to refer explicitly to the decriminalization of abortion.

Regarding the elections, which will be held on April 2nd, López recalled that the PS continues to work with Progressives-SDP to obtain lists in most parishes, although he acknowledged that both La Massana and Canillo are practically ruled out. «Our goal is not to be in the seven parishes, but to close competitive lists in those that we know we can win with a realistic proposal», he said. This, however, does not mean that they are not campaigned at all or that the concerns of the citizens are not collected, since they know very well where the vote for the national list can be key. In this sense, he insisted that «nothing is closed yet» and despite not wanting to reveal who could be his number two, he did advance that they will try to make as many parity lists as possible. «There are things we cannot announce, it is part of the tactics», admitted the social democratic leader. ≡

Liberals agree to present the maximum number of territorial candidacies alone

► Liberals agreed on Monday evening to present territorial lists alone in as many parishes as possible in the next general elections on April 2nd. As the party reported in a statement, «the decision was taken in an executive meeting where the parish committee representatives were present». These candidacies will therefore be added to the already announced national list headed by Josep Maria Cabanes.

► The president of the Independent Parliamentary Group, Ferran Costa, published a tweet on Monday afternoon in which he commemorated the end of eight years as general counsel. «This marks the end of an eight-year period where I have had the absolute honor and privilege



► The executive meeting of liberals.

of serving my country from the General Council», he tweeted, while thanking «all those who at any time along the way supported and we were able to work together». Despite not openly confirming it, many understood the message as a farewell and confirmation that he will not be part of any list of his political formation, Action.

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