



ECONOMY

Signed the agreement for the construction of rental apartments

Escaldes-Engordany and the Government agree to build forty flats for rent at an affordable price

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Last Friday at noon the municipality of Escaldes-Engordany, represented by Consul Major Rosa Gili, and the Government, led by acting Head of Government Xavier Espot, signed an agreement through which the executive undertakes to build a building of affordable rental housing on the plot of communal property located at Del Pessebre Avenue 60.

The transfer of the land by the municipality to the executive has a period of 35 years and the latter will be in charge of building the property, which can house up to forty flats. The project will cost around seven or eight million euros and the municipal corporation will take care of the excavation and construction of the car park and the ground floor, where a square will be made.

«There were three options on the table: the concession to a private person, that the municipality assumes the total cost of the constructi-

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on or that the Government takes care of this cost and the management of the property», explained Gili. So, the municipal corporation has already commissioned a team of architects, led by Pere Cervó, to design the building conceived as a space in which to create community, with shared spaces such as a laundry.

In fact, it is on the ground floor where the public square will be located, conceived as a shared place where there can be a relationship between the different generations. Both this square and a premises that will be there and the car park will be managed by the municipality of Escaldes-Engordany. The car park will offer spaces for tenants, but there may also be spaces for citizens who do not live in the building.

As mentioned, the building may end up with around forty floors and its construction could begin this year, taking into account that the awarding of the excavation works and construction of the parking lot and the square will do in a municipal council session.

It is planned that the works will



►► The Acting Head of Government, Xavier Espot, and the Consul Major of Escaldes-Engordany, Rosa Gili, after signing the agreement.

last about seven months, a time in which «the Government can use to carry out the appropriate processes to materialize the construction of the property», pointed out Gili.

In addition, Espot remarked that «the executive will adapt to the construction project of the municipality», taking into account that «he has the money necessary to carry out this project thanks to the extraordinary credits approved and which foresee ten million for the construction of housing».

Both the Consul Major and the Acting Head of Government agreed to point out that with this action the aim is to take a step forward to address the problem of the lack of flats for rent. «We want to send a message of hope and positivity to citizens» and that is that «regardless of political affiliation, we are able to save and overcome differences for the satisfaction of citizens».

Espot also wanted to highlight the role of the proposal compared to the one that is already being promoted in Borda Nova, the result of an agreement signed in 2020 with the municipality of Andorra la Ve-



Xavier Espot

ACTING HEAD OF GOVERNMENT

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Rosa Gili

CONSUL MAJOR OF ESCALDES-ENGORDANY

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lla. In this way, the head of the executive was convinced that after these two projects others will come, since he believes that there is «enough collective consciousness to solve the housing problem».

Asked about the fact that the signing of the agreement occurs at the gates of the electoral campaign, Espot defended the previous course of the project and the firm intention to carry it forward for years, words supported by Gili. In fact, the acting head of government confessed that the fact of signing it this Friday and not during the campaign is only an «aesthetic issue».

The construction of public housing is another proposal for solving the problem and the lack of supply, defending Espot that «all levers must be explored as much as possible». However, there is also the possibility of making concessions to private individuals such as the one that the capital will make in El Cedre or facilitating the private sector to be encouraged to build homes at an affordable price, since «they can all become compatible», conclude Xavier Espot. ≡

POLITICS

The PS denounces that Democrats do not respect the electoral law

DA presented its electoral program

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The Social Democratic Party announced yesterday its disagreement with the Democratic Party presenting its electoral program to the press.

The PS, therefore, denounces that Democrats have presented it «in violation of the manual of procedures for the General Elections» that will be held next April 2nd. In addition, he argues that the Government, which is currently chaired by the Democrat number one, Xavier Espot, distributed the manual that explained that the electoral campaign begins on March 19th, 2023. So, the Social Democratic Party emphasizes that «with one hand, as acting head of government, Espot distributes to the candidates who are presented in the general elections a Manual of Procedure that must be complied with, and with the other he states what he intends to do respect their electoral opponents».

The PS, therefore, in the statement treats his behavior as «pre-



►► PS candidate Pere López.

The Social Democratic Party denounces that the Democratic Party plays dirty

sumptuous as a result of the action at odds with the respect for democratic forms», and affirm that «the Democrats' candidates are playing dirty».

In addition, the PS argues that «they use the government in office to make electoral announcements, such as the signing of an agreement

with the Municipality of Escaldes for a housing development, today» and highlights that «Espot publicly confirmed that the law applies to the rest of the political forces, while he attributes himself ample powers to skip the rules».

The socialists are convinced that «there is no country around us that

can come to consider it normal that an acting Head of Government tries to change the laws according to his will and thus transgress the rules of public functioning», and they say that «the Democrats' candidates are playing dirty.»

Declarations of Andorra Endavant / On the other hand, the head of the list of Andorra Endavant, Carine Montaner, showed her rejection of the agreement presented yesterday to build forty flats for rent at affordable prices. Montaner affirmed yesterday in a video that was

Montaner expressed her rejection following the rental agreement approved last friday

uploaded to the social network Instagram that «the current Government must look at the functioning of the state, but during the election period it cannot make announcements and disparage the other candidates» and emphasized that «the only thing the current government has done for housing in four years is to cover it up». Democrats' electoral program/Last Friday morning the Social Democratic Party presented its electoral program, where it talked about the problems of housing, abortion and its equality policy and mentioned a possible referendum to enter the EU. ≡

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