



POLITICS

Concòrdia and PS name the budget framework very optimistic

Escalé and Vela believe that the Government's forecasts do not match the national reality

Lladós defends the rigor of the project and that it is supported by Statistics and IMF data

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The two amendments presented before yesterday by the Social Democratic and Concòrdia parliamentary groups to the budget framework for the 2024-2027 mandate were rejected with a result for both votes with 19 votes against, seven in favor and no abstentions. The opposition parliamentary groups explained during the debate at the General Council session that the proposed budget framework lacks predictability regarding the possible changes that may occur in the years in which the budget framework is in force, since the forecasts contemplated this are considered by the Social Democratic and Concòrdia parliamentary groups as too optimistic. The argument of the opposition, embodied by the social democrat Susanna Vela and the leader of Concòrdia, Cerni Escalé, is based on the fact that they believe that the analyzed figures rely too



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► The General Counsel of Concòrdia, Cerni Escalé, speaking at the General Council on Wednesday.

Bartolomé doubts the CDI drafting system

► The General Council session also debated and ratified the Non-Double Taxation Convention (CDI) with Iceland. The Councilor of Concòrdia, Pol Bartolomé, asked about the strategy followed by the Government to sign these agreements, accusing that «the State has lost its strategic, reflexive and pragmatic component». Minister Lladós and the councilor of the majority, Berna Coma, clarified that these agreements are drawn up rigorously and based on the available capacities.

HT► The leader of Concòrdia, Cerni Escalé, defended the amendment of his parliamentary group claiming that it has a short-term perspective. Escalé warned about the fact that the State has a debt of between 1,310 and 1,110 million euros, mentioning that the revenues with which the Government can currently count do not cover public expenses, in addition to warning of that the budgetary framework maintains deficit forecasts in the next four years. The leader of Concòrdia declared that «if we now began to prematurely repay the debts contracted, the new debt that we would have to assume as a State in the event of an economic crisis, would probably be at a higher rate due to the current state of the markets».

A judge will be able to retire at 65/With the approval of the amendment to the Law of Justice proposed by Minister Molné, the country's judges and magistrates will be able to retire at 65 and work until they are 75. ≡



SUSANNA VELA

GENERAL COUNCILOR OF THE PS

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CERNI ESCALÉ

PRESIDENT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY GROUP OF CONCÒRDIA

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much on the post-covid dynamics that have been followed so far, where the growth of the Andorran economy has been accelerated by the abandonment of the lockdown measures against Covid-19, an exponential growth of the construction sector and the same touristic economic model that is conducive to time to recover the rate of economic growth after a crisis that prevents the entry of tourists into the country, among others. The Minister of Finance, Ramón Lladós, defended that the budget framework has been drawn up and designed according to the data provided by the Department of Government Statistics, which were considered by the

minister himself to be highly rigorous and prudent, in addition to endorse the favorable and more optimistic opinions of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) regarding the growth of the Andorran economy.

VELA WARNS ABOUT THE OPTIMISTIC VISION OF THE GOVERNMENT

► The general councilor of the PS, Susanna Vela, stated when defending the amendment that «it cannot be that a country like ours, which depends on tourism, and especially on proximity, double the Spanish GDP and even quadruple the French», criticizing the optimistic perspectives with which the PS accuses the

Government of having drawn up the budget framework. The social democratic councilor expressed the concern of her parliamentary group towards «that the GDP increases much more than our neighboring countries due to local tourism and rampant construction». Likewise, Vela also denounced the progressive indebtedness of the State declaring that «when before, for every 100 euros that the Government brought in, 80 was spent, now of these 100 euros, it spends 90 and only 10 are left. In other words, he owes more money every year, but spends more money».

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PARISHES

Ordino on two sides

During yesterday's meeting, the owners were summoned to download the Town Planning Plan



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

►► Image of the parish of Ordino.

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On the one hand, the owners, on the other, the other residents of the parish.

The owners, yesterday, were called to line up, at 8:00 p.m., at the Hotel Coma of Ordino in order to download the Town Planning Plan drawn up by the current communal majority.

It must be said that there are two types of these owners. On the one hand, those who have practically not built their heritage; on the other hand, the others, who have become very rich during the last 10 years.

From the first, you can understand their sadness.

But what about the second ones? Do they want to keep selling to get rich? Are they the same growth? What do you think that landless residents are second class? Whose parish is it? Only from the owners? Or of all those who live there? The gentleman who has instigated

The owners of the land in the parish have been called to the Hotel Coma at 8:00 p.m.

ted the meeting, does he really believe that the rest of the citizens will accept being second-class citizens?

He does not think that he is doing the parish a disservice, and that, after the meeting, the citizens who have no property (because their vote is just as valuable as one of the big owners) can revolutionize and be themselves, by a large majority, those who dictate how they want the parish?

This meeting has been done a disservice.

From the meeting, those without estates are also likely to meet to see what they plan to do with the parish, as they make up more than 90% of residents.

Be hateful, they rule! ≡

SECURITY CORPS

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►► The participants of the Octopus Conference of the Council of Europe.

The Police participate in a cybercrime conference

The appointment took place between the 13th and 15th of this December in Bucharest

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The Police Technology Crime Group was present at the Council of Europe (CoE) Octopus conference, represented by an officer as Deputy Expert of the Cybercrime Convention Committee and National Representative of the 24/7 Network Point of Contact of the Budapest Convention. The conference was held between 13th and 15th December in the city of Bucharest, Romania, at the headquarters of the Council of Europe Cybercrime Program Office (C-PROC). The congress brought together more than 500 specialists in technological crimes from more than 100 countries with the aim of strengthening international cooperation to combat cybercrime. Police forces, prosecutors, international organizations, the private sector and the academic world took part in it. The summit was one of the largest platforms for the exchange of knowledge and experience, where crucial topics such as cybercrime legislation, cyber security, the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in

this type of crimes, online child sexual exploitation, abuse and cyberbullying. At the same time, there was also discussion about freedom of expression, disinformation, manipulation and digital authoritarianism, spoofing, the convergence between physical and digital evidence, as well as strategies to fight malware, ransomware and the illicit actions committed through the use of cryptocurrencies to try not to leave a trace. From the National Police Force, the fight against cybercrime is considered a key issue that knows no borders, and for this reason it is considered crucial to attend international assemblies of this level, in which cooperation tools and the best practices for dealing with these crimes, in order to strengthen the capacity to act with effective responses with the aim of guaranteeing human rights and legality.

It should be remembered that the Budapest Convention was created in 2001, and entered into force in 2004. It is the first international treaty created with the aim of protecting society from cybercrime and promoting cooperation between countries and to share information more quickly. Andorra signed it in 2016. ≡

SOCIETY

A Christmas full of activities and magical proposals at Grandvalira Resorts

The most traditional are the descent of torches in Soldeu and the cavalcade

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The resorts of Grandvalira Resorts have everything ready to welcome Christmas with a wide range of Christmas and adventure proposals for the whole family, accompanied by magical activities such as muixing or snowmobile trips, meals on the most iconic terraces of the seasons or dinners under the stars.

The most typically Christmas activities are always the main protagonists at this time at Grandvalira Resorts. Thus, this year there will be torchlight descents in Soldeu, on

December 31st at 6:00 p.m. on the Os track, and in Pas de la Casa, on January 5th on the direct track. This second will be followed by the arrival of the Three Kings, who will be welcomed with the traditional cavalcade and a great fireworks show. Little skiers, from 6 to 12 years old, will also have their leading role and will be able to participate in the descent of Soldeu's lights, on January 3rd. Both descents will feature the Demo Team, which will make the descent with a spectacular outfit of led lights.

The most wanted person these days, Santa Claus, will visit the snow gardens of Pas de la Casa, Grau Roig and Encamp on December 24th to accompany the little skiers on their first descents. He will also visit the

schools of Soldeu, El Tarter and Canillo on the 24th itself so that the boys and girls can express their most special wishes.

Visitors to Ordino Arcalís will be able to find Santa Claus skiing around the resort in the mornings until Christmas Day, from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. He will then visit the snow gardens and, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., he will be available at the Planells restaurant for anyone who wishes to send him their wishes. Those who want a more special and intimate encounter with Santa Claus can visit him tomorrow accompanied by his elves at the Cow Bella restaurant in Pal Arinsal. They can also have a snack-dinner with him in Canillo on the 22nd and 23rd, or have a snack by the fire and

GRANDVALIRA RESORTS



►► Santa Claus on the ski slopes of Grandvalira Resorts.

do crafts with him at the Cabaneta of Incles in Epic Andorra every day until December 23rd.

LEARN // The schools in the different stations will be 100% operational during the festivities to offer visi-

tors the wide range of learning programs they offer for all ages, levels and disciplines. Thus, anyone who wants to can learn or improve their technique not only in skiing and snowboarding, but also in Freestyle and Freeride. ≡