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AFFORDABLE HOUSING

56% of applications to the registry, rejected

The government plans to make available 412 new affordable rental apartments until 2028

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The Minister of the Presidency, Economy, Work and Housing, Conxita Marsol, and the director of the National Housing Institute (INH), Marta Alberch, appeared this Tuesday to take stock of the current situation of the public housing stock affordable rent. During the press conference, Marsol highlighted the two main objectives on which the Government is working: obtaining real data on the problem of housing and the construction of the aforementioned public park.

Regarding the collection of data, Marsol stressed the importance of the public housing stock register, which was launched last March 27th. «This register must allow us to obtain information about the needs of the people and the profiles of the applicants, to be able to act and make the appropriate modifications», explained the minister. Even so, Marsol regretted that some parishes, such as Andorra la Vella and Escaldes-Engordany, have not yet provided

the necessary data, although the Government expects them «very soon».

A total of 354 people have registered during the six months that the register has been in operation. Of these, 15% (52 applicants) received a favorable decision, while 56% (198 applicants) were rejected for not meeting the established requirements. Among the most common reasons for refusal is the fact that the family unit does not allocate a minimum of 30% of the income to rent, or that the income does not reach the required minimum (the interprofessional minimum wage). Other reasons are the lack of a rental contract or failure to prove the minimum residence of five years.

412 NEW HOMES FOR AFFORDABLE RENT UNTIL 2028 //

In relation to the creation of new homes, Marsol detailed that during this year 68 flats will be made available to the market. These are four buildings distributed between the parishes of Sant Julià, Canillo and Andorra la Vella. «This year, 68 flats will be put on the market through an agreement with



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HOUSING MINISTER

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the INH for people who meet the requirements», said the minister. Looking ahead to the year 2025, it is expected that 106 more flats will be added, distributed in buildings in Encamp and Arinsal, as well as in other build-

ings that are currently in the process of reform. Marsol pointed out that all these homes will be finished during the summer of 2025.

In 2026, 95 more flats will be added, including two buildings

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in Ordino and the Borda Nova building, while between 2027 and 2028 143 additional homes will be added, with projects in Escaldes-Engordany, Sant Julià de Lòria and other parishes. «With these projects, we will have around 400 homes available for the year 2027-2028, to respond to the progressive needs of the population», assured the minister. On the other hand, the head of Housing announced

THE FIGURES

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The number of affordable rental flats that the Government hopes to reach between 2025 and 2026.

143

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that in the next 15 days the first floors of the Verge de Candòlich building, in Sant Julià de Lòria, will be delivered, which will be allocated to families. It is also expected that the Tobira building, with 27 floors, will be available before the end of the year, while the Canillo and Roure de Sansa properties will be added shortly.●

Failure in the call for the Solana building

Although there were 47 families on the register, only two have expressed real interest during the established period

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The Minister of the Presidency, Economy, Work and Housing, Conxita Marsol, and the director of the National Housing Institute, Marta Alberch, also appeared last Tuesday to report on the current situation of the floors in the Solana building from Pas de la Casa. It should be remembered that this property, owned by the Municipality of Encamp and usually intended for temporary residents, has been temporarily ceded to the Government to offer it to people who work or live in the parish.

Despite this opportunity, only two of the 47 family units registered in the housing register have shown interest in the available flats during the period in which the offer was made, closed last October 3rd. A fact that has slightly surprised Marsol, who emphasized that most of the registered families have ex-



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tended contracts and are in a stable situation, waiting for other offers in other parishes in the country: «I'm a little surprised, but this shows that the people who live or work in Pas de la Casa have pretty much solved the problem of housing», commented the minister.

The owner of Housing also emphasized that the transfer of the flats to the housing stock market will end on October 31st, when they will be returned to the Municipality of Encamp to cover the demand of temporary workers, especi-

ally necessary during the winter season. The agreement established for these flats has a duration of five years, but so far, the interest shown has been low, with only two families interested: one formed by two adults, and the other by a mother and her eldest daughter of age «It is still too early to make definitive assessments on this matter», added Alberch, who insisted that the Government will continue to monitor the situation to see if there is greater interest on the part of people who live or work in the Pas. ●

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