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González Pons and Milagrosa Martínez open the "Comunitat Valenciana Sostenible" exhibition in Brussels

The Regional Deputy referred to the report presented by the MEPs which he described as damaging, opportunist and extremely vague

On the 11th April, Regional Deputy for Land and Housing, Esteban González Pons, together with the Regional Tourism Deputy, Milagrosa Martínez, opened the "Comunitat Valenciana Sostenible" exhibition in the Brussels European Parliament headquarter. Also at the opening were Jaime Mayor Oreja, Carlos Iturza and several other MEPs from different countries.

During his speech the Deputy stated that this exhibition reflects all the virtues to be found in contemporary Spain and the Valencian Community. "We are part of this plural, free, different and democratic Spain" González Pons said.

Deputy González Pons also thanked all the audience present showing "how many friends the Community has throughout the world, on this occasion in the European Parliament".

"This Exhibition", he continued, "is being opened not only by the Valencian Government but by the whole of Valencian society, which I must thank and point out the presence of important financial representatives as well as those from the promotional and construction sector of tourism. They are the really the people who make the Valencian Community real and possible", stated the Land and Housing Deputy.

"The Community has its problems", González Pons continued, "but each day the shutters go up and we move forward and makes the Community what it is, green and blue, and visitors can see this for themselves from our display".

"This exhibition in the European Parliament will confirm the reality of the Valencian Community not only in its panels but with the live information from all those who have travelled here from our territory", the Deputy pointed out. "Each time that you try to reflect the image of the Community you are suddenly struck by the thousands of jobs which sectors such as tourism and construction create daily, which is why the Valencian Government will always defend the image of the Community wherever it is necessary".

The MEPs Report

Referring to the MEPs' report, he wondered what hidden interests had persuaded them to prepare this report. We continue to suspect that the only reason was that they wished to give a bad image of the Community so that funds will be diverted to other countries in Eastern Europe.

González Pons reiterated that the only complaint to manifest itself in this report dates from 2003. It is, he continued, an extremely vague report, which, curiously, has come out just as the tourist season is beginning.

He also announced that the Generalitat together with representatives from the chamber of commerce and businesses in the Community will hold meetings with the Spanish ambassadors in the United Kingdom and Poland to explain

the damage caused to our land by reports such as those which have now been presented to the European Parliament.

The Comunitat, one of the most advanced in Europe

This display will try to show the importance of the Community and the progress it has made in recent years. It is currently one of the most advanced in Europe.

To demonstrate this statement, the display shows the Community's situation compared with Spain and member countries of the European Union, from the point of view of the economy, forested land, agriculture, developed land and protected land within the Community.

From the exhibition, it can be seen how the forested area has increased in the Community, to double that for Spain and 10 times more than in the European Union. Thus showing that, proportionately, the Community has 27% more forested area than the average for member countries of the Union and 24% less developed land.

The use of land, that is the land occupied per inhabitant, is 28% less than the European average, whilst the increase in green and developed sports areas within the Community during the last ten years has been double that of the whole of Spain and more than 20 times greater than throughout the European Union.

González Pons explained that if a comparison is made between protected land and developed land, the importance given to land protection in our Community is clearly evident. The amount of developed land in the Community is 3.9%, in contrast to 5.90% in the European Union.

Also, whilst the total area included in the nature 2000 network has not reached 12% of the European territory, in Spain it is double this and in the Community, triple the amount in the European Union, with 30.70% of its territory included in this network.

"Land in the Community has never been as protected as it is now, in the last ten years, in the Community for every square metre which has been developed, 20 square metres of the territory have been put under protection for their natural values", Deputy González Pons indicated.

Control of town planning legality

Similarly, throughout the exhibition the control exerted over legal town planning development by the Regional Department. González Pons spoke about the Valencian Government having set up an aerial study to detect construction and changes of use of land within the Community.

A programme, which using new technologies has given excellent results with 284 cases started, in just four months, 171 inspection proceedings by the autonomous police, 25 resolutions for demolition and 51 orders to cut the supplies of water and electricity.

Nueva creación del departamento de quejas y sugerencias

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El Alcalde de Oropesa del Mar, Rafael Albert presentó el nuevo departamento de quejas y sugerencias incluida dentro de la carpeta ciudadana, que se presentará en breve, según fuentes municipales.

"El Ayuntamiento de Oropesa del Mar, con la finalidad de satisfacer de manera efectiva las demandas de los ciudadanos del municipio, ha decidido definir, desarrollar e implantar un proceso de gestión de quejas y sugerencias dentro de la actual corriente de modernización de esta administración", señala el Ayuntamiento.

La gestión, tal como se explica desde el consistorio, está orientada al ciudadano, teniendo como objetivo el fomentar la participación e implicación de la ciudadanía en la mejora continua de Oropesa del Mar, detectar los funcionamientos incorrectos para realizar el análisis de las medidas correctoras adecuadas, corregir



las deficiencias y satisfacer las justas reclamaciones de los ciudadanos respecto al servicio prestado y mejorar la calidad de los servicios prestados por el Ayuntamiento de Oropesa del Mar.

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El servicio diferencia dos tipos de comunicaciones, la Queja, que es una comunicación relativa a un mal funcionamiento de los servicios públicos prestados al ciudadano, y la Sugerencia, una comunicación relativa a posibles mejoras de los servicios públicos existentes.

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Visitas guiadas Oropesa del Mar

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El Ayuntamiento de Oropesa del Mar ofrece a lo largo de todo el año un servicio de visitas guiadas a la localidad. El principal objetivo de las visitas es dar a conocer el rico patrimonio histórico y cultural, el casco antiguo y las playas de Oropesa del Mar.

El recorrido se inicia en el casco antiguo de la localidad, donde a través de una visita guiada, los visitantes conocen de primera mano los principales recursos históricos y culturales de la localidad, su Castillo, las ruinas de la antigua muralla, las pintorescas calles de trazado medieval y sus museos, finalizando con la visita a NATURHISCOPE, Centro de Interpretación del Mediterráneo, Oropesa del Mar y su memoria.

A continuación se realiza un recorrido panorámico guiado por las playas de Oropesa del Mar, pasando por el puerto Deportivo, el yacimiento arqueológico íbero de Oropesa La Vella y la emblemática Torre del Rey.



Desde el Centro de Interpretación NATURHISCOPE se han diseñado para las visitas procedentes de centros escolares una serie de cuadernos de actividades adaptados a los distintos ciclos educativos que hacen de la visita una experiencia didáctica a la vez que divertida.

En total se calcula que unos 2,000 escolares de la provincia y

6,000 visitantes procedentes de toda España ya han disfrutado de esta visitas iniciadas en el año 2005.

Desde su puesta en marcha los visitantes han demostrado gran nivel de satisfacción al descubrir tan de cerca el rico patrimonio histórico y cultural de la localidad y su gran proyección de futuro.

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