

SUMMARY

Summary of Report 19/2019, relating to the Aran General Council elections in 2019

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The Public Audit Office for Catalonia has issued Report 19/2019, relating to the Aran General Council elections held in 2019, in accordance with its Annual Programme of Activities.

The report, which was presented by the Chairman, Mr Jaume Amat, was approved by the Audit Office Board at its meeting on 10 December 2019.

The aim of the report is to offer an opinion on the regularity of the election accounts presented by the political groups which obtained representation at the Aran General Council and, in the event of detecting any irregularities, to propose the non-awarding or reduction of their electoral grants.

This report has been issued bearing in mind the regulations pertaining to grants or subsidies and to controls over election accounts. The Audit Office Board, at its meeting on 14 May 2019, approved the Instruction for the Auditing of Election Accounts for the Aran General Council Elections of 26 May 2019.

A full review of the electoral expenditures and revenues of the different political groups to be scrutinised would require a full-scale audit of all the ordinary financial activity of those groups, which was not the aim of the report, which meant there was a limitation to the audit scope.

The Aran valley is divided into six electoral constituencies, corresponding to the six historical districts known as *terçons*. The Aran General Council is composed of thirteen members.

The results of the elections held on 26 May 2019 were as follows:

Electoral results for the Aran General Council elections of 26 May 2019

Candidacy	Electoral results	Computable votes	Councillors
Unitat d'Aran – Partit dels Socialistes de Catalunya – Candidatura de Progrés (Aran Unity – Catalan Socialist Party – Progressive Candidacy) (UA-PSC-CP)	2,527	2,527	9
Convergència Democràtica Aranesa – Partit Nacionalista Aranès (Aranese Democratic Convergence – Aranese Nationalist Party) (CDA-PNA)	1,523	1,224	4
Aran Amassa (Aran Rally)	552	-	-
Unidas Podemos (United We Can)	164	-	-
Ciudadans – Partido de la Ciudadanía (Citizens – Party of the Citizenry)	116	-	-
Partit Renovador Arties-Garòs (Arties-Garòs Renewal Party) (PRAG)	97	-	-
Blank and void votes	171	-	-
Total	5,150	3,751	13

Source: Prepared internally based on the Edict issued by Lleida Provincial Electoral Board on 31 May 2019.

After reviewing the election accounts and expenditure vouchers submitted by each political group, the Audit Office checked compliance with the expenditure limits established by electoral legislation.

The amounts which each political group should receive in electoral subsidies are as follows:

Election grants

Political group	Grant for general expenses	Grant for mailshots	Total grant
UA-PSC-CP	4,092.22	-	4,092.22
CDA-PNA	1,877.28	1,414.50	3,291.78
Total	5,969.50	1,414.50	7,384.00

Amounts in euros.

Source: Prepared internally.

The Conclusions section of the report states the following:

- All the political groups required to do so submitted their election accounts to the Public Audit Office before the established deadline.
- All the political groups complied with the statutory overall maximum limit for electoral expenditures and the sublimits for advertising.
- Based on the aim and scope of this report, the Public Audit Office proposes that there should not be any reductions to or non-awarding of the envisaged electoral grants.

The report concludes with a series of findings and one recommendation arising from the audit work carried out.

This summary is solely for information purposes. The audit report, in Catalan, Spanish and Occitan (Aranese), can be consulted at www.sindicatura.cat.