

# Mayor's letter

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**The municipality is committed in maintaining naturism in order to defend the rights of Euronat residents and the interests of all citizens in the region.**

Dear residents of Grayan-et-l'Hôpital,

Since 2020, the municipality has been working to revive our Commune. We defend the interests of the Grayannais in all the different districts. Today, we move forward with this commitment in restoring our contractual relations with the Euronat company that operates the naturist center located in Dépée, on 335 hectares belonging to the Grayannais.

Many irregularities were revealed by the financial magistrates in the report of the regional chamber of accounts published in December 2022. They then officially asked the municipality to **"list and measure all constructions present on the site".** »

A mission entrusted to a team of court bailiffs and expert-surveyors note that the authorized ceilings have been exceeded:

- **For all the bungalows and mobile homes, 1,200 accommodation units are authorized and 1,754 units have been reported** (an exceeding of 554 units). When adding 287 fixed caravans, we calculate a total of accommodation units to 2,041 (an exceeding of 841 units);

- **For mobile homes only, 273 units were authorized and 413 mobile homes have been reported** (an exceeding of 140);

- **For the maximum capacity of users, 5,000 users or 48,000 m<sup>2</sup> of accommodation areas have been authorized while approximately 15,000 users and 100,573 m<sup>2</sup> of accommodation areas have been reported.**

- **For calculation purposes and in order to pay the variable part of the rent** owed by Euronat, the company declared only 1,006 units in 2020, compared to 1,754 recorded in 2023.

## What happens now?

These numerous elements are serious breaches of the contract. The report of the regional chamber of accounts published in December 2022 indicates that "the presence of a number of mobile homes greater than that authorized by the municipality (...) poses a legal risk of a different nature which could lead to the termination of the lease, pursuant to its article 9."

This is why the municipal council of July 20, 2023 voted a letter of formal notice so that Euronat can provide the necessary explanations that the entire population is waiting for within three months.

Having in mind the best interest of all the Grayannais', the city council also voted for a courier project intended for the residents of Euronat naturist center to protect them in this case. If the explanations do not succeed and the municipal council is called to vote for the termination of the lease, the holders that have the right of use within the center are entitled to reclaim the part of their lease. With their agreement, the share of this lease would therefore not be terminated for them, but would be granted to them until 2073<sup>1</sup>.

**Since 2020, the municipality has committed to:**

- 1. Maintain naturism in the center of Dépée and ensure its sustainability;**
- 2. Protect the rights of Euronat residents, regardless of the proceedings in progress;**
- 3. Defend the interests of all Grayannais, in particular those who request compensation for damages.**

Following the irregularities revealed by the financial magistrates in their report of December 2022, the municipality filed a complaint for misappropriation on April 20, 2023 to obtain compensation for the damage caused to the Grayannais:

- Indeed, the people of Grayan-et-l'Hôpital were deprived of more than 9 million euros due to favors granted by the former municipality to a private company and this, without compensation for Grayan-et-l'Hôpital;
- The contracts are not respected and Euronat has not paid all the rents due to the Commune;
- A city was built in a private center while the village declined.

In addition, complaints were filed on July 6, 2023 for threats against elected officials. Pressure was exerted on the elected representatives of the majority and their families until a few hours before the vote and this is still undergoing. Lies are circulating to the point of frightening the residents of Euronat, claiming that their properties are threatened when it is the opposite: the municipality has always been committed to protecting their rights and considers that they do not have to suffer the consequences of Euronat's shortcomings.

All Grayannais must be informed and defended in their interests. Their damages must be repaired and rights protected, so the calm and the truth can be restored, and a democratic debate can take place.

With the elected representatives of the majority, we are working tirelessly on this, because we know that this is how our beautiful village will be able to prosper and flourish.

Sincerely,



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<sup>1</sup> Although the extension of the lease until 2073 seems legally questionable, the municipality considers that the residents do not have to suffer the consequences, if they choose to reclaim their rights.