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## Pujol and Rajoy at the meeting of the Cercle d'Economia

The ex-president of the Catalan government, Jordi Pujol, predicted yesterday that "the moment will arrive when the government will have to help Catalan companies to relocate abroad, because "there are companies that will not make it if they don't relocate". In his opinion, "one shouldn't regret relocations, when it is exactly what our economy needs; to leave behind industry and go ahead with added value services."

## Entrance to dialogues free for Forum visitors

Organisers of Forum did not expect to lower the ticket prices for dialogues which many said were too expensive. But lower than expected attendance figures have brought the law of supply and demand into play. As of yesterday, those visiting the Forum will be able to attend dialogues free of charge. The organisers have admitted that the dialogues have not had attracted as many visitors as they would have liked.

# Socialist government scraps Ebre water plan

*After more than three years of controversy*

The Spanish government rescinded yesterday a controversial plan to channel water from a northern river to the arid southeast and decided to build desalination plans instead. Keeping a campaign promise, the socialist government scrapped the previous administration's plans to divert water from the Ebre river to the southern

Mediterranean basin. The plan was instigated three years ago by José María Aznar's Partido Popular government, and in fact work already begun on the project before the PP was ousted in this year's March elections. The conservative's plan came in for fierce criticism from the very beginning. ,4



## Guns turn to doves as Montjuïc museum is handed to Barcelona

A municipal assembly was held yesterday at city hall in Barcelona to celebrate the handing over of the castle on Montjuïc to Catalonia. The ges-

ture came from Spanish prime minister José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero during the socialist campaign for European elections last week, as part

of his promise to "keep his promises to Catalonia". The castle has been a Spanish military museum since the Franco era. ,2



## Bank of Spain says economy should continue to expand

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*"THE ENGLISH SAID ALL WE HAD WAS PAELLA"*

