

The Fiscalía (public prosecutor) sees officials and authorities as accomplices of illegal urbanisation

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In his annual report (Memoria de de la Fiscalía de Medio Ambiente y Urbanismo 2007) the public prosecutor sees officials and authorities as accomplices of illegal urbanisation. The report calls for a change to the Penal code to allow for the prosecution of councils and mayors who have failed to act in the public interest in matters of planning.

Pictured: Antonio Vercher , public prosecutor.

The report also draws attention to the action/inaction of technical personnel (architects, engineers, managers...) and service companies who have supported this illicit activity. The criticism extends to society as a whole who with the exception of some ecological groups and individuals have remained largely silent. The memoria notes a reduction in the number of prosecutions from 118 in 2006 to 88 in 2007 reflecting a general decline in the building industry and complains of an avalanche of cases and a lack of resources in the worst areas (Cádiz, Málaga, Almería , Murcia).

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