

# They postpone the decision of the TMT telescope until November pending the construction permit in La Palma

► Members of the Governing Council of the Thirty Meters Telescope have held a meeting on the Island on Wednesday.

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Meeting held on Wednesday at the Insular Directorate of the General State Administration.

The members of the Governing Council of the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) have announced on Wednesday that the decision regarding the possible installation of this scientific infrastructure in La Palma will be delayed until November, until the insular administrations grant the corresponding construction permit. The decision was taken today at a meeting between the insular director of the General State Administration in La Palma, Miguel Ángel

Morcuende, and the director of the Astrophysics Institute of the Canary Islands (IAC), Rafael Rebolo, with members of the TMT Council, reports the state agency. In statements provided by the General State Administration, the director of the IAC, Rafael Rebolo, has indicated that the members of the council have informed that there is a delay in the decision, and will not be taken until November,

Rafael Rebolo expressed his confidence that this permit will be processed in a few months and meanwhile, he expects to resolve the legal dispute that also hinders the candidacy of Hawaii to host TMT facilities. Rebolo stressed that there is still interest in having the permit as soon as possible and trusted that the process go ahead, added that it has analyzed what is going to happen in the coming months and reiterated that as long as there are no permits to build in La Palma, You can not make a decision.

Miguel Ángel Morcuende indicated that the members of the Government Council of the TMT have formulated the questions they considered necessary to ensure "absolutely" the viability of the project and those responsible for the Administration and the IAC have given "tranquility", as the central government " he has always opted to have this infrastructure in the country, and specifically in La Palma. " The island has exceptional circumstances to host the telescope, continued Morcuende, who assured that the members of the Governing Council "have welcomed this issue" and trusts that "definitely" this situation ends up serving for the TMT to be installed in La Palma, to strengthen excellence in research.

On behalf of the Governing Council, representatives of the California Institute of Technology (United States), the National Research Council of Canada and the National Astronomical Observatory of the Japanese Academy of Sciences attended the meeting.

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