

The Department of Mobility of the Consell de Formentera announces that the start of the month came with the conclusion of the first-ever effort to regulate vehicles on Formentera roads in July and August.

An average of 20,595 vehicles were on the road in July and August (in the first month the figure was 19,532; in the second, 21,658). Of those, 1,625 belonged to visitors, 8,126 to Formentera residents, 9,276 to car hire companies and 1,568 to other categories of drivers.

Conclusive data and conclusions will be out at the end of the month, but, offering his own early reading of the endeavour's success, mobility councillor Rafa González called it “unprecedented” and held it up as a longtime request of islanders: “Our monitoring confirmed it—this maiden voyage went off without a hitch.”

Fewer vehicles than last year

González also called attention to the achievement of a top priority for the mobility department: 2019 marked the first year that the number of vehicles on the island didn't surpass the previous year's total (some twenty-two thousand). “We are able to say that fewer cars were here this year than last”, said González, “it's a clear break with the pattern in recent years”. The councillor also hailed “the constant collaboration of ferry companies, who kept travellers informed over the last two months”, and also applauded rental car firms “for removing quads from their selection”. He said residents and representatives of the local business community would begin meeting in October to review the rollout and shape plans for the year ahead.

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