This evening came with the celebration of Formentera's 2018 *Gala de l'Esport* (“Sport Gala”), an event where the deeds of individuals, associations, sport clubs and private entities are recognised and honoured for their devotion to sport.

The following distinctions were delivered:

-Best sponsoring organisation: **Trasmapi**. For supporting Formentera's sport entities; helping organise and promote sporting events on the island; offering boundless support for Formentera's sport schools.

-Award for trajectory in sport: **Juan Zapateria “Zapa”**. This distinction answered to one individual's efforts over an entire lifetime, competing and practising sport in an array of fields. For promoting sport on the island; the years of support he has altruistically given to the world of sport. From 1983 to 1987 Zapa served as the local minister of culture and sport. For a career of tireless efforts as athlete, leader and meet organiser. For promoting values like hard work, commitment, participation and respect for others.

-Best athlete of the 2018 season: **Andrea Romero**. The athlete was the 1,500m indoor track national champion. First national ranking for club cross-country. Romero one 41st in Europe's cross-country championship and the top ranking in the Balearics for 3,000 metres.

Awards regulations allow “proposal to the jury of certain special distinctions for people whose particular trajectory makes them deserving of honour”. This year, the jury found clear reason to award this special distinction to one local athlete with an exceptionally long career in sailing, still active in competitions and the 2018 winner of World Raceboard Championship, **Alex Buchau**.

The panel of jurors, comprised spokespeople from a range of sports entities and political parties represented on the Council, was presided over by the CiF sport councillor. Administration chair Jaume Ferrer, honorary panel chair, was responsible for picking winners. The award ceremony took place in the evening of Friday February 1.