

The CiF councillors of culture and sport met today with the Balearic government's director general of administrations and exterior affairs to unveil the activities programme behind local celebration of *Dia de les Illes* (“Day of the Islands”). Susana Labrador, Jordi Vidal and Josep Claverol led the press conference at 1.30pm in the Formentera administration's hall of ceremonies.

Councillor Labrador gave an account of the list of functions organised in tandem with the Govern balear, part of a bid to get islanders of all stripes involved in the celebration. Aïllades Productions' Àngels Martínez leads the kick- off event on Friday February 22 with “Lo que Ibiza me inspiró” at the library in Sant Francesc.

The activities continue through mid-March, winding down at noon on Saturday the 16th with the second Festival Folklòric. The event in plaça de la Constitució will feature dance troupes (*colles de ball*
) from across the region.

The director general highlighted the Govern's support for festivities driven by cultural exchange between the islands and applauded the Formentera Council on coming up with a bill of activities packed with culture, folklore, gastronomy and sport.

March 1
Dia de les Illes is Friday March 1, with the administration's celebration scheduled for 12 noon in Constitució square, where attendees can see demonstrations by Formentera colles and enjoy a sampling of signature local items.

Among the Dia's headline entries is a concert staged simultaneously on the four islands of the archipelago. IMARÀNTIA (with Maria José Cardona on vocals and guitar and Miquel Brunet on piano) plays in Formentera's Casa del Poble at 8.00pm.

Sport

The councillor of sport covered all the fitness events in store for islanders, like the seventh Balearic basketball tournament, an all-island meet set to take place at the fitness centre in Sant Francesc, Poliesportiu Antoni Blanc, on Thursday and Friday (28/2—1/3).

Councillor Vidal also spoke about the Balearic Islands's Classe Techno 293 windsurfing championship from Friday to Sunday (1/3—3/3), along with the approximately 200 runners expected to come out for the eighth Formentera All Round Trail ("FART") on Saturday March 2. The fifth Cursa per a la Dona closes out the fitness end on Saturday March 9. Among the other activities on the bill are book presentations, theatre and storytime sessions.