



The Formentera Department of Environment reports it has joined forces with the Ibiza and Formentera Marine Forum and the group Plastic Free to host a how-to on decommissioning single-use plastics. Set to take place from 9.30am to 2.00pm on Wednesday 11 March in the local government's hall of ceremonies, the free day-long clinic is directed at members of the island's hotel and catering industry.

Environment councillor Antonio J Sanz said the workshop would cover new regional legislation on waste, how it applies to Formentera and how it stands to impact local businesses. "So much of the rubbish that's generated today can be traced back to the hotel and catering sector, so if we want to move the needle downward in terms of the plastics we're generating, their involvement is crucial", he pointed out, underscoring the industry's role in a steadily improving system of organics pickup on the island.

Staff specialist Javi Asensio will be on hand at the workshop offering a review of Formentera's current waste management situation, and Bsplash's Flor dell'Agnolo will talk about the Balearic waste bill.

Organisers will propose alternatives to single-use plastics and point out examples of firms that have already made the decision to eliminate such products from their repertoire. Plastic Free says the evening is about creating a space for debate where we can find effective ways to wean Formentera off single-use plastics. Terms of certification will be discussed as well, not to mention the Plastic Free certification process. Additional discussion will concentrate on best practices.

Firms which are interested in taking part in the workshop can get the complete details by emailing plasticfreeformentera@gmail.com.

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