



Consell de Formentera President Ana Juan sat down today at the Consolat de Mar with the First Minister of the Balearic Government, Francina Armengol, in the two premiers' first official meeting. President Juan spoke to the Balearic First Minister about the issues that are "critical if Formentera is to develop the policies and government agreements that are on the docket this legislature".

The island's top official began by underscoring "keen coordination" with the regional administration and "total willingness" by the Balearic president "to get things done and launch initiatives" that concern the people of Formentera in mobility, healthcare, the port in La Savina, the environment and more.

On mobility, Juan remarked on the "urgent need" for a scheduling solution for early-bird and late-night connections to Eivissa, as well as the importance of "pushing forward the decree on maritime transport".

Juan also seized the opportunity to speak to the Balearic premier about tackling problems at La Savina port with a big-picture fix and across-the-board commitment from the responsible government agencies. She insisted that the guiding principle would be "Formentera decides how the port is used", and stressed that islanders want "a port for people, with room for public-use moorings, private boats and a dry marina".

### **061 base**

On healthcare, the two premiers brought up permanent facilities for 061 emergency services, and a local option for islanders who require kidney dialysis, a project for which a contract will soon be awarded. President Juan insisted that local dispatching operations for the emergency call service must be a reality as soon as possible, and First Minister Armengol put the start of works to equip Formentera with a 061 base in 2022.

The new base is expected to have three teams, which can be expanded as needed. The project will involve an investment of €1.9 million euros from the Balearic health service, IB-SALUT. Each shift will be assured by a team of seven on-duty staff and five staff on-call, and the building will have four parking spaces for service operator vehicles.

### **Regulated moorage**

On the environment, Juan proposed impetus be given to regulated moorage across the island, a plea which has already been articulated on numerous occasions by both the local plenary and regional parliament. The President also pointed up builds of facilities to handle construction waste and composting, "and pushing forward green energy policies to decarbonise Es Ca Marí substation".

Juan also insisted on "the need to speed up the Formentera Museum project", a project whose directive plan is already complete. The two officials also addressed issues such as the regional administration's draft budget for 2022, including €9 million for Formentera's government (one million more than 2021), as well as the state of play on planned public housing in Sant Ferran. They likewise took stock of initiatives that have garnered support locally since 2015, like the law which allows for limitations on in-bound vehicle traffic, together the town of Sant Ferran's new educational complex, which opened in September.

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