



The Office of Environment of the Consell de Formentera is working to implement two energy communities in the area of Sant Francesc. This initiative is part of VPP4 Islands, a project which Formentera joined in 2020 to incorporate technological innovation and promote use of renewable energies in Europe.

According to Antoni Tur, councillor of environment, "Formentera will host this pilot test which will involve islanders in creating a community to share energy from solar panels". The councillor encouraged homeowners and companies to participate in the trial – "a chance to produce and use renewable energies which will help raise awareness among the population".

To develop this test, the project will fund solar panel installations in two new energy communities, one with an energy storage system. In turn, the project will collect data about production, storage and consumption to allow for improved decisions and forecasts about this new system and its deployment. The communities will be installed in Sant Francesc (see image). The community equipped with storage capacity will occupy a 100-metre radius from the library building moving towards the village, and the community without storage capacity lies within a 500-metre radius of the football pitch.

Friday, info session

To explain the particulars of the project to islanders, the Consell has organised a first information meeting open to all at 6.00pm, Friday 16 December, in the Plenary Hall (*Sala de Plens*) of the Formentera Day Centre (*Centre de Dia*).

VPP4 Islands is a consortium funded by the European Union to deploy renewable energies. The project aims to integrate renewable systems, accelerate the transition to smart and green energy and help exploit the potential for energy efficiency in islands of the EU.

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