

This morning at 10.30am, three Consell de Formentera officials —President Alejandra Ferrer, territory councillor Rafael González, and environment councillor Antonio Sanz— met in the sala d'Actes with the Govern balear's minister of environment and territory, Miguel Mir.

So far this legislative term, this is Mir's first meeting with his opposite numbers on the island, not to mention with the Consell chief. During the meeting, participants reviewed what they expect to be the biggest challenges over the four coming years.

President Ferrer identified one of the top priorities as regulating moorage on local shores, "as well as all the consensus-building with [coastal authority] Demarcación de Costas that the effort will entail". Another key initiative is the regulation of estany des Peix. Ferrer said that that project, which is now awaiting an expected green-light from the coastal agency, needs help from the nautical sector for rollout to be successful. The president also pledged the administration would "work to find solutions for any person or business whom the current plan might leave in a regulatory vacuum".

Formentera officials spoke with the regional minister about issues like administrative improvements at ses Salines nature reserve, crafting the "Posidonia Decree", renewing efforts to keep local snake numbers in check, and working on continued upgrades to the water grid, the es Ca Marí sanitation grid and the es Pujols sewage pump.

Mir, for his part, said the gathering helped lay the groundwork for "renewed responsiveness to the needs and requests of Formentera residents". Getting there, he said, will mean coordinating efforts between the Govern balear and Consell de Formentera, and engaging in bilateral work.

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