

Today the Governing Board of the Consell de Formentera endorsed the initial proposal to grant the Prezero company the mixed contract for waste collection services, street and beach cleaning, conservation and maintenance of green areas and operation of Formentera's civic amenities site. The proposed award of the contract for the next eight years, extendable two years, was approved for €28,233,965.12 (VAT included). Now the proposed company has ten days to submit the required documentation, which must then be approved by the Plenary of the Consell. The service is expected to start in the coming months, once administrative processing is complete and the transitional period when the company will acquire equipment and hire personnel has elapsed.

### **Updated service tuned to the reality of Formentera**

"With the new contract we are adapting Formentera's previously obsolete waste collection and cleaning service to the island's current needs, which, in addition, will be a significant improvement for islanders and visiting tourists", said Antoni Tur, environment councillor. "The new service will also be an important step toward the objective set by Law 8/2019 on waste and contaminated soils, which determines that the weight of recyclable waste must represent 50% of the total", said Councillor Tur, who stressed that, in turn, work must be done to promote awareness and civic responsibility so that Formentera generates less waste and the waste that is generated gets put in the right places and at the established times.

### **New vehicles, machinery and containers**

The new contract includes **renewal of the vehicle fleet**. The hand-blasting teams will have electric vehicles with a pressurised water cleaning system (hydro-cleaning) making it possible to immediately remove stains without mobilising specialised teams. Meanwhile, all surface containers will be renewed and made more accessible to people with reduced and/or functional mobility. It also envisions the installation of foot pedals on existing underground containers, **increases collection frequencies for all categories of waste** and extends container pickup of organics for regular islanders.

**New machinery will be incorporated at beaches so that they can be cleaned manually and mechanically**, including by removing microplastics from sand. New seaside rubbish bins will also feature more options to recycle.

Personnel and material resources have been increased to **maintain green areas and clear country roads**. As a new feature, a tractor equipped with a special arm will oversee mechanised weeding.

At the civic amenities site, **new spaces will make it possible to prepare objects for reuse and give waste a second life**. Solar panels equipped for up to 94.77 KWp will also be installed to supply the facility with energy and recharge all the vehicles and machinery included in the contract, most of which is electric.

In terms of **sorted rubbish**, the new contract includes pickup of waste, paper and cardboard, light packaging, glass, door-to-door collection of commercial paper and cardboard for large producers, door-to-door collection for medium and large producers of organics and door-to-door collection at pedestrian-only streets in Es Pujols. It also includes **new dustbins** equipped for sorted collection.

In general, increased material resources and personnel will improve the frequency of service provision, and will be adjusted to seasonality and demand.

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