The Formentera Council's department of new technologies reports that as of December 26, residents in the centre of Sant Ferran have had the option to request connection to the fibre optic network. Likewise, neighbours across most of la Savina's urban centre have been able to request the operation since early December.

The two changes represent the latest advances in the rollout of Formentera's fibre optic network, a project first launched in 2017 and overseen by private firms Telefónica and Teleco with support from the Formentera Council. In April 2018 Sant Francesc became the first urban area on the island to undergo the upgrades, with downtown es Pujols and the industrial park's connections coming later. Other parts of the island near urban areas have also been hooked up to the network.

The rollout continues

Similar operations in the works in ses Bardetes, es Caló, la Mola and es Ca Marí mean every one of the island's urban hubs will soon boast fibre optic connections. Other spots included in the plans are the vicinity of the hospital and some of es Cap de Barbaria.

“Operations are set to continue for two years”, explained department head Rafael González, who noted “the Council's goal is to have connections everywhere traditional phone lines have been available till now”. González said the plan “is about responding to longstanding calls to put Formentera in the lead as far as telecom is concerned”.

To find out if fibre optic connections are available at their homes, islanders can telephone 1004.