

Earlier today Consell de Formentera president Alejandra Ferrer and Balearic mobility and housing minister Marc Pons were joined by Adolfo Utor, chief of the transport company Baleària, in making public the details of a partnership between the Govern balear and Balèaria to re-establish early-bird service from Formentera to Eivissa.

From Monday 16 November, islanders will have the option of a 6.00am ferry to Eivissa. The partnership resolves an issue that was laid bare by Formentera residents who petitioned to make the early-morning ferry service to Eivissa mandatory.

“Maritime mobility goes beyond leisure”, said President Ferrer, “it’s a question of basic needs and essential services which are available exclusively on Eivissa”. She applauded Baleària’s efforts to restore the 6.00am trip but encouraged Mr Pons to continue working to bring back the 10.30pm Eivissa-to-Formentera journey as well. The last ferry currently sets off from Eivissa every night at 9.30pm.

The Balèaria boss said the early-bird service would operate weekdays in passenger-only “eco fast” ships that the ferry company added to its fleet two years ago. The ferries were specially designed for the Eivissa-Formentera route and have a reduced environmental footprint.

Also on hand at the presentation were local mobility councillor Rafael González and the head of the Balearic office of sea and air transport, Xavier Ramis.

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