



Environment secretary Daisee Aguilera was joined by Joan Marí, the head of the Eivissa-Formentera branch of charitable group Cáritas Diocesana, and the group's local delegate, Miguel Àngel Riera, in introducing used clothing reception points at an array of urban spots across the island.

The event took place at 12.30pm at one of the containers on avinguda Joan Castelló i Guasch near the Sant Ferran school. The others are located in la Savina (on carrer Polígon de La Marina adjacent torre des Triturador), at Sa Senieta car park in Sant Francesc, next to the indoor football pitch in es Cap de Barbaria and near the school in la Mola.

### **Partnership agreement**

The secretary pointed out that the initiative, part of the Council's four-year partnership with Cáritas Diocesana d'Eivissa i Formentera, seeks to “introduce fabric waste collection locally, given islanders the option to recycle their used clothing”.

The Council oversaw transport and installation of the recipients and will be responsible for maintaining proper conditions on adjacent roads and walkways. Cáritas, for their part, will see to the containers' upkeep and picking up clothing donated for reuse. Miquel Àngel Riera said that Formentera residents in need will have first choice, with surplus material shipped to Eivissa.

Usable clothing will be sold at Cáritas locations around Eivissa or forwarded on to international cooperation efforts. Apparel that can't be made use of will be recycled. Donations, which must be small enough to fit in the one-metre cubed mouth of the container, should be left in a closed bag.

The new service, said Aguilera, “benefits the environment because it improves our strategy on reusing fabrics”. She also applauded the “record of work and dedication” of the veteran local volunteers of Formenterers Solidaris, who will continue taking second-hand clothing donations at the Sant Ferran school from 5.00pm to 7.00pm.

## 5 clothing drop-off points installed across island

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