



The tourism and environment offices of the Formentera Council announce that they will begin accepting funding requests for conservation-related projects under the Save Posidonia Project. The period for submissions—which can be made on behalf of a business or an individual—will remain open for forty days from today, Thursday, December 28. Projects must focus on protection of the marine plant.

Proposals will be accepted digitally at the Citizen Information Office (OAC) and Virtual Citizen Information Office (OVAC). At the close of submissions, applications will be reviewed by a panel of international, national and local experts with collaboration from high-profile NGOs. After the 20-day review process, the list of winners will be published on the CiF bulletin board.

### **Funding**

The Save Posidonia Project has raised €132,657.65 in contributions from 540 individuals and 18 businesses, which, at one euro the square metre, sponsored stretches of the 7,650 hectares of nearby sea grass meadows via the [saveposidoniaproject.org](http://saveposidoniaproject.org) website and on the associated app. Donors were able to provide support by participating in other events too, like Formentera's half marathon and Formentera Fotogràfica as well.

The floor of Formentera's nearby sea is home to the world's largest and longest-living known organism, an eight-kilometre wide, 100-thousand-year-old clonal colony of *Posidonia oceanica*. The meadows have been listed on Unesco's World Heritage catalogue since 1999.