



Members of the island's Junta Local de Seguretat (Local Security Council) came together earlier today in a gathering co-chaired by Formentera Council president Jaume Ferrer and Palma's envoy on the island, Rosario Sánchez. The meeting was also attended by a host of other officials —provincial transit chief Francisca Ramis, CiF deputy chair Susana Labrador, presidential cabinet councillor Bartomeu Escandell, mobility councillor Rafael González and social welfare councillor Vanessa Parellada—, spokespeople of other parties, representatives of the Guardia Civil, National and Local Police and Civil Protection.

President Ferrer described the annual pre-summer encounter as a way to “take stock of the previous season and coordinate the security forces' joint efforts ahead in the coming season”. Others in the administration reiterated calls for local traffic and marine details of the Guardia Civil. Ferrer announced the planned expansion of the local police force—“bringing the total number of officers to 16, five more than last summer”.

### **Viogén**

The president additionally announced the administration's bid to join Viogén, an integrated system of the Spanish ministry of interior to track gender violence. Rosario Sánchez, for her part, hailed the Council's adhesion to the compact, as well as the decision to sign a protocol of “gender violence victim protection, because it is everyone's responsibility to fight gender violence and help victims”.

Sánchez observed that “security on the island is in good shape thanks to the efforts of the Formentera Local Pocal Police, Guardia Civil, and National Police forces”. Collaboration between law enforcement agencies help reduce unlawfulness by 14 per cent in the last year, she noted, pointing out increased street patrols and the Guardia Civil's new expanded hours. In the past, the Guardia Civil was open to the public mornings from Monday to Friday. They will now be available Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 9.00pm, and weekend mornings.

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