

The office of tourism, trade and transport of the Formentera Council has organised an informational session with an end toward delineating the new set of regulations concerning rental of private dwellings to tourists and its effect on taxes.

One hundred twenty individuals came out for the event, of which some were private citizens and others professionals in the field. The large number of attendees was behind organisers' last minute decision to relocate from the previously-announced multipurpose room (which only has capacity for 60) to the town cinema.

On hand were Alejandra Ferrer, CiF councillor of tourism; Josep Costa, Council staff specialist; and Vicente Arbona, administrative staff of the Agència Tributària d'Eivissa i Formentera. Ferrer and Costa went over the different in detail while Arbona used his time at the event to explain how to declare income earned from tourist rentals.

Councillor Ferrer asserted: "This was an informational event aimed at providing clear explanations on how to proceed – the Council's goal here is to assist the local population with the change. Renting a home for holiday stays is neither prohibited nor should it be a clandestine activity; if homeowners declare their intention to rent and pay the necessary taxes, they have absolutely nothing to worry about.