



On Wednesday, Ana Juan, President of the Consell de Formentera, and Pep Malagrava, the Balearic Director General of Energy and Climate Change, signed a collaboration agreement to link 24 municipally-owned charging points to the Balearic Network for Electric Mobility (*Xarxa de Mobilitat Elèctrica de les Illes Balearics, Melib*) and facilitate its use to drivers of e-vehicles on the island.

The signing was also attended by Ferran Rosa, Managing Director of the Balearic Energy Institute (*Institut Balear de l'Energia, IBE*), and Rafael González, Councillor of Mobility of the Consell de Formentera.

President Juan stressed that "Formentera's membership in the Melib network will help to promote the new model of mobility that the island needs and our administration is working toward". "Government agencies must facilitate and accelerate this change and the Melib network is one more step", she said.

For his part, Councillor González pointed that e-vehicle mobility is supported by recharge points at the island's urban centres and public car parks with more than 30 parking spaces and that "for years the Consell has been committed to promoting more sustainable transport for Formentera; this is the island Formentera is striving to become".

The IBE will provide the island's government with technical guides, training and connection cards so its recharge stations can be configured and connected to the Melib network. The IBE will use an interface platform to coordinate the Melib network and manage recharging on it.

As manager of the recharge points, the Consell de Formentera, in turn, will follow the IBE's indications and implement a system of maintenance so users on the network can benefit from the service. As a member of the network, the Consell de Formentera will affix Melib and formentera.eco decals and stickers at its recharge stations.

Rollout

This arrangement will remain in force for four years from the date of signature, whereupon it may be extended for another four years. Project engineers expect the system to be implemented by next season. Users can enter "Melib" in the search bar of the App Store or Play Store to download an associated app. Users must request an associated card from the Formentera Office of Mobility to gain free access to local recharge points. Cardholders may also use Melib recharge points across the region.

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