

The Formentera Council has clinched an agreement with CaixaBank for sponsorship of the Mitja Marató, the island's half marathon. The Balearic director of CaixaBank, Xicu Costa, announced the terms of the agreement today after a morning meeting in the CiF plenary hall with CiF president Jaume Ferrer, sports councillor Jordi Vidal, director of the Sant Francesc Xavier branch of CaixaBank, Pep Marí, and race organiser Manuel Hernández.

Council president Ferrer thanked the bank officials and assured their help was "very important". Ferrer also expressed his hope that the agreement be renewed in the years to come, adding: "What we want is for this race to continue in the long term." Costa highlighted CaixaBank's commitment to promoting sport and called the bank's €35,000 sponsorship its biggest in the entire Balearic community. Costa too echoed hopes that the fledgling partnership continue in the future.

La Mitja Marató de Formentera will take place Saturday May 14. One thousand seven-hundred runners have already registered for the 21km circuit and 900 have signed up for the shorter, 8km race.