



The Formentera Sport Department reports that upgrades currently under way and scheduled to continue in the weeks ahead at the municipal pool are aimed at optimising the fitness centre's on-site climate control system. Crews will replace a dehumidifier installed when the pool was first fitted with a cover and which is today past its useful lifespan, as well as perform other improvements like fixing leaks and upgrade waterproofing over the covered portion of changing rooms and the boiler room.

Sports department chair Paula Ferrer said the previous dehumidifier's operation at 50% capacity and associated condensation and temperature issues like stark differences in indoor air and water temperatures made its replacement essential. "We promised users of the sport centre that upgrades were on the way and now we're taking the opportunity of reduced activity amid Covid-19 to make the switch", explained Ferrer. Administrative formalities started last year were interrupted when emergency orders were declared. Today, with formalities complete, crews can begin installation of the €102,850 machine.

The decision was made to simultaneously repair the roof over the swimming pool's changing areas and mechanical room, an operation which will cost €26,880 and consist in removing the current cover and replacing it with new equipment to better waterproof and isolate that portion of the facility. This week workers started taking apart and demolishing the faulty cover.

### **"A guaranteed-safe covered pool"**

Apologising for the inconvenience the short-term closure would cause and insisting the pool would reopen as soon as operations were complete, Ferrer said that "all islanders, from the youngest of the young to the eldest of the elderly, will be able to enjoy a guaranteed-safe covered pool in the height of comfort". Work is expected to be complete in three weeks.

Additional upkeep will include installing new LED lighting and water filters and performing maintenance work on the pool's heating system.

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