

The Formentera Office of Environment is pleased to report it has begun developing the Municipal Action Plan on Noise, the Acoustic Map and the Local Zoning Plan for Noise with the aim of preventing and controlling noise pollution on the island.

Environment chief Antonio J. Sanz insisted the plan would be “a filip for quality of life and our local environment”, not to mention put the island on the right side of European, state and regional regulations on noise pollution.

Rollout of the plan is divided into three phases: preparation of the noise map and acoustic zoning; drafting of the Municipal Acoustic Action Plan; revision of the current Municipal Noise Ordinance and designation of Special Noise Protection Zones (ZPAE). The island’s singularity means maps will be differentiated for the high and low season.

Sanz called the map “an essential tool to understand how sound and noise work on Formentera” and “key to monitoring the levels our local population is exposed to”. Sanz added that the tool should be made available to the public, and that it could “help inform decision-making in urban planning and the economy, opening the door to new environmental sustainability policies”.

Field workers began parsing the Formentera Plan for Land this July to collect and analyse data on noise caused by rubbish pickup, road and beach cleaning, public transport and vehicle traffic, which was previously unmeasured.

The Acoustic Plan and Noise Map have been contracted out to UTE Mer Formentera for €36,481.50 and are on track for completion in 16 months.

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