

Today Formentera celebrates its first Employment and Enterprise Fair [*Fira d'Ocupació i Emprenedoria*]. The event's opening ceremony was presided over by Ana Juan, President of the Consell and Councillor of Entrepreneurship; Antoni Baos, General Director of the Balearic Office of Vocational Training, and Dolors Roig, Director of the Eivissa-Formentera arm of the Balearic Employment Service (SOIB). The fair is held in Jardí de ses Eres and Centre Antoni Tur 'Gabrielet', where 18 businesses and four government agencies were on hand with more than one hundred job offers. The day will also include training workshops for people interested in entrepreneurship.

President Ferrer underscored her hope that the fair would be "the first of many", confiding that a perennial employment fair would serve a two-part purpose: "Bring together companies and workers so they can forge synergies, and enable our collaborators, SOIB and Marc Ferrer Secondary School, to offer the training they offer". Juan said that the Consell is working to launch the Entrepreneurship Centre [Centre d'Emprenedoria], which she hopes will "help diversify the local productive sector and economy".

The human resources department of the Consell de Formentera has also presented its own job offers. Personnel of the local police force, fire brigade and lifeguards were on hand as well, describing to the young people of the island the nature of their work and the requirements for entry.

As Ms Roig asserted, "It is a pleasure to participate in this Consell de Formentera-backed initiative that helps us to offer our services". Mr Baos underscored his office's pride at taking part in the fair and held up a visit earlier in the day to the Entrepreneurship Classroom of the island's secondary school, which offers four training cycles and "helps secure Formentera's future supply of workers and entrepreneurs".

Students in the Basic Vocational Training Cooking and Hospitality Course provided catering during the fair.

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