



Jaume Ferrer and Jaume Escandell, the respective heads of the Formentera Council and the island's co-operative of farmers, have signed three partnership agreements into action. The aim of the deals is two-fold. First, to reactivate the local countryside by offering alternatives to abandoned harvests and farmable land. Second, to chart job creation strategies and innovative options in local development.

For starters, the deals put use of a newly completed industrial space in the hands of Formentera's Cooperativa del Camp. Another component of the agreement is that the co-operative will retain management rights for the 504.7-square-metre (m²) property, located in Can Bonet industrial park, at no cost and for a period of ten years.

Moreover, the Cooperativa will be entrusted with stewarding a swath of land known as Can Marroig-Can Ballet. Under the terms of a May 12, 2016 arrangement between the Formentera Island Council and Institut Balear de la Natura (IBANAT), 12.05 hectares of IBANAT-controlled land were handed over to the local administration. Today's action, which formalises that five-year agreement (extendable for an additional five years), empowers the Council to enlist the farmers' co-operative in overseeing harvests on the lot.

Lastly, the two officials formalised a deal to grant the Cooperativa temporary use, also at no charge, of farming equipment owned by the Council. The group will retain control of the following items for four years:

Equipment
Quantity
Brand

Electric forklift truck
One
STILL

Hand pallet truck

One

STILL

Low lift pallet truck

One

STILL

Tractor

One

KUBOTA

Front loader

One

KUBOTA

Seed spreader

One

SOLANO HORIZONTE

Two-row super chisel

One

SOLANO HORIZONTE

Rototiller

One

JOPER

Reversible plow

One

HIBEMA

Mower

One

MARANGONI

Spreader

One

BMC AGRICULTURAL

Mounted hydraulic sprayer

One

GAMA

Trailer

One

HERCULANO

Rectangular packer

One

GALLIGNANI

Combine harvester

One

DEUTZ-FAHR

Harvester

One

LLORENTE