

President Ana Juan has asked the Government of the Balearic Islands to let the Consell de Formentera join the Eivissa Airport Routes Committee (CDRAE), a body with representation from the Consell d'Eivissa, the town councils of Eivissa, the central government's envoy in the Balearic Islands and organisations such as AENA. In the words of President Juan, Formentera's inclusion in this committee would give the island "a say in the connections between Eivissa airport and mainland Spain and international destinations".

In a letter, President Juan reminded Josep Marí Ribas, Balearic Minister of Mobility, that "the only air travel from Formentera to the mainland and abroad is through the airport of our neighbouring island of Eivissa. Due to the compounded situation of insularity we face, Formentera residents' dependence on Es Codolar airport means we are in thrall to the vicissitudes of flight connections".

For this reason, the Consell is requesting to join the CDRAE so that "our island is represented in the decisions affecting both national and international flight schedules". The scheduling of these connections must guarantee year-round connectivity and they also have a direct impact on Formentera as a tourist destination, the island's main economic industry.

### **Formation and objectives**

Airport Route Committees emerged in 2011 as an initiative of the Ministry of Public Works and Transport to create a single space for dialogue where central, regional and local administrations, together with the business sector, participate in decision-making that directly affects airport connectivity. In this way, all stakeholders can participate in promoting air transport.

The objectives of the committee are to advocate for actions to strengthen and guarantee year-round air connectivity, with collaboration from the various airlines, and to establish flight routes in accordance with needs on each of the islands.

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