



This February, Formentera's Office of Agriculture, Stock-breeding, Fish and Hunting has begun processing applications for farming and stock-breeding assistance through the PAC (Política Agrària Comuna, or Common Farming Policy) programme. As a result, a technician from the Fish and Agriculture Guarantee Fund of the Balearic Islands (or FOGAIBA, its acronym in Catalan) will presently begin weekly Friday visits to the island to oversee processing formalities.

Approximately one million Spaniards, local producers of agricultural goods, will be eligible for the assistance, which can be requested by means of a single application. Numerous benefit packages are available, including assistance for cotton and sweet beetroot cultivation as well as the national aid package for cultivation of shelled fruit. Other specific farming assistance exists to promote harvest rotation schemes on dry fields and quality improvements to legumes, with additional aid also available for sheep, goat and cow ranchers to foment production under determined conditions.

Interested individuals can apply for all of the assistance packages with one single application. The deadline extends through 30 April and applications must be presented to the Formentera Island Council with all required documentation.

The countryside in Formentera continues to occupy an important role, maintaining a percentage of our rural population, yielding an immense natural beauty and ecological richness and supplying high quality nutritional products. This last benefit is extremely important not only for the local population but also for the thousands of tourists ever more attracted by these natural products.

In 2012 7,628 applications were processed in the Balearic Islands and 23 million euros of assistance awarded. Direct assistance through the PAC programme is administered by the Farming Guarantee Fund of Europe (or FEAGA, its acronym in Catalan) and totals 5,055,000€.

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