



This morning Jaume Ferrer, president of the Formentera Council, together with Dolores Fernández Tamargo, the administration's councillor of social welfare, and Isabel Llinàs, the director of l'Institut Balear de la Dona ('Balearic Institute for Women'), signed a collaborative agreement aimed at tackling an array of different issues: domestic violence, care for victims of such aggression, equality work and the continuation in 2015 of an information point for the women of Formentera.

As per the terms of the agreement, the Institut will provide the Formentera Council funding in the amount of €10,000 – one thousand more than in 2014. In addition to monetary assistance, the Institut heretofore commits to coordinating necessary training for Formentera's social care professionals.

For its part, our local council pledges to providing the human resources and other necessary materials in order to assure the administration and effectiveness of prevention programmes and care programmes for domestic abuse victims.

Ferrer indicated he was “extremely satisfied to be able to renew [the] pact” and Llinàs, for her part, thanked the Council for its supportive collaboration, which she called “unending”, noting: “[The Formentera Council] has a history personalised attention for victims of domestic violence”. Councillor Fernández voiced encouragement for all women “who had taken the chance and decried their abusers, deciding once and for all to make a change in their lives”.

In 2014 the Formentera Council tended to 17 women who had been victims of domestic abuse, though the cumulative total between 2011 and 2015 was 63. L'Institut Balear de la Dona, during this same period, heard the cases of some eight thousand women from the Balearic community.