

CiF first councillor Jaume Ferrer was joined by Susana Labrador, the administration's deputy first councillor and education and culture chief, together with two Govern balear officials—education and universities minister Martí March and the director general of technical schools and teacher training, Maria Alorda—in inaugurating the committee charged with negotiating new professional development modules for islanders and how best to support them.

The idea is that the committee—or "*Mesa de Negociació*", which welcomed other attendees too, such as voices from high school IES Marc Ferrer and the island's social and economic sectors—was to chart the course of continuing education on Formentera. Councillor Labrador hailed the committee's formation, pointing out that "professional development, together with improved conditions for local students who study on Eivissa and must commute to class, is at the centre of a longstanding appeal by islanders". The Mesa's next gathering is planned for September.

Sant Ferran school

Minister March announced the construction contracts for the Sant Ferran nursery and primary school rebuild would be signed this Wednesday, and primed islanders for the "imminent start" of work. It is hoped that children will be able to put the new buildings to test for the 2020-2021 academic calendar.

Funding for the €6.9-million project to build the *escola* and *escoleta* will be split between the Balearic ministry of education and the Formentera Council. The Palma ministry has promised to put up €5.8 million for the early-learning and primary schools and the Formentera administration will pay another one million for the escoleta.

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