



The Formentera Council reports that four contenders have successfully completed competitive exams and will be assigned to positions as career public servants for the local police force, an entity administered by the Council. In the weeks ahead the individuals will officially enter the ranks as *funcionaris en pràctiques*, or “civil servants in training”.

The Formentera Council was the first to embark upon this particular selection procedure since the December approval of a legislative tweaking changed how local police forces cooperate. That modification, sought by Formentera, meant a drastic streamlining of the selection process.

Bartomeu Escandell, who is head of the Council's “resident safety” department, heralded the news as “fabulous for those of us—and there are quite a few—eagerly awaiting additions to the force”. Escandell said the Council had already asked for authority to hire up to six new recruits, “so we've still got some latitude if we decide to take on two more officers before the start of next season”.