



The Formentera Office of Mobility reports that yesterday marked the final day of formentera.eco enforcement in 2022. From 15 June to 15 September, motor vehicles driven on the island must have a corresponding authorisation.

According to Rafael González, councillor of mobility, in the programme's fourth year, the limit on vehicle permits was reached during eight days in August (6-8/10-14 August) and an average of 955 requests were turned down per day. In 2020 the island reached its vehicle carrying capacity for four days, and in 2021, five days.

Lighter traffic

Based on roadside tallies performed when the number of incoming vehicles crested between 5 and 14 August, traffic dropped 8.5% compared to 2017, when Formentera logged its historic high. Similar counts were also performed in 2019 and 2021. Comparatively, traffic in 2022 is down 2.5%.

Case study: the stretch of greatest saturation between Sant Francesc and Sant Ferran
For ten peak days in August, 2017, the average number of vehicles on the road was 21,328; in 2019 the average was 20,436; in 2021, 20,372 and in 2022, 19,617. Traffic dropped 4% from 2019/2021 to 2022 and 8% from 2017 to 2022.

While more exhaustive analysis remains pending, Rafael González stated that "this year's results demonstrate the effectiveness of regulation, and why it is so important".

"Formentera.eco is crucial because it kept new businesses from opening, prevented six rental firms from expanding their fleets and, for ten days in August, kept an average of 955 vehicles off local roads. The considerable drop in traffic is a testament to its effectiveness". The councillor added that, in fact, "reports indicate that this year traffic appears more fluid and our roads appear less saturated. This, along with promotion of more sustainable modes of transport, is one of formentera.eco's main objectives".

Next year the ceiling on incoming vehicles will be lowered by an additional 4%, bringing the

four-year cumulative decrease to 16%. In 2020 the Council of Entities (*Consell d'Entitats, CdE*) voted to set this 16% decrease as a legislative target. At the end of the season, the CdE will reconvene to analyse all the data in detail and prepare the 2023 regulation.

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