



Alejandra Ferrer, vice president and tourism councillor, has participated in "Moving Towards Sustainability", a conference at the Chamber of Commerce of Mallorca organised by the Economic and Social Council of the Balearic Islands. Ferrer, who is also head of the Formentera Data Observatory, took part in a round-table discussion titled "Carrying Capacity and Insularity" which was aimed at addressing issues affecting islands, insular territories and economic, social, environmental and demographic dynamics in the Balearic Islands. The event took place yesterday afternoon.

Ferrer explained efforts under way at the Formentera Data Observatory and data being collected there "are key to future decisions that will help highlight issues stemming from Formentera's twice compounded insularity, particularly around prices and the cost of living." The vice-president also stressed the importance of Formentera having its own services on the island, and if they cannot be provided, to compensate for the extra costs, as is the case of students who must pursue higher education off the island.

On the island's carrying capacity, Ferrer spoke about *formentera.eco*, a project to regulate in-bound vehicles, which she described as "an example of a measures that can be taken to regulate carrying capacity." "Now, this regulation should be extended to our coasts, which clearly have their carrying capacity exceeded", she insisted, "but only with collaboration from every level of government will the path to sustainability in the islands be real."

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