

The Consell de Formentera has opened a stand in Sant Francesc's Plaça de la Constitució where islanders can ask questions and get up-to-date information on new Covid-19 measures.

Set up in one of the huts erected in the plaza at Christmas-time, the info point is staffed by a team that was contracted through the Formentera Entrepreneurism Department-run SOIB Reactiva programme. Additional agents are on hand at La Savina port to supply details about recent measures to seal off the island and making rounds at local towns to give islanders Covid-19-related information.

SOIB Reactiva

To date SOIB Reactiva 2020 has meant employment for 15 individuals. Four-month missions began 23 December, creating an opportunity for the previously unemployed individuals to leverage capacity building to bolster future employability.

Among the new recruits are six under-30s contracted as administrative assistants and three long-term jobless over-30s hired as cleaners. Six over-30s registered with the regional job seekers' service for at least three months (fewer in the case of furloughed islanders) have been employed as well: four as information assistants and two as brigade members.

Phase two of the programme will find the Consell de Formentera recruiting another 12 individuals. The total programme budget is €225,810.44 and will mean employment for 27 jobless.

SOIB Reactiva 2020 is backed by the Balearic Job Seekers' Office and cofinanced by the European Social Fund as part of the Operational Youth Employment Programme (2014-2020), by the Spanish National Sectorial Conference and by the Sustainable Tourism Levy Fund.

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