The Formentera Language Advisory Service reports it has dedicated this year's calendars to the parish subdivisions, or "vendes", of Formentera. In addition to covering the fourteen municipal subdistricts that have constituted Formentera's official "vendes" since 1983 (six in Sant Francesc, four in Sant Ferran and four in El Pilar de la Mola), the calendar features informational bubbles that trace the roots of this type of subparish, which was historically unique to Eivissa until its 18th-century exportation to Formentera amid repopulation efforts here.

Heritage and language policies councillor Raquel Guasch underscored the importance of "seizing every opportunity to spotlight aspects of our history and reality so they can be passed down across the generations with normalcy. The current push is just the latest instance of that."

Islanders can read about how the term "venda" gradually became widespread, coming to describe particular territories and aspects of civil and ecclesiastic organisation, such as the tradition of blessing household porches with holy water and salt, a rite which was performed from one venda to the next.

Two thousand copies of the calendar have been printed and are available at public information points of the Consell de Formentera.

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