The Formentera department of mobility reports that today marks the resumption of formentera.eco and the return of a scheme to count and cap vehicles that are brought to and driven on the island. “This July and August, for the second straight year we’re launching a programme for economic, environmental and social stability unlike any other in the country”, said mobility conseller Rafael González.

Sixteen thousand three hundred and ninety-three vehicles have the accreditation necessary to be operated on local roads as formentera.eco resumes today. The number is similar to 12 months ago, when 17.834 had the associated accreditation. Day-one figures are as follows:

Visiting motorists / compact cars: 855
Visiting motorists / motor-scooters: 96

Eivissa residents / compact cars: 220
Eivissa residents / motor-scooters: 20

Rented compact cars: 2,481
Rented motor-scooters: 6,720

Formentera resident vehicles: 4,993
Other vehicles: 1,008

Total: 16,393
Information up to date as of 10.00am on 1 July 2020

Conseller González hailed the figures, pointing out the total number of accreditations had held steady since July 2019 despite the ongoing public health crisis. “We’re still below our summer limit”, he said, “and, at the moment, in line with our sustainability goals”.

The ceiling in 2020 has been set at 21,487 — down four per cent, or 895 vehicles, from last summer. González highlighted the “calculated and gradual” course charted earlier in the term to cut total vehicles by 16% in four years, or 4% fewer cars every year. “Our end-game hasn’t changed in that respect”, confided González, “we don’t want the public health crisis to jeopardise the model of sustainability that we’ve worked years to get to”.

Full rebates
Fees associated with formentera.eco are being waived this summer in an effort to offset this year’s unusual circumstances, meaning motorists pay nothing to drive on the island. Drivers without accreditation can get it at www.formentera.eco .

Ferry companies and car hire agencies
For the second year running, ferry companies that transport vehicles to Formentera will collaborate by reminding boarding passengers of the new requirement. “Permits are still available on www.formentera.eco ”, said González, “so passengers can even go online and complete the process on the ride over”. Visitors who wish to bring vehicles to the island in July and August are informed on ferry company websites that they will need accreditation to do so.

Rental car companies are complying with the new programme by requesting accreditation for their fleets.

On behalf of local government, the mobility chief applauded car hire companies’ “full cooperation” as the programme enters its second year.

Resident accreditation
Formentera residents too must have accreditation to drive on the island during these two months. As in 2019, accreditation for any islander already authorised to park in blue-zone parking spaces will be automatic. Local motorists without a valid pass for metred parking can obtain accreditation in a few simple steps at www.formentera.eco . Drivers who are unsure of whether their accreditation is valid can verify it by introducing their vehicle plate number in a special section of the website.

Controlling vehicle plate numbers
Accreditation will continue to be verified by a reader that scans number plates as cars enter and

exit the island in La Savina. Individuals without the necessary accreditation will face fines of between €1,000 and €10,000.

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