

The Department of New Technologies of the Consell de Formentera announces that with the recent completion of work in es Ca Marí, ses Bardetes and part of es Cap de Barbaria, fibre-optic connection is now a reality in every urban centre on the island.

Cosponsored by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), installation of the fibre-optic grid began in 2017, overseen by Telefónica, Teleco and the Consell de Formentera.

In April 2018, Sant Francesc became the first town on the grid; es Pujols, sa Roqueta, the industrial park, Sant Ferran, la Savina, the hospital and its immediate vicinity, es Caló, la Mola, es Ca Marí, ses Bardetes and part of es Cap de Barbaria followed in its wake, with various additional connections near urban areas.

The effort was devised, in part, to bury cabling that had previously been strung overhead.

According to new technologies councillor Vanessa Parellada, the upgrades “bring Formentera up to pace with other territories in Spain”. “Islanders in urban areas, as well as most businesses, now have a fibre-optic connection”, she said. “Next year the plan is to continue expanding to the Formentera's more remote corners.” Parellada pointed out that islanders interested in connecting to the grid should contact telephone service providers.

The second phase of the plan starts in 2020 and will see more far-flung areas of Formentera gaining access to the same grid. The removal of copper cables is also in the works.

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