

Consell de Formentera chief Alejandra Ferrer participated in a video conference today with the Platform for Vaccines, Health and Economy (Plataforma Vacunas, Salud y Economía). Other participants included deputy chief and commerce chair Ana Juan, together with business leaders, the island's league of small- and medium-sized business, Eivissa-Formentera Association of Hotels, Pine Islands Chamber of Commerce, Confederation of Balearic Business Groups and General Union of Workers (UGT) and Workers' Commissions (CCOO) trade unions.

Dr Miquel Munar, one of the movement's backers, described the platform as "government institutions, businesses, regular people and health workers organising to overcome pandemic-era polarisation and promote mass vaccination so things can return to normal and economic recovery can come in time for the summer tourist season".

"We're pressing government agencies to cooperate so that as soon as possible we can achieve group immunity", said Ferrer, calling the issue "critical for our wellbeing and for an economic turnaround this summer." Video conference participants saw data from platform meetings on EU vaccine production and distribution, and they implored government institutions to do everything in their power to ensure deliveries were on schedule. Platform members also promised the Formentera government organisational and logistical support to guarantee the success of the local vaccination effort.

"We can get through this if we work together and refuse to let demagoguery knock us off the path to safe corridors, free movement and a new tourist season."

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