



Formentera's Mixed Commission on HIV/AIDS held its inaugural session to discuss the Consell de Formentera's signing of the Paris Declaration on human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS). The commission was chaired by Ana Juan, President of the Consell, and in attendance were Rafael Ramírez, Councillor of Social Welfare; department specialists and representatives of Formentera Hospital and of ALAS Salud y Sexualidades, a civil society group working to prevent HIV and AIDS.

Councillor Ramírez pointed out that "members of the Consell's December 2021 plenary unanimously endorsed Formentera's adherence to the Paris Declaration, a clear statement of the island's firm stance on public health and social welfare". Ramírez described the goal as "promoting the policies and strategies within our reach to fight against HIV and achieve the objectives to end the epidemic by 2030".

Among those objectives is the achievement by 2030 of the 95-95-95-0 HIV treatment targets. These targets –that 95% of people living with HIV know their viral status, that 95% get appropriate treatment on an ongoing basis and that 95% of those receiving treatment keep their viral load low to stay healthy and reduce the risk of HIV transmission– would help put an end to the global AIDS epidemic by 2030 with zero stigma and discrimination.

### **Short-term roadmap**

Being developed in tandem is the Fast-Track Formentera Plan (FTF Plan), which strives to be a living, open document encompassing actions to tackle HIV and AIDS in the years ahead. Global principles and local actions will be key to attaining these objectives, namely, by taking advantage of programmes and resources already in place on the island and taking steps locally to prevent, diagnose and treat HIV.

On 1 December 2014, World AIDS Day, mayors of 26 cities gathered in Paris to sign a pledge to end the AIDS epidemic in their municipalities. In this declaration, called the Paris Declaration, and led by Paris, mayors and governments of more than 50 world municipalities with high rates

of HIV infection pledged to adopt a series of commitments to accelerate the AIDS response.

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