Formentera's Department of Infrastructure reports that, with construction recently completed, Ràdio Illa began broadcasting this week from the municipal radio station's new studios. Both the old and new facilities are housed in Es Molí Social Centre, which shares a building with the Casal de Joves.

Work was valued at €44,054 and involved equipping the 50-square-metre space—located on the western side of the building's first floor (the old studio is on the eastern side)—for professional broadcasting. Furniture was installed at a cost of €9,183, and the station received €17,495 in new radio equipment.

33 years on the airwaves

This 3 December, running parallel to Sant Francesc's yearly festivities and Ràdio Illa's 33rd year on the air, the municipal radio station will open its doors so islanders can see the new station. Ràdio Illa—plus technician Enrique García, Joan Garau and Carmelo Convalia, the station's founding members—first took to the airwaves on 3 December 1986 with broadcasting equipment set up on the first storey of the old town council. A team of professionals has kept listeners abreast of local news since 2006, briefly stopping this week so the studio change could take place.

Ràdio Illa is Formentera's public radio station. The station is owned by the Consell de Formentera and operated by the Cultural Audiovisual Association of Formentera (ACAF). A host of collaborators and contributors keep Ràdio Illa going, including coordinator Josep "Pepo" Rubio, technical chief León Convalia, producer and presenter Bernat Masferrer and writer David Setbetes.

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