

The Consell de Formentera reports that the process of awarding the tender for seasonal services on Formentera beaches is being conducted in line with the current regulations. All public tenders carried out by the Administration are governed by Law 9/2017 on Public Administration Contracts, which reflects the principles of the Treaty of the European Union and Directive 2004/18/EC. The manifest principles of these regulations are free competition, freedom of access, transparent and openly published proceedings and equal treatment.

The Consell wishes to note that awards of public tender are governed by the principles set out in the established technical and administrative specifications, and current proceedings have not been subject to any challenges.

As for the weight of bidders' financial means in the awarding contest, the Consell notes that in the specific case of beach kiosks, the economic offer accounts for no more than 35% of a maximum 100 points, while technical characteristics account for 25% and improvements in the environmental management of the service, 40%. In this regard, improvements may be introduced in the environmental and social aspects of the facilities (materials, use of renewable energy, water tanks...) as well as improvements in gender equality, safety and hygiene, and more. Likewise, the entirety of bidders have presented closed price lists that must be respected. In each case, these stipulate that half-litre bottles of water will cost €1. All these measures are taken to preserve the kiosk beach bar model.

As for the financial bids submitted, the Consell notes that, as stipulated by law, bids cannot be limited and financial claims must be accompanied by a report demonstrating bids' financial viability. In this regard, the government commission urges the contracting board to review the economic feasibility reports of each bid and to request a record of actual ownership from bidding companies.

Finally, the administration wishes to acknowledge the work of municipal technicians and their independence throughout the administrative process. We also wish to thank the individuals who have run Formentera's beach bars to date for the work they have done and the treatment they have given our island's visitors and residents during all the years they have been in charge of these businesses.

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