Environment councillor Daisee Aguilera, Eduardo de Castillo, chief of Aqualia's regional branch, and Maria del Mar Yern, head of Formentera's municipal water service, gathered today in the CiF hall of ceremonies to award a waterproof camera to the finalists in a contest hosted by the water management company.

The pair of primary school pupils —Agnès Escandell Ribas of Sant Ferran de Ses Roques and Kiara Berzategui Hammer of Mestre Lluís Andreu— were chosen out of 8,500 school children across Spain and Portugal by virtue of their ideas on reusing waste water.

This year's slogan was “Mission: Purification”. For the occasion, year three and four primary students had the opportunity to embark on a sidereal journey across the marvellous world of water purification and reuse.

The premise, explained the Aqualia chief, is “to get children to understand what happens to water, from when they use it at home to its return to nature after purification, as well as the breadth of uses that exist for recycled water.” Hence the idea to enlist the youngsters to creatively imagine what their own sustainable planet would look like.

Councillor Aguilera congratulated the two prize-winners and thanked Aqualia and Formentera's schools for their involvement, calling the initiative “a fun, creative and educational way to promote responsible water use”.