

The Consell de Formentera has unveiled a plan to incorporate construction of the Nautical Sport Centre (CEN), including the relocation of the Municipal Sailing School, into the 2019 “Impulse Strategy” for the Sustainable Tourism Tax. The proposed allowance—1,017,505 euros—would cover the total cost of investment.

Set against the stunning backdrop of Estany des Peix, the CEN is aimed at fomenting an active brand of nautical tourism (snorkeling, sailing, rowing), and, more generally, promoting tourism beyond the traditional summer season. Plans are also in place to leverage the public building to develop environmental awareness.

Environmentally and socially, the island stands to benefit from the CEN. Not only will the centre offer a service that has been requested by local nautical sports enthusiasts, it will mean bundling similar recreational activities under the same roof, which stands to have positive knock-on effects for the tourism sector, particularly in the low season.

Consell de Formentera president Alejandra Ferrer framed the project as “a continuation of last year's bid to regulate moorage in Estany des Peix”—another initiative, bankrolled in 2018, with money from the Sustainable Tourism Levy. Ferrer stressed that the CEN will be “a place by the sea where both islanders and tourists can come together and participate in a wide array of nautical activities, whether for fitness or pleasure”.

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