

The president of the Consell de Formentera and the chairman of the Formentera Farmers' Co-operative (Cooperativa del Camp), Alejandra Ferrer and Jaume Escandell, respectively, signed a joint action agreement to fund the Co-op's work to re-energise the local agrarian sector and beautify rural and scenic spaces. The €78,000 included in the deal is in addition to €52,000 linked to a collaborative agreement the parties signed in May, for a grand total of €130,000 in funding in 2020.

Considering the importance of the island's agricultural sector, President Ferrer said the Consell's renewed support for the Co-op was particularly crucial amid the ongoing Covid-19 crisis: "It is the number one tool we have to protect local landscapes, power local production and economic diversification and care for our land as islanders have traditionally done in the past".

Emergency orders meant an earlier signing of the joint action accord was placed on hold, and an interim agreement was reached to help the Co-op remain economically viable and fully operational. Agriculture councillor Josep Marí and Co-op director Carlos Marí were also on hand at the signing.

Joint action agreements are signed annually between the Consell de Formentera and Farmers' Co-op to support local agriculture. Last year's agreement carried funding to the tune of €115,000.

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