

The new technologies division of the Formentera Council reports that mapping efforts were started today ahead of installation of fibre optic connections in es Ca Marí. Crews will make use of existing underground conduits as they begin routing the cables along camí de can Simonet.

High-speed connections are already in place in es Caló and la Mola, where registration for the service takes place in June. The changes represent the most recent steps in Telefónica and Teleco's plan—backed by the Formentera Council—for local fibre optic rollout.

The process started back in 2017, and in April 2018 Sant Francesc became the first town on Formentera to be fitted for the service. Next came es Pujols and the island's industrial corridor. High-speed connections were also extended to areas near urban centres.

Residents of Sant Ferran and la Savina have been able to sign up for a fibre optic connection since December, along with, more recently, islanders living near the hospital.

Rollout continues

In an effort to expand the service to all of Formentera, similar efforts are in the works for ses Bardetes and a part of es Cap de Barbaria.

CiF new technologies councillor Rafael González says the idea is "to get fibre optic connections everywhere until now serviced by traditional copper phone lines", and, in so doing, make good on a longstanding appeal of islanders: "Put Formentera in the lead in terms of telecom services."

Islanders who wish to find out if a fibre optic connection can be installed in their home should telephone 1004.

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