



The Consell de Formentera announces that work will begin today, World Children's Day, to build a 2,727-sq.-metre skate and fitness park along the Sant Francesc ring road. Construction is expected to be completed by mid-April.

The skate park will comprise one circuit for traditional skateboarding, one for "street" skating and another bowl-shaped structure. The space will also feature a fitness circuit for the elderly and green areas devoted to leisure. The project is expected to cost €482,723.

Youth services councillor Vanessa Parellada asserted that local youngsters not only widely supported the plans, but collaborated in their design too. "We're thrilled to finally see the park get off the ground", she said, enumerating perks like the park's "snug fit into its surroundings, a walking path and universal accessibility. Our hope is that many different segments of the island will enjoy the space and interact here."

Project

Infrastructure councillor Josep Marí gave details about the 285-sq.-metre fitness circuit for the elderly, which will include assorted exercise machines and a rest area.

Free of obstacles, the 255-sq.-metre traditional skate park will be bordered on all sides by low concrete barrier delimiting the skating area and doubling as a bench.

Approximating the kind of street furniture traditionally found in parks and public squares, a nearby 238-sq.-metre section will feature obstacles like ramps, benches, platforms, railings and steps that are typical to "street" skate parks. The concrete will be polished by craftsmen.

The star feature of the fitness area will be a 617-sq.-metre "bowl" modality: a raised platform with swimming pool-shaped indentations of 2.5 to 3.75 metres deep and 2.4- to 3.3-metre radii. The "bowl" will be surrounded by a green garden area featuring shaded spaces, benches and a

walking path.

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