

# FULL LOCAL FIVE DAY WEATHER FORECAST: Inside

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# POWER TO THE PEOPLE!



**Palma**—The Balearic government has created an emergency 200,000 euro fund so that no-one is without electricity this winter. Balearic President Francina Armengol said yesterday that no household in the Balearics risked having their power cut-off this winter even if

they have major outstanding bills. Armengol said that so-called energy poverty was a real problem in the islands since the recession and almost 20 percent of the local population had problems paying their power bill. The fund was one of the new Balearic government's

election pledges to help fight poverty in the Balearics. Even though the islands have a high standard of living poverty is still a problem in many parts largely thanks to the high level of unemployment which stands at about 20 percent of the working population.

## EU's Tusk warns Europe has 2 months to tackle migration crisis

**London**.—European Council President Donald Tusk issued a stark warning yesterday that the European Union had “no more than two months” to tackle the migration crisis engulfing the 28-nation bloc or else face the collapse of its passport-free Schengen zone.

Tusk was speaking to the European Parliament in Strasbourg amid growing frustration in Brussels and Germany - the bloc’s biggest economy and main destination for migrants arriving in Europe - that the EU seems unable to get its act together on its worst migration crisis since World War Two.

“We have no more than two months to get things under control,” Tusk, who chairs the summits of EU leaders, said.

“The March European Council (summit) will be the last moment to see if our strategy works. If it doesn’t, we will face grave consequences such as the collapse of Schengen.”

The European Council summit on 17-18 March will focus mainly on the migrant crisis. The Schengen system has already been suspended in some countries like Denmark, Germany and Sweden, which have introduced controls at their borders in order to stem the flow of migrant and refugee arrivals.

Tusk said that EU governments have failed to deliver on commitments to curb the flow of refugees and migrants reaching Europe, with more than 1 million arrivals last year and figures showing little sign of decreasing over the winter months.

## From Majorca to London



Joan Punyet Miró, grandson of Spanish artist Miró, poses in a recreation of Miró's Majorcan studio, at the Mayoral gallery in central London yesterday. The replica space contains original Miro paintings, many of which are for sale, and will be on display in London until 12 February. Miró lived in Majorca for many years and painted some of his finest works on the island.