

# **REQUIREMENTS SPECIFICATION NOTE**

## **2<sup>nd</sup> CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

### **(CEI)**

## **OF THE INTERREG CARIBBEAN PROGRAM**

**From June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Project leaders (private operators, associations, public institutions such as universities, research centers, local authorities ...) are invited to submit their pre-project until 08/15<sup>th</sup>/2020 midnight (Pointe à Pitre time). **Project ideas submitted after the deadline shall not be examined.**

This pre-project, presented in accordance with a downloadable form entitled "pre-project form", must clearly and concisely state the actions they wish to implement with partners in the cooperation territory according to a "win-win" logic, guaranteeing fair and sustainable cooperation.

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## Preamble:

The INTERREG Caribbean program supports structuring projects that provide a concerted response to issues shared by the territories and populations of the cooperation area.

The COVID19 pandemic and its health, economic and social consequences have once again brought to light the relevance and need for operational cooperation on a regional scale.

In this context, and on the occasion of the launch of the Call for Expression of Interest no.2, the INTERREG Caribbean program aims to support projects susceptible to increase the territories' resilience in the face of a major scale health crisis.



## 1- INTERREG Caribbean program presentation:

### 1.1 – Overall presentation:

INTERREG Caribbean is a European program that accompanies Guadeloupe, French Guiana, Martinique and Saint Martin, French and European territories, in the implementation of cooperation actions with their neighbors in the Greater Caribbean, i.e. more than 35 countries in an area that encompasses Mexico to the north and Venezuela to the south.

The Managing Authority is the Regional Council of Guadeloupe, which implements this program in the partnership governance framework with institutions of France, Guadeloupe, French Guiana, Martinique, Sint Maarten as well as regional international organizations (OECS, CARIFORUM, ACS, OCTA). These different partners have defined the program's cooperation strategy and select the projects that are to be supported (they make up the program's selection committee).

### 1.2 – The partnership, the key to an INTERREG Caribbean project:

The partnership of an INTERREG Caribbean project must **mandatorily** foresee:

- **A lead partner** (in charge of the project's administrative and financial coordination) **located in Guadeloupe, French Guiana, Martinique or Saint-Martin** ;

**a partner located in a non-European territory** of the Caribbean, **a minima**. The partners of an INTERREG Caribbean project are engaged in a common project (the project must be co-constructed, the participation of each partner is motivated) and "win-win" (which will benefit each partner). The program authorities shall stick to these characteristics upon project selection.

Thus, the projects must be in line with two of the following four cooperation criteria :

- be jointly developed;
- be jointly implemented;
- benefit from cooperation in staffing;
- be jointly financed.

### 1.3 - A program divided into two geographic strands:

The cooperation actions are distributed into two geographical strands:

- **a cross-border strand**, for which only project holders located in Guadeloupe, Martinique or in an OECS country or territory are eligible;
- **a transnational strand**, which concerns project holders located in Guadeloupe, French Guiana, Martinique, Saint Martin or in the Greater Caribbean.





Cooperation area map

#### 1.4 – Cooperation thematics:

INTERREG Caribbean aims to address different stakes shared by these territories namely:



Reinforcing the competitiveness of Caribbean businesses, creators of wealth and jobs



Reinforcing the response capacity to natural risks



Protecting and valorizing the natural and cultural environment in the Caribbean



Provide a concerted Caribbean-scale response to common public health issues



Support the development of renewable energies in the Eastern Caribbean



Reinforce human capital



### 1.5 – One program and two financing sources at the service of the territories:

With the aim of supporting the activities of project promoters, INTERREG Caribbean articulates two European funds:

- Approximately **€64 million from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)** are intended to support the activities of **European project promoters** (Guadeloupe, French Guiana, Martinique, Saint-Martin) engaged in an INTERREG Caribbean project
- In addition, INTERREG Caribbean benefits from **a European Development Fund envelope (EDF)** which has an amount of **€2.941 million intended** to support the activities of the **Caribbean partners** of an INTERREG Caribbean project.



## 2 – CEI's specification note:

The specific axes and objectives opened under this CEI, as well as the thematic, financial framework, the general conditions of eligibility are defined hereafter.

Some specific eligibility conditions and selection principles are detailed in point 3.

### 2.1 – Axis 1, OS 1 :



Axis 1 - Reinforce the competitiveness of Caribbean companies, creators of wealth and jobs, in a sustainable and inclusive manner.

Specific Objective 1 - Reinforce the economic diversification of the territories through knowledge transfer and marketing of innovative products.

### A – Geographical framework:

The CEI is open to projects involving a lead partner located in Guadeloupe or Martinique and partner(s) located in:

- Guadeloupe,
- Martinique,

and MANDATORY at least one-member country or territory of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States:

- Antigua and Barbuda, Anguilla, Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, St Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, British Virgin Islands.

### B- Thematic framework and eligible actions:

The project should enable to:

- Implement joint innovation projects on a Caribbean scale and the mutualization of equipment, transfer of knowledge and techniques,
- And/or support the networking network of innovation, technology transfer and entrepreneurship accompaniment actors (cluster networks, nurseries, incubators, technopoles etc.).

Within the framework of the project, the lead partner shall imperatively define and put in place a method and/or tools that will enable him to follow up the INTERREG Caribbean program **output indicators**:

- Indicator 1: number of companies benefiting from support.
- Indicator 2: Number of companies benefiting from subsidies.
- Indicator 3: number of companies benefiting from a non-financial support.

*NB: The value of indicator 1 is equal to the sum of indicators 2 and 3.*

Similarly, the lead partner will also have to ensure that the project will contribute directly or indirectly to **the results indicator** of the INTERREG Caribbean program:

- Number of cooperation agreements between innovation structures on both sides of the Caribbean

### C - Financial framework, following the modification of the program's financial model in December 2019:

| Axis 1<br>SO1 | ERDF modeled amount | ERDF programmed amount | ERDF amount still to be programmed |
|---------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|
|               | € 1 000 000.00      | €0                     | €1 000 000.00                      |





## 2.2 – Axis 1, SO 2:



Axis 1 - Reinforce in a sustainable and inclusive manner the competitiveness of Caribbean companies, creators of wealth and jobs.  
Specific Objective 2 - Create an environment conducive to the development of a business flow between the territories of the zone.

### A – Geographical framework:

The CEI is open to projects involving a lead partner located in Guadeloupe or Martinique and partner(s) located in:

- Guadeloupe,
- Martinique,

and MANDATORY at least one member country or territory of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States:

- Antigua and Barbuda,
- Anguilla,
- Dominica,
- Grenada,
- Montserrat,
- St Kitts and Nevis,
- Saint Lucia,
- St Vincent and the Grenadines,
- British Virgin Islands.

### B- Thematic framework and eligible actions:

The project should enable to:

- Supporting entrepreneurship at the Caribbean scale (support for entrepreneurship development actions targeting young people);
- Develop networks of Caribbean economic actors (such as business clusters and professional associations) with a view in particular of reinforcing reciprocal knowledge of business opportunities (notably: support for the networking of business clusters and professional associations; support for the structuring of sectors at the Caribbean scale) ;
- Facilitate the context of trade within the Caribbean and from the Caribbean to the outside world (in particular: support for the harmonization of technical standards and the harmonization of business law; support for the development of common tools; support for projects relating to the regulation of air and maritime transportation in the zone or even training for business leaders on the EPA agreements and the Caribbean economic context).

As part of the project, the lead partner will have to define and set up a method and/or tools that will enable him to ensure the monitoring of the INTERREG Caribbean program's **output indicators**:

- Indicator 2: number of companies benefitting from the subsidies.
- Indicator 3: Number of companies benefitting from a non-financial support.

Similarly, the lead partner shall also ensure that the project will contribute directly or indirectly to increasing the value of **the result indicator** of the INTERREG Caribbean program:

- Volume of trade between the FODs of Guadeloupe-Martinique and the OECS countries

### C - Financial framework, following the modification of the program's financial model in December 2019:

| Axis 1<br>SO2 | ERDF modeled amount | ERDF programmed amount | ERDF amount still to be programmed |
|---------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|
|               | €6 172 102.93       | €3 582 575.75          | €2 589 527.18                      |



## 2.3 – Axis 3, SO 5:



Axis 3 - Reinforce the response capacity to natural risks

Specific Objective 5 - Increase the response capacity of territories to natural risks.

### A – Geographical framework:

The CEI is open to projects involving a lead partner located in Guadeloupe or Martinique and partner(s) located in:

- Guadeloupe,
- Martinique,

and MANDATORY at least one member country or territory of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States:

- Antigua and Barbuda,
- Anguilla,
- Dominica,
- Grenada,
- Montserrat,
- St Kitts and Nevis,
- Saint Lucia,
- St Vincent and the Grenadines,
- British Virgin Islands.

### B- Thematic framework and eligible actions:

The project should enable the setting up of:

- Actions aiming at a better knowledge of the risks and their consequences. In particular, projects of a scientific (risk modeling) and technological (satellite observation of spaces) nature are targeted with the aim of producing more in-depth knowledge of the existing risk, the vulnerability of the territory and the costs incurred ;
- Actions aimed at a better prevention/preparedness of risks and their consequences (notably: development of assessment structures and risks follow up and vulnerability studies of the territory and the built environment; improvement of surveillance devices and crisis warning and public awareness raising);
- Actions for a better response to emergency situation (in particular: pooling and coordination of risk management strategies and tools, development of common solutions in matters of emergency response).

As part of the project, the lead partner will have to define and set up a method and/or tools that will enable him to ensure the monitoring of the INTERREG Caribbean program's **output indicators**:

- number of people who participated in risk awareness actions,
- number of observation, management and response devices for natural risks put in place.

Similarly, the lead partner shall also ensure that the project will contribute directly or indirectly to **the result indicator** of the INTERREG Caribbean program:

- Risk response capacity of the Caribbean territories (*rating on a scale of 1 to 5. 1=very good risk management capacity/5=very poor capacity*).

### C - Financial framework, following the modification of the program's financial model in December 2019:

| Axis 3<br>SO5 | ERDF modeled amount | ERDF programmed amount | ERDF amount still to be programmed |
|---------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|
|               | €10 230 323.62      | €5 240 782.42          | €4 989 541.20                      |

## 2.4 – Axis 5, SO 7 :



Axis 5 - Protect and valorize the natural and cultural environment in the Caribbean  
Specific Objective 7 - Better protect and valorize the Caribbean natural heritage through the setting up of joint strategies and tools.

### A – Geographical framework:

The CEI is open to projects involving a lead partner located in Guadeloupe or Martinique and partner(s) located in:

- Guadeloupe,
- Martinique,

and MANDATORY at least one member country or territory of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States:

- Antigua and Barbuda,
- Anguilla,
- Dominica,
- Grenada,
- Montserrat,
- St Kitts and Nevis,
- Saint Lucia,
- St Vincent and the Grenadines,
- British Virgin Islands.

### B- Thematic framework and eligible actions :

The project should allow the setting up of :

- Actions to reinforce knowledge on natural resources, biodiversity and plant health within the Caribbean ;
- Actions to support the definition of common strategies for environmental protection and management ;
- Actions to support the implementation of joint biodiversity protection instruments;
- valorization actions for biodiversity.

As part of the project, the lead partner will have to define and set up a method and/or tools that will enable him to ensure the monitoring of the INTERREG Caribbean program's **output indicators**:

- number of forest, agricultural and aquaculture ecosystem areas benefiting from common management measures and conservation;
- number of monitoring and evaluation devices for sustainable tourism development;
- increase in the expected number of visits to sites identified under cultural or natural heritage and attractions benefiting from support.

Similarly, the lead partner shall also ensure that the project will contribute directly or indirectly to increasing the value of the result indicator of the INTERREG Caribbean program:

- Number of cross-border initiatives promoting animal and plant biodiversity protection.

### C - Financial framework, following the modification of the program's financial model in December 2019:

| Axis 5<br>SO7 | ERDF modeled amount | ERDF programmed amount | ERDF amount still to be programmed |
|---------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|
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|  | € 4 070 934.20 | € 0 | € 4 070 934.20 |
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## 2.5 – Axis 5, SO 8:



Axis 5 - Protecting and valorizing the natural and cultural environment in the Caribbean

Specific Objective 8 - Increasing the tourist attractiveness of the cooperation territory through the joint showcase of its natural and cultural heritage

### A – Geographical framework:

The CEI is open to projects involving a lead partner located in Guadeloupe or Martinique and partner(s) located in:

- Guadeloupe,
- Martinique,

and MANDATORY at least one member country or territory of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States:

- Antigua and Barbuda,
- Anguilla,
- Dominica,
- Grenada,
- Montserrat,
- St Kitts and Nevis,
- Saint Lucia,
- St Vincent and the Grenadines,
- British Virgin Islands.

### B- Thematic framework and eligible actions:

The project should enable:

- The development and reinforcement of a common offer in terms of sustainable tourism and transfers of good practices: development of sustainable tourism and eco-tourism initiatives that combine the sustainable management of resources and the valorization of the natural and cultural assets of the Caribbean; reinforcement of open air and public reception activities compatible with the natural environment; joint labeling projects of tourism infrastructures and services related to green tourism.
- The showcase of the natural and cultural heritage of the Caribbean and the development of multi-destination tourist offers: enhancement operation the intangible and tangible cultural heritage of the Caribbean; a joint communication strategy for promoting within and outside the Caribbean the diversity and complementarity of the Caribbean tourist offer; and the setting up of combined tourist circuits.

As part of the project, the lead partner will have to define and set up a method and/or tools that will enable him to ensure the monitoring of the INTERREG Caribbean program's **output indicators**:

- Increase in the expected number of visits to sites identified under natural and cultural heritage and attractions benefiting from support.

Similarly, the lead partner shall also ensure that the project will contribute directly or indirectly to increasing the value of the result indicator of the INTERREG Caribbean program:

- Number of tourist sites in the Caribbean benefiting from a quality label

### C - Financial framework, following the modification of the financial model of the program in December 2019:

| Axis 5<br>SO8 | ERDF modeled amount | ERDF programmed amount | ERDF amount still to be programmed |
|---------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|
|---------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|



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|  | € 6 329 400.00 | €5 139 245.25 | €1 190 154.75 |
|--|----------------|---------------|---------------|

## 2.6 – Axis 6, SO 10:



Axis 6 - Protect and valorize the natural and cultural environment in the Caribbean  
Specific Objective 10 - Increase the tourist attractiveness of the cooperation territory through the joint showcase of its natural and cultural heritage

### A – Geographical framework:

The CEI is open to projects involving

- a lead partner located in Guadeloupe, French Guiana, Martinique or Saint-Martin and one/or partner(s) located in Guadeloupe, French Guiana, Martinique or Saint-Martin,
- and MANDATORY at least one country or territory from the following list : Antigua and Barbuda; Anguilla; Aruba; Barbados; Bermuda; Bahamas; Belize; Bonaire; British Virgin Islands; Curacao; Colombia; Costa Rica; Cuba; Dominica; Dominican Republic; Grenada; Guatemala; Guyana; Honduras; Haiti; Jamaica ; St Kitts and Nevis; Cayman Islands; St Lucia; Montserrat; Mexico City; Nicaragua; Panama; Puerto Rico; Suriname; El Salvador; Turks and Caicos Islands; Trinidad and Tobago; St Vincent and the Grenadines; Venezuela; St Martin; Saba; St Eustatius; St Barthelemy.

### B- Thematic framework and eligible actions:

The project should enable the setting up of:

- Actions for the development and reinforcement of a common offer in terms of sustainable tourism and transfer of good practices;
- Actions to showcase the natural and cultural heritage of the Caribbean and the development of multi-destination tourist offers.

As part of the project, the lead partner will have to define and set up a method and/or tools that will enable him to ensure the monitoring of the INTERREG Caribbean program's **output indicators** indicators:

- increase in the expected number of visits to identified under cultural and natural heritage sites and attractions benefiting from support

Similarly, the lead partner shall also ensure that the project will contribute directly or indirectly to increasing the value of the result indicator of the INTERREG Caribbean program:

- Number of tourist sites in the Caribbean benefitting from a quality label

### C - Financial framework, following the modification of the financial model of the program in December 2019:

| Axis 6<br>SO10 | ERDF modeled amount | ERDF programmed amount | ERDF amount still to be programmed |
|----------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                | €3 816 400.00       | €3 566 972.50          | €249 427.50                        |



## 2.7 – Axis 7, SO 11:



Axis 7 - Develop a concerted Caribbean-wide response to common public health issues  
Specific Objective 11 - Increase the territories' response capacity in the face of risks linked to emerging diseases and health risks

### A – Geographical framework:

The CEI is open to projects involving a lead partner located in Guadeloupe or Martinique and partner(s) located in:

- Guadeloupe,
- Martinique,

and MANDATORY at least one member country or territory of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States:

- Antigua and Barbuda,
- Anguilla,
- Dominica,
- Grenada,
- Montserrat,
- St Kitts and Nevis,
- Saint Lucia,
- St Vincent and the Grenadines,
- British Virgin Islands.

### B- Thematic framework and eligible actions:

The project will have to enable the setting up of:

- Cooperation actions in the health field and combat against infectious diseases;
- Health cooperation actions to improve the quality of health care provision.

As part of the project, the lead partner will have to define and set up a method and/or tools that will enable him to ensure the monitoring of the INTERREG Caribbean program's output indicators:

- number of beneficiaries from implemented health projects;
- number of devices set up to face with public health issues.

Similarly, the lead partner shall also ensure that the project will contribute directly or indirectly to increasing the value of the result indicator of the INTERREG Caribbean program:

- Caribbean territories' capacity to respond to risks (rating on a scale of 1 to 5. 1=very good capacity to manage risks/5=very poor capacity)

### C - Financial framework, following the modification of the financial model of the program in December 2019:

| Axis 7<br>SO11 | ERDF modeled amount | ERDF programmed amount | ERDF amount still to be programmed |
|----------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                | €5 795 100.00       | €4 239 553.00          | €1 555 547.00                      |



## 2.8 – Axis 9, SO 14:



Axis 9 - Supporting the development of renewable energies in the Eastern Caribbean  
Specific Objective 14 - Reduce energy consumption in public buildings in the Eastern Caribbean area.

### A – Geographical framework:

The CEI is open to projects involving a lead partner located in Guadeloupe or Martinique and partner(s) located in:

- Guadeloupe,
- Martinique,

and MANDATORY at least one member country or territory of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States:

- Antigua and Barbuda,
- Anguilla,
- Dominica,
- Grenada,
- Montserrat,
- St Kitts and Nevis,
- Sainte Lucia,
- St Vincent and the Grenadines,
- British Virgin Islands.

### B- Thematic framework and eligible actions:

The project will have to enable to:

- Carry out joint research and development projects on solutions on construction processes, air conditioning (e.g. solar air conditioning), lighting, and the supply of RE-generated electricity in public buildings and housings;
- Carry out projects to experiment with new techniques in tropical insular conditions so as to develop new sustainable construction methods;
- Carry out joint training and reinforcement capacities projects in the sustainable construction sector targeting professionals in the sector;
- Create a network of actors with the aim of exchanging experiences and know-how reuniting economic actors in the sector, R&D actors and public project owner.

As part of the project, the lead partner will have to define and set up a method and/or tools that will enable him to ensure the monitoring of the INTERREG Caribbean program's **achievement indicators**:

- Amount (in €) of energy efficiency investments made as regards to public buildings.  
Similarly, the lead partner shall also ensure that the project will contribute directly or indirectly to increasing the value of the result indicator of the INTERREG Caribbean program:
- Number of territories and countries in the area with a thermal regulation comparable to the RTADOM standards.

### C - Financial framework, following the modification of the program's financial model in December 2019:

| Axe 9<br>OS14 | ERDF modeled amount | ERDF programmed amount | ERDF amount still to be programmed |
|---------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|
|               | €1 000 000.00       | €0                     | €1 000 000.00                      |





## 2.9 – Axis 10, SO 15:



Axis 10 – Reinforce the human capital

Specific Objective 15 - Reinforce reciprocal language mastery and practice in the Caribbean.

### A – Geographic framework:

The CEI is open to projects involving

- a lead partner located in Guadeloupe, French Guyana, Martinique or Saint Martin and a partner(s) located in: Guadeloupe, French Guyana, Martinique, or Saint-Martin
- and MANDATORY at least one country or territory from the following list : Antigua and Barbuda; Anguilla; Aruba; Barbados; Bermuda; Bahamas; Belize; Bonaire; British Virgin Islands; Curacao; Colombia; Costa Rica; Cuba; Dominica; Dominican Republic; Grenada; Guatemala; Guyana; Honduras; Haiti; Jamaica; St Kitts and Nevis; Cayman Islands; Saint Lucia; Montserrat; Mexico; Nicaragua; Panama; Porto Rico; Suriname; El Salvador; Turks and Caicos Islands; Trinidad and Tobago; St Vincent and the Grenadines; Venezuela; St Martin; Saba; St Eustatius; St Barthelemy.

### B- Thematic framework and eligible actions:

The project should enable the setting of:

- General language training projects ( English and Spanish learning and training in French), particularly for students, young professionals, companies, institutional actors of regional cooperation, etc. the development of training plans and actions, both face-to-face and on-line, the production of manuals and on-line course materials, etc. ;
- Language training offer on specific objectives (FSO type, French on Specific Objectives) in the pertinent professional sectors of the Caribbean: tourism, sustainable tourism and green jobs, trade, business law, etc. ;
- Exchange programs such as "foreign assistants" (in French educational institutes) and "French assistants" (in Caribbean schools);
- Linguistic cooperation programs in connection with the Alliances françaises of the Caribbean (notably on DELF/DALF diplomas).

As part of the project, the lead partner will have to define and set up a method and/or tools that will enable him to ensure the monitoring of the INTERREG Caribbean program's output indicators:

- number of participants in local joint initiatives in favor of employment and joint training-courses

Similarly, the lead partner shall also ensure that the project will contribute directly or indirectly to increasing the value of the result indicator of the INTERREG Caribbean program:

- number of students enrolled in language training courses in the Caribbean universities

### C - Financial framework, following the modification of the program's financial model in December 2019:

| Axis 10<br>SO15 | ERDF modeled amount | ERDF programmed amount | ERDF amount still to be programmed |
|-----------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                 | €200 000.00         | €0                     | €200 000.00                        |



## 2.10 – Axis 10, SO 16:



Axis 10 – Reinforce the human capital

Specific Objective 16 - Increase student and professional mobility within the Caribbean space.

### A-Geographic framework

The CEI is open to projects involving

- a lead partner located in Guadeloupe, French Guyana, Martinique or Saint Martin and a partner(s) located in : Guadeloupe, French Guyana, Martinique, or Saint-Martin
- and MANDATORY at least one country or territory from the following list : Antigua and Barbuda; Anguilla; Aruba; Barbados; Bermuda; Bahamas; Belize; Bonaire; British Virgin Islands; Curacao; Colombia; Costa Rica; Cuba; Dominica; Dominican Republic; Grenada; Guatemala; Guyana; Honduras; Haiti; Jamaica; St Kitts and Nevis; Cayman Islands; Saint Lucia; Montserrat; Mexico; Nicaragua; Panama; Porto Rico; Suriname; El Salvador; Turks and Caicos Islands; Trinidad and Tobago; St Vincent and the Grenadines; Venezuela; St Martin; Saba; St Eustatius; St Barthelemy.

### B- Thematic framework and eligible actions:

The project should enable the setting up of:

- Erasmus-type university mobility projects at the Caribbean scale;
- Leonardo type mobility projects at the Caribbean scale (on training and vocational education systems) ;
- Caribbean-wide Grundtvig mobility projects (on adult education);
- Conditions favoring the development of a regionally coordinated training offer in relation to the pertinent economic sectors of the Caribbean economy (e.g. renewable energies and energy management, tourism, agri-foodstuffs);
- Co-graduating training courses (see co-supervision of thesis, double masters degree on the model of integrated training in political science UAG-UWI-IEP Bordeaux, etc.);
- ICT-based distance training course programs (e-learning with platforms for course materials and videoconferencing for courses and exams).

As part of the project, the lead partner will have to define and set up a method and/or tools that will enable him to ensure the monitoring of the INTERREG Caribbean program's **output indicators**:

- Number of participants in cross-border mobility initiatives

Similarly, the lead partner shall also ensure that the project will contribute directly or indirectly to increasing the value of the result indicator of the INTERREG Caribbean program:

- Number of international cooperation agreements with the Caribbean signed by Caribbean universities and regional vocational training operators.

### C - Financial framework, following the modification of the program's financial model in December 2019:

| Axis 10 | ERDF modeled amount | ERDF programmed amount | ERDF amount still to be programmed |
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| SO16 | € 3 222 985.15 | €2 067 012.75 | €1 155 972.40 |
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## 3 – Project ideas selection:

### 3.1 – Projects execution period:

In view of the context in the end of the programming, and in order not to risk putting the beneficiaries in difficulty due to the complexity of the closure process, the Managing Authority, jointly with the partnership, has defined sound management strict rules applicable to projects submitted under CEI No 2.

For this purpose, it is expected that the projects to be selected in the framework this CEI have fully completed their activities by December 31st, 2022. They will then be able to finalize the administrative and financial process of expenditure feedback by February 28th, 2023.

As such, particular attention shall be paid to the administrative and financial capacity of the partnership and the lead partner upon selection of the projects: the capacity to implement the project within the time limit given will have to be demonstrated.

### 3.2 -Taking expenses into account expenses relating to administrative and office expenses:

These expenses will be taken into account by applying the flat rate defined in Article 68 paragraph 1 point b of [EU Regulation No 1303/2013](#). In the case of indirect costs valorised by the applicant, these will therefore be calculated by applying the flat rate of 15% of the eligible direct personnel costs.

### 3.3 -Opportunity opinion on project ideas:

Project ideas submitted under the CEI will be subject to a technical instruction by the Joint Secretariat team, based on a pre-project analysis grid. This analysis will mainly focus on:

- the coherence of the project idea with the program's strategy (axis, specific objective, performance and results indicators);
- compliance with at least two of the following four cooperation criteria: common design, common implementation, common financing, common headcount endowment;
- the structuring nature of the partnership (pertinence of the partnership, federating nature) ;
- the administrative and financial soundness of the lead structure;
- the concrete results expected from the project and their innovative dimension.

The project ideas and technical analysis will then be presented to the members of the program's selection committee who will give a positive or negative opportunity opinion.

Further details concerning the forecast deadlines can be found in point 4 below.

### 3.4 – The teachings from the CEI No. 1

In CEI No 1, the selection of project ideas by the members of the selection committee was guided by the following orientations and considerations:

a- General considerations:

- On this 3rd generation of INTERREG Caribbean program, the members of the selection committee insisted on the need **to rise in power**: the will is therefore **not to sprinkle the funds**, but to select structuring projects, i.e. projects with a truly regional vocation, which are inclusive and federating. This is reflected in particular by the pertinence and federative dimension of the partnership that is going to be the basis of the project (pre-projects where the partnership was too weak, not federative enough and not diversified enough have hence been discarded) and by the fact that the objective of the project makes it possible to respond to several of the issues identified in the framework of the program (strategic axes and specific objectives).
- Some projects, relevant as regard to the program's strategy but for which the administrative and financial capacities of the lead partners have been deemed insufficient, were also discarded.
- Project ideas brought by structures exclusively located in non-European territory without an identified lead partner in European territory were rejected. Similarly, project ideas submitted by project promoters located in European territory without an identified partner in non-European territory were rejected. An INTERREG Caribbean project necessarily involves a **partnership between European and non-European structures in the Caribbean**.
- In addition, still in adequacy with this desire to rise in power, priority was given to structuring and **operational** projects whose **repercussions are identifiable and measurable**. The partners insisted on their willingness to finance lasting projects, and not punctual or event-driven projects.
- The members of the selection committee insisted on the vocation of the INTERREG Caribbean program to support cooperation between the territories of the area. **Projects which are similar to export aid, development aid or humanitarian aid are hence not in adequacy with the principle of reciprocity which is the basis of the program**. Priority is given to structuring projects with identifiable repercussions for the territories, not only for the enterprises supported. The program's vocation is not intended to accompany enterprises in penetrating a new market
- At last, some project ideas intersected with each other: it was therefore proposed to the project leaders to get closer and to mutualize their actions, in order to design a **project that is truly federative and on a larger scope**.

b- Considerations by thematic:

- **Natural and cultural heritage**: culture is certainly an area of cooperation, but on this new programming it must allow an economic development of the sector of activity concerned, support job creations to come. This is why the choice was made not to support purely event-based pre-projects, relating to the organization of inter-Caribbean festivals for instance;



- **Health:** within the framework of health, telemedicine has been identified as a strong axis, responding to real stakes and needs in the regional space (diabetes, hypertension, prostate cancer, breast cancer...) and allowing a real cooperation in the regional area;
- **Renewable energies:** the members of the selection committee have expressed their wish to support a project aimed at the emergence of a center of excellence aimed at sharing training, know-how, student paths in matters of renewable energies, etc.
- **Human Capital:** the partners wished to agree on the vocation of the human capital axis, so that it would not become a "catch-all" axis that would support projects that could not be financed in the framework of other funds. Thus, in so far as training is concerned, it was proposed to support the mobility of persons and mastery of languages in order to increase human capital. On the other hand, pre-projects enabling training centers to extend their field of competence to the Caribbean were not retained. In this sector, care should be taken not to support projects that would fall within the framework of the ESF. At last, the partners indicated that the idea of federating the diverse stakeholders in mobility seemed to them to be pertinent.

### 3.5 - INTERREG Caribbean projects selection:

Thereafter, project ideas that have received a positive opportunity notice will be accompanied by the Joint Secretariat with a view to submitting a complete application file.

With regard to the selection criteria:

Generally speaking, as the INTERREG Caribbean program is a cooperation program providing financial support under the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), operations are to be selected taking into account:

- the pertinence and added value of regional cooperation;
- the articulation and complementarity with the development strategies and financing instruments of the French ORs, regional partner organizations, the OCTs and other Member States of the regional organizations;
- their subscription in the thematics of the program's intelligent specialization strategies of Community territories;

the expected results for the territories.

More specifically, each application file will be subjected to an examination by the Joint Secretariat in three steps:

- 1- Completion of the pre-project form : (all sections of the form must be filled in)
- 2- **Regulatory analysis:** the eligibility of the project and of the actions foreseen within the framework of the project, the respect of National and European regulatory provisions will be analyzed.
- 3- **Analysis of the project's quality:** the strategic and operational quality of the project will be examined on the basis of the following criteria:



### I –Project’s strategic quality

| Section                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Weighting |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>1. Pertinence</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |           |
| 1.1 The project responds to one or more stakes of the cooperation area.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 2         |
| 1.2 The overall objective of the project is in adequacy with a specific objective of the program.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 2         |
| 1.3 The project contributes to a broader strategy at European, national and regional level.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1         |
| 1.4 The project takes into account available knowledge and is in synergy with existing practices.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1         |
| 1.5 The project contributes to the horizontal community principles: sustainable development; equal opportunities and non-discrimination; gender equality.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1         |
| <b>2. Project’s added value</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |           |
| 2.1 The expected results cannot be achieved without cooperation and/or cooperation has meaningful added value.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 2         |
| 2.2 The project demonstrates new solutions that go beyond current practices in the sector concerned or the countries involved.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 2         |
| 2.3 At least two criteria for cooperation are fulfilled: joint development (mandatory), joint implementation (mandatory), endowment joint staffing, joint financing.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1         |
| <b>3. Results/sustainability</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |           |
| 3.1 The main achievements of the project are in adequacy with the program's output indicators.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1         |
| 3.2 The project results indicators are in adequacy with the program result indicators                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1         |
| 3.3. The identification of target groups is pertinent.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1         |
| 3.4 The needs of the target groups are clearly defined and the proposal addresses them in a pertinent manner.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 2         |
| 3.5 The expected results are realistic (quantification, time and budget dedicated).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1         |
| 3.6 Are the results of the project duplicable by other structures (notably, the likelihood of replication and extension of the results of the action, dissemination of information)?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2         |
| 3.7 The expected results of the proposed action are durable:<br>-from a financial point of view (How will the activities be financed at the end of the subsidy?)<br>- from an institutional point of view (Will there be structures in place to enable the continuation of the activities at the end of the action? Will there be local "ownership" of the results of the action?)<br>- at the political level (where applicable) (what will be the structural impact of the action - for instance will it result in better laws, codes of conduct, methods, etc.)? | 2         |
| <b>4. Partnership</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |           |
| 4.1 The choice of the lead partner and partners involved in the project is pertinent                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2         |
| 4.2 The partners are complementary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1         |
| 4.3 The partners have an expertise in the domain concerned                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1         |
| 4.4 The lead partner and his partners have experience in projects management                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1         |
| 4.5 The level of involvement and participation in partner activities is satisfactory                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2         |



## **II- Operational evaluation:**

| Section                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Weighting |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>1. Projects conduct</b>                                                                                                                                                                              |           |
| The design of the action is broadly coherent (notably, does it take into account the external factors and the problems analysis, does it anticipate the evaluation?)                                    | 1         |
| 1.2 The lead partner demonstrates an ability to manage projects co-financed by the EU or other international projects, or can ensure that adequate measures are taken to provide the management support | 2         |
| 1.3 The management structures (COTECH/COPIL) are adapted to the size and requirements of the project and enable the participation of the partners in decision-making                                    | 1         |
| 1.4 Management procedures are clear and adapted.<br>Project management includes regular contacts between partners and ensures good dissemination of information and good animation.                     | 1         |
| 1.5 The division of labor between the partners is appropriate.<br>The retroplanning of activities is clear and realistic and properly sequenced.                                                        | 1         |
| 1.6 The operation implemented outside the part of the program covered area belonging to the Union benefits the program covered area                                                                     | 1         |
| <b>2. Budget</b>                                                                                                                                                                                        |           |
| 2.1 The budget is proportional to the activities and expected results.                                                                                                                                  | 2         |
| 2.2 The budget corresponds to the commitment of the partners.                                                                                                                                           | 1         |
| 2.3 The budget is clear and realistic.                                                                                                                                                                  | 1         |
| 2.3 The project is in line with the provisions on competitive tendering.                                                                                                                                | 2         |
| <b>3. Communication</b>                                                                                                                                                                                 |           |
| 3.1 The foreseen activities and communication support make possible to guarantee the visibility of the project.                                                                                         | 1         |
| 3.2 The foreseen activities and communication support make it possible to guarantee the dissemination of the project results.                                                                           | 1         |
| 3.3 The project foresees a communication referent person.                                                                                                                                               | 1         |
| 3.4 The project foresees innovative communication actions                                                                                                                                               | 2         |

**At the end of this instruction, the project will be presented during the Technical Committee (or EDF-ERDF Technical Committee for project ideas articulating the two funds): the administrative representatives of the program's partner organizations will give a technical opinion on the project.**

**At last, the Selection Committee will meet and take a decision on whether or not to select the project.**



## 4 - Process and deadline for decision taking:

### 4.1 - Nomination Submission and Review Process

Within the framework of a Call for Expression of Interest (CEI), the procedure is organized in two phases.

#### Phase One - Submission and Opportunity Notice on Project Ideas

Applicants are invited to submit their project ideas, providing a clear overview of the project including:

- a summary of the project,
- the overall objective,
- the axis concerned,
- the partnership and its coherence with the project,
- the indicative budget.

The project idea must be formalized in the framework of the pre-project sheet available on the INTERREG Caribbean program website. This pre-project form shall have to be transmitted in French and English, together with the required supporting documents, to the Joint Secretariat of the INTERREG Caribbean Program, both:

- By electronic means : [interreg.caraibes@cr-guadeloupe.fr](mailto:interreg.caraibes@cr-guadeloupe.fr)
- By postal service :

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The Joint Secretariat will receive the pre-projects and propose to the Selection Committee an analysis of these project ideas.

The Selection Committee shall meet to give an opinion of opportunity on the pre-projects, taking into account the comments that will have been made to them.

Projects that have received a positive opinion of opportunity will be able to move on to the second stage of the submission procedure.

#### Second phase - Submission of a complete application file

Depending on the decisions taken by the Program's Selection Committee, the retained candidates will then be invited to prepare a complete application file. They will be liable to comply with a submission deadline which will be specified on the notification of positive opportunity notice.

The Selection Committee shall take at last a final decision on whether or not to program the project and the financial support that will be granted to it.



#### **4.2 -Forecast deadlines:**

Project holders are invited to submit their project ideas until August 15th, 2020.

The project ideas received within the set times will then be analyzed by the Joint Secretariat and will be presented to the members of the Selection Committee in October 2020, for an opportunity notice (the precise date will be communicated later on).

Projects that have received a positive opportunity notice will be accompanied by the Joint Secretariat and the Regional Contact Persons with a view to submit a complete application on December 31st, 2020. The deadline to be met for the submission of the full application will be specified to them in the notification of positive opinion from the selection committee.

These complete applications will then be examined by the Joint Secretariat and will be presented again to the members of the selection committee who will decide on their programming at the beginning of 2021.





## 5 – Practical information

The electronic form so as to formalize one's project idea, the selection criteria, the operational program- which provides details of eligible actions, conditions for participation and criteria to be taken into account while formalizing the pre-project - and other pertinent documents are available on the Program's Website (<http://www.interreg.caraibes.fr>).

The Program's Joint Secretariat team is at the disposal of project holders for any further information and in order to send them the pertinent documents.

**To get the pre-project sheet, please go to the website [www.interreg-caraibes.fr](http://www.interreg-caraibes.fr)**

or please contact the Joint Secretariat at 0590 47 06 00 or at [interreg.caraibes@cr-guadeloupe.fr](mailto:interreg.caraibes@cr-guadeloupe.fr)

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