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2014-2020**

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INTERREG Caraïbes is a European Territorial Cooperation program enabling operators from Guadeloupe, French Guyana, Martinique and Saint-Martin to undertake win-win projects with their neighboring countries in the Caribbean, totalling some 40 countries and territories.

This operational program is part of a privileged partnership with the Wider Caribbean region international institutions, namely the ACS (Association of Caribbean States), the OECS (Organization of Eastern Caribbean States), the CARICOM/CARIFORUM (Caribbean Community / Caribbean Forum) that are members of the programme's strategic steering committee.

It also harmonizes with the strategies developed by the other international organizations in the Caribbean, such as the ECLAC (Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean), and the SICA / SIECA (System of Integration for Central America / Secretariat for Economic Integration of Central America).

INTERREG Caraïbes has a budget of approximately 85.7 million euros, of which 64.2 via the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), to support the projects that match the program strategy and the needs of the above-named territories.

The program comprises two components

A cross-border component, only for project leaders located in Guadeloupe, Martinique with a partner from the OECS

A transnational component, for project leaders located in Guadeloupe, French Guyana, Martinique, Saint-Martin with a partner from the Wider Caribbean.

The co-operation space

The cross-border component

French Region and Territorial Collectivities

Guadeloupe
Martinique

OECS states and territories

Antigua and Barbuda
Anguilla
Dominica
Grenada
Montserrat
St Kitts and Nevis
Saint Lucia
British Virgin Islands



The transnational component

French Regional Councils, territorial collectivities and Overseas Collectivity

Guadeloupe
Martinique

French Guyana
Saint - Martin

Other territories (States and OCTs)

Antigua and Barbuda
Anguilla
Bonaire
Curacao
St Maarten
Saba
Sint-Eustatius
Saint-Barthélemy
Aruba
Barbados
Bermuda
Bahamas
Belize
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
Puerto Rico
Suriname
El Salvador
Turks and Caicos islands
Trinidad and Tobago
St Vincent and the
Grenadines
Venezuela
British Virgin Islands
Brazil (Amapa, Para,
Amazonas et Roraima)

INTERREG Caraïbes aims to respond to various issues suffered by these territories



EMPLOYMENT AND INNOVATION (AXIS 1 CB AND AXIS 2 TN)

CAPACITY BUILDING FOR CARIBBEAN BUSINESSES, GENERATING WEALTH AND EMPLOYMENT

Support the economic diversification of the eligible territories through knowledge transfer and the commercialisation of innovative products (SO1 CB / SO3 TN)

Create an environment that is conducive to stimulating trade between the Caribbean territories (SO2 CB / SO4 TN)



NATURAL HAZARDS (AXIS 3 AND AXIS 4 TN)

PREVENTING AND REINFORCING THE CAPACITY TO RESPOND TO NATURAL HAZARDS

Strengthen the capacity of Caribbean territories to manage risk and respond to natural disasters (SO5 CB / SO6 TN)



NATURAL AND CULTURAL ENVIRONMENT (AXIS 5 CB AND AXIS 6 TN)

PROTECTING AND PROMOTING THE NATURAL AND CULTURAL ENVIRONMENTS

Better protect and capitalise on the Caribbean's natural heritage through joint strategies and policy instruments (SO7 CB / SO9 TN)

Increase the touristic appeal of the cooperation area through the joint marketing of its natural and cultural heritage (SO8 CB / SO10 TN)



PUBLIC HEALTH (AXIS 7CB AND AXIS 8 TN)

DEVELOPING A CONCERTED CARIBBEAN-WIDE RESPONSE TO COMMON PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERNS

Increase territories' response capacities in relation to emerging diseases and health risks (SO11 CB / SO12 TN)



RENEWABLE ENERGIES (REN) (AXIS 9 CB)

SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF RENS IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN

Increase the share of renewable energies in the electricity mix with a view to a greater energy independence in the territories of the eastern Caribbean (SO13 CB)
Reduce energy consumption in public buildings in the eastern Caribbean (SO14 CB)



HUMAN ASSETS (AXIS 10 TN)

DEVELOPING TRAINING AND INCREASING MOBILITY

Improve foreign language skills and foster their use in the Caribbean (SO15 TN)
Increase student and professional mobility in the Caribbean (SO16 TN)

For more information, visit the program website
www.interreg-caraibes.fr

How can the program funds be accessed ?

Type of applicants and partnership

The lead partner, or project leader, must meet the following criteria to qualify for a grant :

- Belong to one of the following categories: associations, non governmental organization, territorial authorities, media, universities, training institutes, research institutes, public or private companies, consultancy firms and others;
- Have its headquarters in Guadeloupe, French Guyana, Martinique and Saint-Martin and be directly involved in the preparation and implementation of the project.

The project leader is the preferential intermediary for the Joint Secretariat and regional contact points during the inception and implementation phases. He inspires the partnership of the project and is responsible for its proper execution.

The partnership must meet at least two of the following four criteria:

- joint development,
- joint implementation,
- joint staffing,
- joint financing

Selection of projects

Applications are reviewed and rated by the Joint Secretariat with the assistance, if necessary, of external experts. All the projects submitted by applicants are examined through precise criteria.

Contribution rates

The co-financing rate under the ERDF may reach 75% of the total eligible expenditure for the project.

This is a maximum amount, the effective rate is established on a case-by-case basis during the reviewing according to various rules, including the State aid rules.

Payments

An advance payment may be paid upon the recipient's justified request depending on the financial availabilities of the program. This advance payment may not exceed 20% of the total grant.

Subsequent payments (installments) will be made to the recipient, according to justified expenditures, and a performance report supported by justified invoices. The total amount of advance and installments must not exceed 80% of the grant. The balance will be paid upon submission of a final performance report with receipted invoices by the beneficiary.

CONTACTS

For further information on the program, you can contact the Joint Secretariat and the Regional Contact Points in the cooperation area check our website:

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