Interreg Caraïbes
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INTERREG CARAÏBES PROGRAM
2014-2020

THE CO-OPERATION SPACE

INTERREG CARAÏBES AIMS TO RESPOND TO VARIOUS ISSUES SUFERRED BY THESE TERRITORIES

HOW CAN THE PROGRAM FUNDS BE ACCESSED?

CONTACTS
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 | French Guyana |
| Martinique | Saint - Martin |

### Other territories (States and OCTs)

| Antigua and Barbuda | Costa Rica | Mexico |
| Anguilla | Cuba | Nicaragua |
| Bonaire | Dominica | Panama |
| Curacao | Dominican Republic | Puerto Rico |
| St Maarten | Grenada | Suriname |
| Saba | Guatemala | El Salvador |
| Sint-Eustatius | Guyana | Turks and Caicos islands |
| Saint-Barthélemy | Honduras | Trinidad and Tobago |
| Aruba | Haiti | St Vincent and the Grenadines |
| Barbados | Jamaica | Venezuela |
| Bermuda | St Kitts and Nevis | British Virgin Islands |
| Bahamas | Cayman Islands | Brazil (Amapa, Para, Amazonas et Roraima) |
| Belize | Saint Lucia | Montserrat |
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)

TN: Transnational  CB: Crossborder  SO: Specific Objective
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.
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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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