



# OVERVIEW OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CARIBBEAN REGION IN THE FRAMEWORK OF EU COOPERATION



# **NDICI - GLOBAL EUROPE**

**PRESENTATION OF THE 2021-2027 FRAMEWORK  
COOPERATION IN THE CARIBBEAN**



# EU PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CARIBBEAN AND COOPERATION FRAMEWORK 2021-2027

New EU-OACPS Association Agreement (“Post Cotonou”)



**CARIBBEAN PROTOCOL**

Environment preservation, reverse loss of ecosystems, sustainable management of natural resources, ocean governance, circular and blue economy are **JOINT INTERESTS**

**NDICI GLOBAL EUROPE** 800 MEUR for the Caribbean for 2021-2027

**3 Caribbean-EU Partnerships**

Green Deal

Economic Resilience and Trade

Governance, Security and Human Development

Caribbean natural resources and infrastructure are better protected and managed in a responsible and sustainable manner

Common challenges in the Caribbean are progressively addressed at regional level



# EU PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CARIBBEAN AND COOPERATION FRAMEWORK 2021-2027

New way of working: **POLICY FIRST, DEMAND DRIVEN, INNOVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**



## EUROCLIMA CARIBBEAN

**35 M EUR** [EU Member States, UNDP + ECLAC, UNEP]

- Policies and strategies
  - Concrete activities
  - investments
- Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation / Biodiversity / Renewable Energy / Circular Economy

N.B. On issues such as sargassum, Euroclima could be triggered only if a critical mass of countries choose this as a priority in their policy dialogue and go for a multi-country approach



# **DECISION ON THE OVERSEAS ASSOCIATION INCLUDING GREENLAND (DOAG)**

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## EU-OCT REGIONAL COOPERATION 2021-2027: SOME KEY ELEMENTS FOR THE CARIBBEAN REGION

- **Decision on the Overseas Association including Greenland (DOAG):** *policy dialogue, trade and financial cooperation*
- **Regional cooperation in the Caribbean region is embedded in the DOAG with:**
  - The **regional** programme 2021-2027 for the **Caribbean OCTs** (EUR 21 million)
  - The novel **intra-regional** cooperation for all OCTs (EUR 15 million)
- **These two elements will be presented in the two following slides.**



## REGIONAL PROGRAMME FOR THE CARIBBEAN OCTs

- **Regional approaches are part of the European “DNA”. Working together expands prospects.**
- **Regional cooperation** is essential to **address global challenges** (e.g. ocean governance, pandemics, climate action) **and increases opportunities**
- **Draft Multi-annual Indicative Programme (MIP) 2021-2027 for the Caribbean OCTs:** still being discussed with the aim to be adopted this year.
- **Ongoing cooperation: (1) RESEMBID** the Caribbean regional programme working on biodiversity, resilience, and sustainable energy : <https://resembid.org/> running until. (2) **Green Overseas** thematic programme (resilience to climate change and low carbon energy transition): [website in production](#)
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## ART 82 DOAG –INTRA-REGIONAL COOPERATION

- **Novelty of the DOAG.** Up to EUR 15 million available.
- **Eligibility:** One or more OCT and (provided they allocate additional funds) :
  - (i) one or more outermost regions (ORs);
  - (ii) one or more neighbouring ACP and/or non-ACP States; or
  - (iii) one or more regional bodies of which OCTs, ACP States or OR are members.
- **Ideas first:** DG INTPA will deepen the dialogue with partners over the next years over this initiative.
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# Interreg Caraïbes

Fonds européen de développement régional



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## INTERREG Caraïbes cooperation programme



Emploi & Innovation



Risques naturels



Environnement  
naturel & culturel



Santé publique



Énergies  
renouvelables



Capital Humain




# THE INTERREG CARAÏBES COOPERATION AREA





# THEMATIC ARCHITECTURE OF INTERREG CARAÏBES 2021-2027

Priorities	Specific Objectives
Priority 1 - A smarter, more innovative and more competitive Caribbean	Research, development and innovation
	Development, competitiveness and the structuring of economic sectors
	Digital Connectivity
Priority 2 - A greener Caribbean, more resilient and low carbon	Renewable Energies
	Climate change and natural disasters
	Circular economy and reuse of waste 
	Environment and biodiversity
Priority 3 - A better connected Caribbean	Sustainable transport and territorial interconnectivity
Priority 4 - A more social and more inclusive Caribbean	Initial education and access to employment for young people
	Access to healthcare
	Social inclusion and tackling poverty
Priority 5 - Strengthening crossborder cooperation between Saint-Martin / Sint-Maarten	
Priority 6 - Facilitate and maximise modalities of cooperation in the Caribbean	



# INTERREG CARAÏBES PROJECTS: GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- **A cooperation project...:**
  - Brings together FCOR (Guadeloupe, Martinique, French Guiana, Saint-Martin)/non-FCOR partners
  - Lead partner based on FCOR
  - Cooperation : elaboration, implementation, staffing, financing of the project
  - Win-win project
- **... consistent with the programme cooperation strategy... :**
  - Eligible to identified priorities and type of actions
  - Eligible to EU and national regulation and horizontal principles
- **... may benefit from financial support from EU funds:**
  - ERDF cofinancing for FCOR-based partners
  - EDF cofinancing for ACP countries and territories (delegation of EDF credits)



# EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY INTERREG CARAÏBES 2014-2020



**Project Total cost:** 3,3 million €

Financial support from **INTERREG Caraïbes:** 1,1 million € ERDF

## Project objectives:

- strengthen the preparation of Caribbean territories and their resilience to the invasion of Sargassum algae
- create bodies and tools to facilitate the sharing of knowledge and know-how in the management of Sargassum seaweed strandings (international conference on sargassum in October 2019)
- create a Caribbean Warning and Monitoring Center in charge of remote sensing and measuring the quality of the air



# EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY INTERREG CARAÏBES 2014-2020



**Project Total cost:** 978 896€

**Financial support from INTERREG Caraïbes:**

450 453€ ERDF and 317 306€ EDF

## **Project objectives:**

- study the Sargassum brown algae and develop recovery methods and transform an environmental problem into economic opportunities.
- Optimize Sargassum collection methods
- process and use of biomass with a view to its valorization to produce goods with added value



EUROPEAN UNION



# EU MISSIONS

**RESTORE OUR OCEAN & WATERS**

**Concrete solutions for our greatest challenges**



#EUmissions #HorizonEU #MissionOcean



## WHAT ARE EUROPEAN MISSIONS?

- European Missions are a new way to bring **concrete solutions** to some of our **greatest challenges**
- They have **ambitious goals** and will deliver **concrete results** by 2030
- Each mission will operate as a **portfolio of actions** – such as research projects, policy measures or even legislative initiatives – to achieve a measurable goal that could not be achieved through individual actions





# MISSION OBJECTIVE AND TARGETS

## Restore our ocean and waters by 2030

**Protect and restore marine and freshwater ecosystems and biodiversity** in line with EU Biodiversity Strategy

Protect a minimum of 30% of the EU's sea area and integrate ecological corridors, as part of a true Trans-European Nature Network.

Strictly protect at least 10% of the EU's sea area

At least 25,000 km of free-flowing rivers are restored

Contribute to relevant upcoming marine nature restoration targets incl. degraded seabed habitats and coastal ecosystems

**Prevent and eliminate pollution of our ocean, seas and waters** in line with EU Action Plan towards Zero Pollution

Reduce by at least 50% plastic litter at sea

Reduce by at least 30% microplastics released into the environment

Reduce by at least 50% nutrient losses, the use and risk of chemical pesticides

**Make the Blue Economy carbon neutral and circular** in line with the European Climate Law

Eliminate greenhouse gas emissions from maritime economic activities in the EU and sequester those emissions that cannot be avoided (net zero maritime emissions)

Develop zero-carbon and low-impact aquaculture, and promote circular, low-carbon multi-purpose use of marine and water space.



## WP 2021 – MISSION OCEAN & WATERS ...adopted on 15 december 2021: main features

- ✓ Follows the **impact-driven logic** of Horizon Europe
- ✓ Supports major **EU policy objectives**, (e.g. EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030, Action Plan toward Zero pollution, COM on a Sustainable Blue Economy)
- ✓ Special focus on **«lighthouses»**: hubs for the development and deployment of transformative innovations (technological, social, business, governance) in **4 main basins**:
  - **Atlantic and Arctic sea basin**
  - **Baltic and North Sea basin**
  - **Mediterranean sea basin**
  - **Danube River basin**
- ✓ Based on the **Mission Board Starfish 2030 Report** and the **Mission Implementation Plan**
- ✓ Supports the Mission first phase: **«development and piloting»** for 2021-2025
- ✓ **Topics for 2021 only** – further WP amendmend for 2022 topics



## WP 2021 – MISSION OCEAN & WATERS ...adopted on 15 december 2021: main features (cont.)

- ✓ **3 calls** addressing 3 policy objectives and specific expected impacts
  - **Protect and restore marine and freshwater ecosystems and biodiversity**
  - **Prevent and eliminate pollution of our oceans, seas and waters**
  - **Sustainable, carbon-neutral and circular Blue economy**
- ✓ **1 call** supporting enabling activities: digital knowledge system, public engagement, foresights and other studies
- ✓ **Other actions:** Digital twin Ocean Infrastructure; Coordination activities - «lighthouses» implementation/coordination; technical assistance
- ✓ **Indicative budget 2021:** EUR 114 mio
- ✓ **Call deadline:** 12 April 2022

