

Interreg

Caraïbes



Co-funded by
the European Union
Cofinancé par
l'Union Européenne

KEY FIGURES OF THE 1ST CALL FOR PROJECTS

This report provides an overview of the main data concerning the 1st call for projects (AAP 1) of the INTERREG Caraïbes program 2021-2027, including information on the specific objectives (SO), the typology of partners and the requested budget. The call for projects was launched on December 12th, 2023, on all the program's priorities, **for a total amount of €29.3 million from ERDF-ETC (European Regional Development Fund / European Territorial Cooperation).**

On April 15th, 2024, the program received **30 projects** submitted via the Synergy-ETC information system, for an ERDF amount requested representing 170% of the funds available under this 1st call for projects (CFP1), thus attesting to the interest of the INTERREG Caraïbes program as a major support tool for cooperation in the area.

PRIORITY 1 "FOR A SMARTER, MORE INNOVATIVE AND MORE COMPETITIVE CARIBBEAN" GENERATES THE GREATEST INTEREST

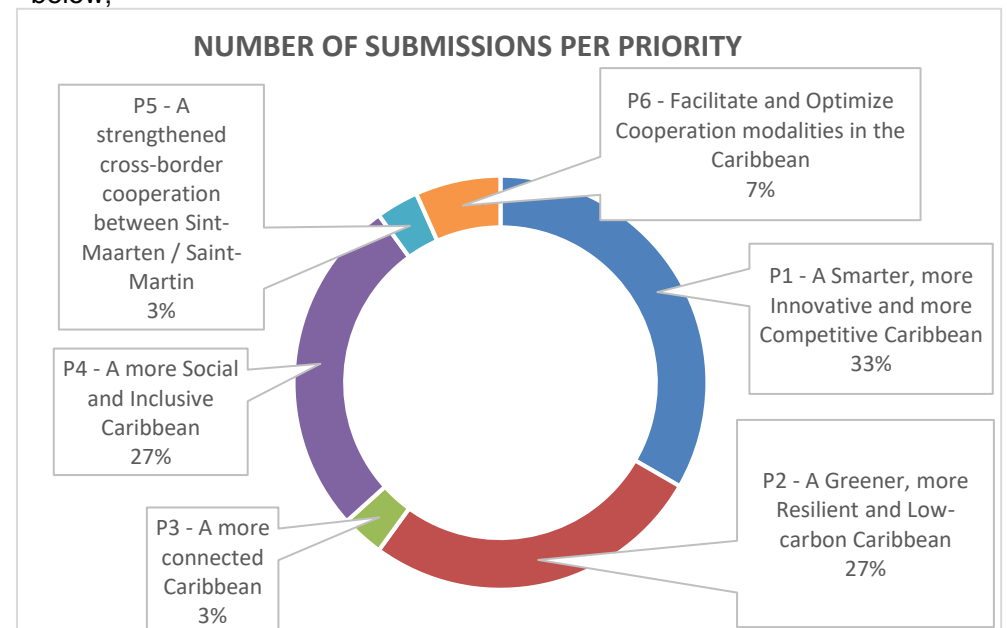
The 1st call for projects focused on the **6 priorities** and the 13 **specific objectives** of the program. **The INTERREG Caraïbes cooperation strategy 2021/2027 is as follows:**

- **Priority 1 - A SMARTER, MORE INNOVATIVE AND MORE COMPETITIVE CARIBBEAN**
 - SO 1 - Research, Development and Innovation
 - SO 2 - Development and competitiveness of SMEs
 - SO 3 - Digital connectivity
- **Priority 2 - FOR A GREENER, MORE RESILIENT AND LOW-CARBON CARIBBEAN**
 - SO 4 - Renewable Energies
 - SO 5 - Climate Change and Natural Disasters
 - SO 6 - Circular economy and waste management
 - SO 7 - Environment and Biodiversity
- **Priority 3 - FOR A MORE CONNECTED CARIBBEAN**
 - SO 8 - Sustainable mobility and strengthening connections
- **Priority 4 - FOR A MORE SOCIAL AND INCLUSIVE CARIBBEAN**
 - SO 9 - Primary training and mobility
 - SO10 - Social inclusion and the fight against poverty
 - SO 11 - Access to care and health systems' resilience
- **Priority 5 - FOR A STRENGTHENED CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION BETWEEN SAINT-MARTIN AND SINT-MAARTEN**
 - SO 12 - Saint-Martin / Sint-Maarten cross-border cooperation
- **Priority 6 - FACILITATE AND OPTIMIZE COOPERATION MODALITIES IN THE CARIBBEAN**
 - SO 13 - Facilitate and optimize cooperation modalities

Priority 1, devoted to the networking of research actors, and support for the development and internationalization of Caribbean companies, **received most of the submissions: 10 out of 30**. This trend highlights the interest of partner countries in the development of complementary expertise in the field of research and innovation and the structuring of the economic environment on a regional scale - in many sectors of interest to the Caribbean (energy, fisheries, aquaculture, agriculture, tourism, health, etc.).

At the same time, **priorities 2 and 4** also generated a great deal of interest, with 8 applications each submitted on issues such as the fight against vulnerability and natural risks, the protection of biodiversity and the fight against invasive foreign species on the one hand, and the strengthening of social inclusion, support for incoming and outgoing mobility throughout the Caribbean on the other hand.

The number of applications submitted and their weight on each priority are described below;



STRONG PARTICIPATION

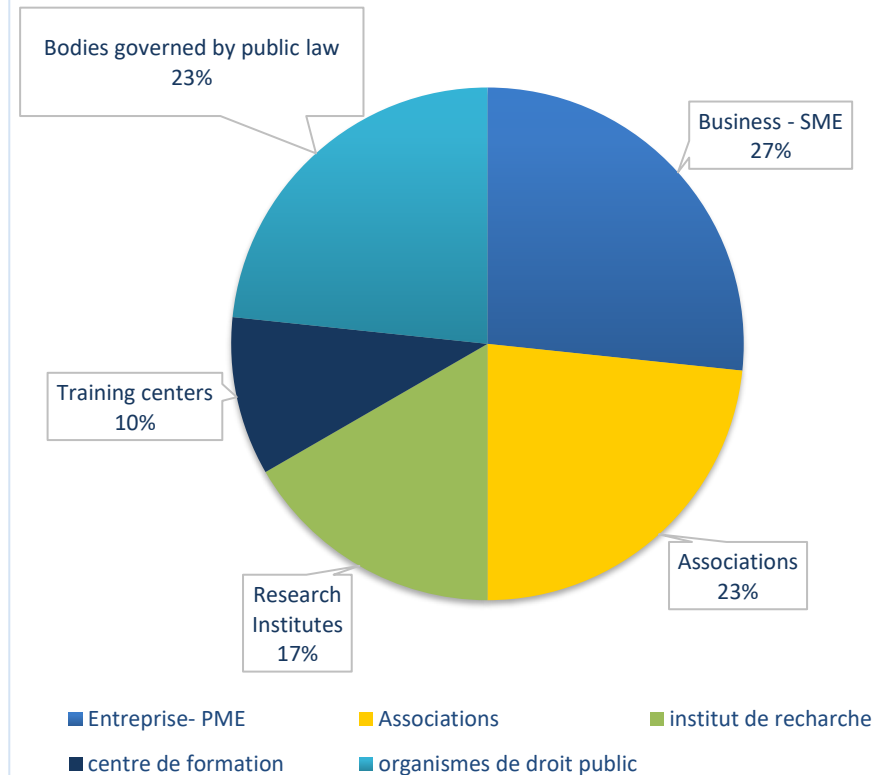
In accordance with the rules of the call for projects, only institutions located in one of the Outermost Regions (ORs), namely Guadeloupe, French Guiana, Martinique and Saint-Martin, can apply as a lead partner.

The 70 pre-applications submitted show great interest in the themes covered by this 1st call, in which **more than 120 institutions participated**.

A WIDE RANGE OF PROJECT LEADERS REPRESENTED

Among all the candidates, almost a third of the participants are private organizations. The second most represented type of organization is that of bodies governed by public law. University centers and research institutes have also been involved, particularly on Priority 4 - "for a more social and inclusive Caribbean".

ELIGIBLE PARTNERS

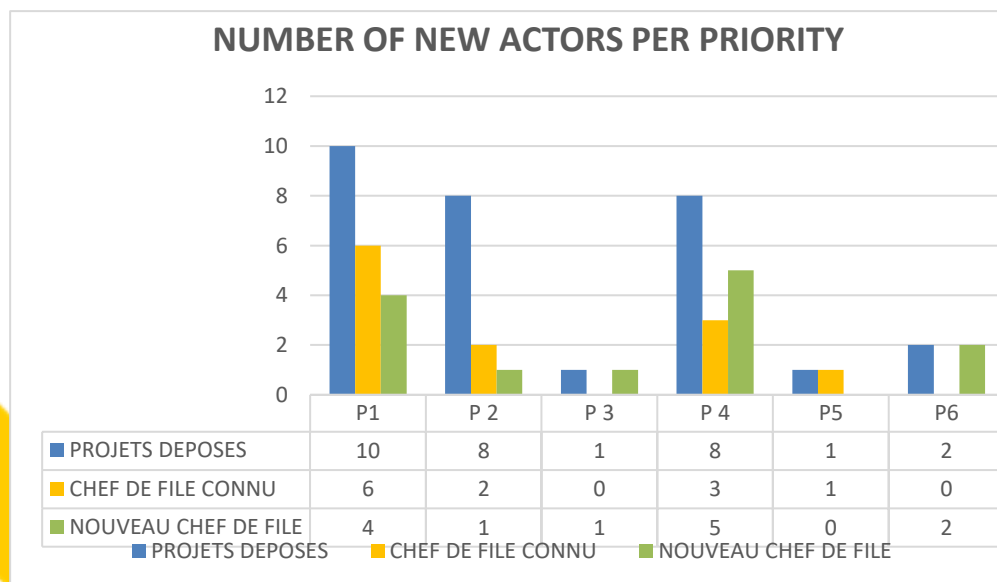


DIVERSITY OF CANDIDATES

In order to strengthen the impact of the program and the leverage effect of European funds, the participation of newcomers in the 1st call for projects was strongly encouraged.

This dynamic, which has been driven since the previous program, has allowed that **nearly 50% of the candidates were newcomers**. Many of these new actors are on priority 4, which concerns issues that have never been considered by the program until now, such as inclusion and the fight against poverty.

The following image shows the number of newcomers by priority.



PROJECTS AND SIZE OF THE PARTNERSHIP

The partnership of an INTERREG Caraïbes project must provide for at least the following:

- a lead partner (in charge of the project's administrative and financial coordination) located in an outermost region of the area (Guadeloupe, French Guiana, Martinique, Saint-Martin);
- a partner located in a non-European territory in the Caribbean.

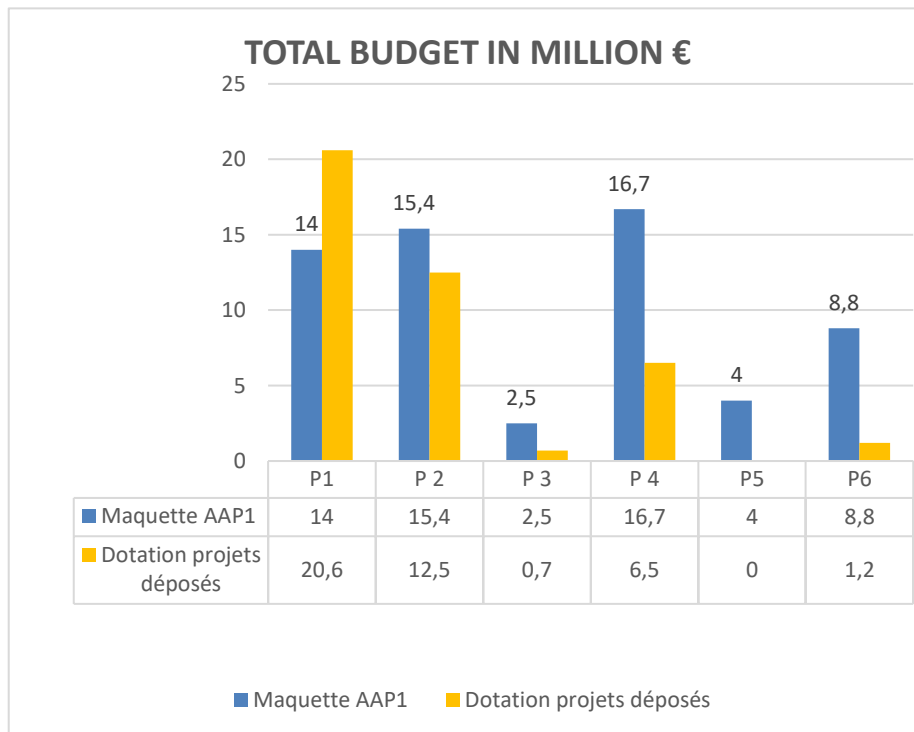
The projects have an average of four partners from outside the EU, despite their ineligibility for direct financial support from the ERDF-ETC. The win-win dimension of the projects and their co-development have therefore made it possible to federate structuring partnerships in the Caribbean region. The following table shows the geographical distribution of partnerships.

Guadeloupe	22	Mexico	1
French Guiana	4	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	3
Martinique	23	Anguilla	1
Sint-Maarten	5	Costa Rica	3
Saint-Lucia	6	Trinidad and Tobago	4
Cuba	10	Colombia	2
Dominican Republic	7	Barbados	4
Haiti	5	Bonaire	1
St. Kitts & Nevis	2	Belize	1
Dominica	5	Jamaica	5

FONDS DISPONIBLES POUR LES PROJETS SÉLECTIONNÉS

The overall budget for the call for projects amounted to €29.3 million from ERDF-ETC, with an ERDF co-financing rate of 85%.

The ERDF amounts initially requested at the time of projects' submissions, represent 170% of the amount available under the call for projects. Indeed, the total amount of the applications received by the JS (Joint Secretariat) far exceeds the funds available to the CFP1, **with total financial requests reaching over 48.2 million euros.**



In accordance with the procedures defined by the program, the projects submitted were subject to a selection process in several stages:

- **1 - Examination of aid applications** by the JS in order to assess their admissibility and eligibility;
- **2 - Qualitative evaluation of projects** by the representatives of the partnership of the INTERREG Caraïbes program and ranking of aid applications;
- **3- Decision of the Steering Committee**, composed of representatives of the partnership and whose mission is to ensure the selection of operations.

In general, the objective is to assess the enthusiastic response of all the candidates in the context of this 1st call for projects, and their mobilization within a constrained timetable. The entire partnership is proud to support the implementation of innovative projects that contribute to development and cooperation in the Caribbean.

RESULTATS COMITE DE PILOTAGE N°1 PO 2021-2027

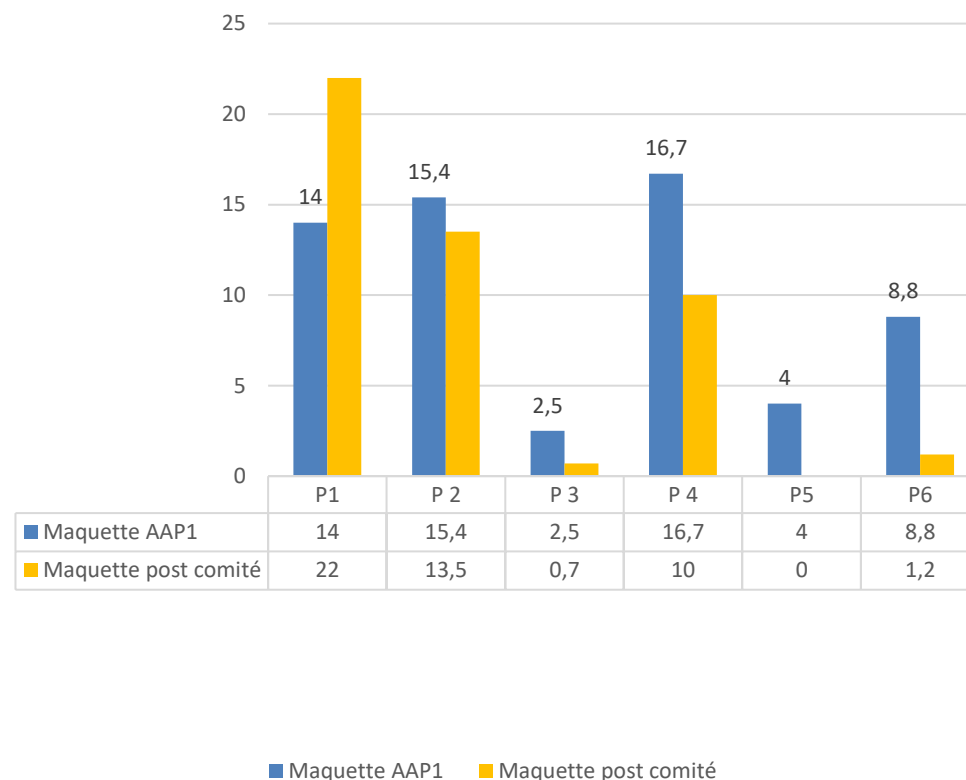
Le 1er comité de pilotage INTERREG Caraïbes s'est tenu le 04 juillet 2024 en Guyane. Il a été présidé par Gabriel SERVILLE, Président de la Collectivité de Guyane, en présence de La Région Guadeloupe, Autorité de gestion du programme ainsi que les représentants des collectivités territoriales de Martinique et de Saint-Martin, les représentants des organisations régionales caribéennes OECO, AEC, CARIFORUM et les représentants de l'Etat,

Les membres du comité de pilotage décident ainsi de la sélection des projets, y compris des montants alloués aux bénéficiaires. Le comité de sélection veille à ce que la totalité des projets sélectionnés contribuent aux orientations définies par le Programme opérationnel.

A l'issue de ce premier comité de pilotage, 15 projets ont été retenus, marquant le lancement officiel de la programmation 2021- 2027.

Découvrez les projets approuvés dans le tableau des opérations approuvées par le comité ci-dessous :

GLOBAL BUDGET IN MILLION €



APPROVED PROJECTS- Steering Committee July 2024

Projets	Priorité	OS	Chef de file	Montant éligible	Montant FEDER
CARIAN	P1 - Une Caraïbe plus intelligente et plus innovante	OS 1 -RECHERCHE, DEVELOPPEMENT ET INNOVATION	Karusphere	1 341 286,57	1 140 093,58
CARIBSAN 2	P1 - Une Caraïbe plus intelligente et plus innovante	OS 1 -RECHERCHE, DEVELOPPEMENT ET INNOVATION	OFFICE DE L'EAU MARTINIQUE	7 541 464,86	4 889 559,86
DOSCAR 2	P1 - Une Caraïbe plus intelligente et plus innovante	OS 1 -RECHERCHE, DEVELOPPEMENT ET INNOVATION	Centre Hospitalier Universitaire de Martinique - Hôpital Pierre Zobda Quitman	2 287 582,00	1 944 444,70
MAGHIC 2	P1 - Une Caraïbe plus intelligente et plus innovante	OS 1 -RECHERCHE, DEVELOPPEMENT ET INNOVATION	FARWIND ENERGY GUADELOUPE	3 406 582,30	2 200 000,00
OHADAC CARO	P1 - Une Caraïbe plus intelligente et plus innovante	OS 2 -DEVELOPPEMENT ET COMPETITIVITE DES PME	ACP LEGAL	3 328 261,00	2 820 521,85
READY 360° - Phase 2	P1 - Une Caraïbe plus intelligente et plus innovante	OS 1 -RECHERCHE, DEVELOPPEMENT ET INNOVATION	PIRAC Croix-Rouge française	5 413 200,00	4 560 000,00
Adapt & React	P2 - Une Caraïbe plus verte, plus résiliente et à faibles émissions carbone	OS5- CHANGEMENT CLIMATIQUE ET CATASTROPHES NATURELLES	Université des Antilles	1 150 682,89	978 080,46
CAMAC 2	P2 - Une Caraïbe plus verte, plus résiliente et à faibles émissions carbone	OS7- ENVIRONNEMENT ET BIODIVERSITE	OFFICE FRANCAIS DE LA BIODIVERSITE	4 865 993,43	3 162 895,73
CARIPORTS II	P2 - Une Caraïbe plus verte, plus résiliente et à faibles émissions carbone	OS5- CHANGEMENT CLIMATIQUE ET CATASTROPHES NATURELLES	GRAND PORT MARITIME DE LA GUADELOUPE	2 023 821,93	1 720 248,64
CIMBA	P2 - Une Caraïbe plus verte, plus résiliente et à faibles émissions carbone	OS7- ENVIRONNEMENT ET BIODIVERSITE	CARIBAEA INITIATIVE	605 315,40	514 518,00
Ready Together Extension	P2 - Une Caraïbe plus verte, plus résiliente et à faibles émissions carbone	OS5- CHANGEMENT CLIMATIQUE ET CATASTROPHES NATURELLES	PIRAC Croix-Rouge française	2 780 175,79	2 363 149,42
Boots IAG	P3 - Une Caraïbe plus connectée	OS 8 - MOBILITE DURABLE, INTELLIGENTE ET TRANSFRONTALIERE	GRAND PORT MARITIME DE GUYANE	858 395,00	729 633,75
2GAITHIER	P4 - Une Caraïbe plus sociale et plus inclusive	OS- 10 INCLUSION SOCIALE ET LUTTE CONTRE LA PAUVRETE	Metis'gwa	1 312 951,40	1 115 923,69
MAESTRO	P4 - Une Caraïbe plus sociale et plus inclusive	OS-9 FORMATION INITIALE ET INSERTION DES JEUNES	LB DEVELOPPEMENT OUTRE-MER	1 978 782,00	1 681 964,70
Vie Caraïbes	P4 - Une Caraïbe plus sociale et plus inclusive	OS-9 FORMATION INITIALE ET INSERTION DES JEUNES	France Volontaires antenne Antilles Caraïbes	1 704 570,00	1 448 884,50
TOTAL				40 599 064,57 €	31 269 918,88 €