

	Migration (methodology for tagging under development)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Reduction of Inequalities (methodology for marker and tagging under development)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Covid-19	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BUDGET INFORMATION				
12. Amounts concerned	Budget line(s) (article, item): 14.050200.01 - Territorial Programme Total estimated cost: EUR 2.9 million Total amount of EU budget contribution: EUR 2.9 million for budget support, of which, <ul style="list-style-type: none">• EUR 2.6 million for budget support and,• EUR 300 000 for complementary support in form of technical assistance (TA).			
MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION				
13. Type of financing	Direct management through: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Budget support: Sector Reform Performance Contract- Procurement			

1.2 Summary of the Action

The Sint Eustatius Multiannual Indicative Programme (MIP)¹ on sustainable agriculture will be implemented through one single Action of EUR 2.9 million with the public entity of Sint Eustatius (with EUR 2.6 million earmarked for budget support and EUR 300 000 for complementary support) over the period 2023-2026. The implementation will be carried by the Directorate of Economy, Nature and Infrastructure.

By identifying sustainable agriculture as the main priority area, the Action is fully in line with the framework of cooperation established by the Decision on the Overseas Association, including Greenland (DOAG)².

The policy framework lies in the ‘Nature and Environment Policy Plan for the Caribbean Netherlands 2020-2030’ (NEPP)³. Its Implementation Agenda for Sint Eustatius⁴ constitutes the formal policy guiding the Action, aiming at achieving the sustainable use of land and water for the development of the local economy, including investing in sustainable local food production. Protection of biodiversity is also emphasised through actions addressing land degradation, water resources and restoration of coral reefs.

The NEPP is complemented by the ‘Vision for Sustainable Agriculture on Sint Eustatius’, adopted by the Executive Council in February 2022. The Vision promotes a circular, nature-inclusive and regenerative approach to sustainable agriculture that is fully compatible with the preservation of biodiversity.

The Action will support the development of a sustainable agriculture that contributes to a healthy natural environment, ensures basic food security and creates economic opportunities. The relevance of pursuing an agricultural policy to strengthen food security and the social and economic resilience of Sint Eustatius is heightened by its vulnerability to external threats such as extreme weather events or as seen during the COVID-19 pandemic. This volatility exacerbated by climate change therefore reinforces the argument to support a strong agriculture policy and food security. Furthermore, biodiversity is another concern that will be tackled through agriculture thanks to a sustainable management of natural resources.

¹ https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2021-12/mip-2021-c2021-9164-oct-annex-8-st-eustatius_en.pdf

² [Council Decision \(EU\) 2021/1764 of 5 October 2021 on the Association of the Overseas Countries and Territories with the European Union including relations between the European Union on the one hand, and Greenland and the Kingdom of Denmark on the other](#) (OJ of 7.10.2021; L355,6).

³ <https://english.rijksdienstcn.com/agriculture-nature-and-food-quality/documents/leaflets/agriculture-horticulture-and-livestock/nature-policy-plan/nature-policy-plan/nature-and-environment-policy-plan-caribbean-netherlands-2020-2030>

⁴ <https://www.statiagovernment.com/documents/reports/2022/02/08/implementation-agenda-for-nature--environment-policy>