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	Covid-19	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>BUDGET INFORMATION</b>				
<b>12. Amounts concerned</b>	Budget line (article, item): 14.050200.02 – Regional Programme Total estimated cost: EUR 21 000 000 Total amount of EU budget contribution EUR 21 000 000 The contribution is for an amount of EUR 12 898 735 from the general budget of the European Union for 2024 and for an amount of EUR 8 101 265 from the general budget of the European Union for 2025, subject to the availability of appropriations for the respective financial years following the adoption of the relevant annual budget, or as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths.			
<b>MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION</b>				
<b>13. Type of financing</b>	<b>Direct management</b> (grants) according to the section 4.3.1 <b>Indirect management</b> with entity(ies) to be selected in accordance with the criteria set out in section 4.3.2.			

## 1.2 Summary of the Action

The Regional Multiannual Indicative Programme for Caribbean Overseas Countries and Territories for the period 2021-2027<sup>1</sup> will be implemented through one single action of EUR 21 000 000 and intended to strengthen the sustainable management of the Caribbean OCTs' natural capital.

The 20<sup>th</sup> OCTs-EU Forum in February 2024 in Brussels injected a new momentum into the OCTs-EU partnership and confirmed that the OCTs are part of the EU's geostrategic agenda. In this context, sargassum is of high interest for Caribbean OCTs as the disproportionate standing of this algae due to ocean warming (linked to climate change), and to excessive nutrients influx into the ocean, is affecting now many coastlines and marine ecosystems, generating problems for tourism and fisheries, the main assets of OCTs' economies.

The Action will focus on the following interrelated areas of intervention:

- **the strengthening of food and nutrition security**
- **the protection, restoration and good management of biodiversity, including management of invasive species (cfr sargassum)** with special attention to water management in both areas and with a cross-cutting objective of strengthening regional cooperation.

The enhancement of agriculture and fisheries' production and the strengthening of food and nutrition security will contribute to reduce the vulnerability of islands to possible disruptions in supply chains and economic crises. The specific characteristics of OCTs (including small size, remoteness, limited resource base, and reliance on imported products) make them highly vulnerable to external economic shocks as well as global environmental and climate issues. Specific attention is to be given on integrated water management for addressing long-term water needs and fostering best practices, notably on efficient water use in agriculture use and the safe re-use of treated water for agricultural production.

<sup>1</sup> [https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2022-11/mip-2022-c2022-8303-caribbean-oct-annex\\_en.pdf](https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2022-11/mip-2022-c2022-8303-caribbean-oct-annex_en.pdf)