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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The OCTs do not form part of the territory of the EU, however, they benefit from an associate status conferred on them by the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU). The OCTs' "eligibility by principle" to EU programmes, other than the European Development Fund (EDF), was granted by the 2013 Overseas Association Decision (OAD) that came into force on 1 January 2014.

The overall objective of this report is to provide OCTA and its members an update to the first report on their participation in the EU programmes, extending the period from 1 January 2014 until 31 July 2020.

TABLE 1: STATE OF PLAY BY OCT

	EU programmes	N° of projects	N° of benef.	EU funding to OCTs	Total EU funding to OCTs
Anguilla	Horizon 2020	4	2	879 763	911 019
	Erasmus+	12	2	31 256	
Aruba	Erasmus+	33	11	1 220 526	1 402 533
	European Solidarity Corps	4	2	182 007	
Bonaire	Erasmus+	1	1	14 876	14 876
British Virgin Islands	Erasmus+	6	2	0	168 553
	Horizon 2020	1	1	168 553	
Cayman Islands	Erasmus+	2	1	38 780	38 780
Curaçao	Erasmus+	22	4	888 806	947 965
	European Solidarity Corps	3	1	59 159	
French Polynesia	COSME	1	1	253 754	1 590 507
	Erasmus+	22	10	1 303 459	
	European Solidarity Corps	1	1	16 582	
	Horizon 2020	3	2	16 712	
French Southern and Antarctic Territories (TAAF)	Interreg Indian Ocean	3	1	1 575 269	1 575 269
Greenland	Erasmus+	17	15	565 225	3 081 563
	Horizon 2020	15	6	2 178 061	
	Interreg NPA	12	6	338 277	
Montserrat	Erasmus+	5	2	0	0
New Caledonia	COSME	1	1	394 437	2 189 415
	Erasmus+	33	5	904 735	
	Horizon 2020	5	4	890 243	
Saba	Erasmus+	3	3	34 064	34 064
St-Barthelemy	Interreg Caribbean	3	2	0	0
Sint Eustatius	Erasmus+	4	4	113 224	113 224
	Interreg Caribbean	1	1	0	
Sint Maarten	Erasmus+	38	6	385 305	385 305
	Interreg Caribbean	3	3	0	
Turks and Caicos Islands	Erasmus+	3	1	35 304	35 304
	Interreg Caribbean	1	1	0	
Total OCTs		234	130	12 488 376	12 488 376

TABLE 2: STATE OF PLAY BY EU PROGRAMME

	N° of projects	N° of benef.	EU funding to projects	EU funding to OCTs	% of project funds to OCT
COSME	1	2	7 487 590	648 191	8.7%
French Polynesia	1	1	7 487 590	253 754	3.4%
New Caledonia	1	1	7 487 590	394 437	5.3%
Erasmus+	177	95	13 693 776	5 535 560	40.4%
Aruba	33	11	4 523 145	1 220 526	27.0%
Bonaire	1	1	29 751	14 876	50.0%
British Virgin Islands	6	2	268 492	0	0.0%
Cayman Islands	2	1	69 769	38 780	55.6%
Curaçao	22	4	1 041 319	888 806	85.4%
French Polynesia	22	10	2 569 701	1 303 459	50.7%
Greenland	17	8	2 027 549	565 225	27.9%
Montserrat	5	2	0	0	0.0%
New Caledonia	33	5	1 193 120	904 735	75.8%
Saba	3	3	100 640	34 064	33.8%
St Eustatius	4	4	113 224	113 224	100%
Sint Maarten	38	6	1 234 968	385 305	30.0%
Turks and Caicos Islands	2	1	398 183	35 304	8.9%
European Solidarity Corps	8	4	257 748	257 748	100%
Aruba	4	2	182 007	182 007	100%
Curaçao	3	1	59 159	59 159	100%
French Polynesia	1	1	16 582	16 582	100%
Horizon 2020	27	15	158 414 944	4 133 331	2.6%
Anguilla	4	2	7 536 715	879 763	11.7%
British Virgin Islands	1	1	5 395 296	168 553	3.1%
French Polynesia	3	2	20 138 801	16 712	0.1%
Greenland	15	6	92 075 757	2 178 060	2.4%
New Caledonia	5	4	45 232 583	890 243	1.9%
Interreg Caribbean	6	7	9 007 725	0	0%
Saint-Barthelemy	3	2	4 139 809	0	0.0%
Sint Eustatius	1	1	1 356 666	0	0.0%
Sint Maarten	3	3	3 846 286	0	0.0%
Turks and Caicos Islands	1	1	2 320 700	0	0.0%
Interreg Indian Ocean	3	1	1 575 269	1 575 269	100.0%
French Southern and Antarctic Territories (TAAF)	3	1	1 575 269	1 575 269	100.0%
Interreg Northern Periphery and Arctic	12	6	9 581 655	338 277	3.5%
Greenland	12	6	9 581 655	338 277	3.5%
Total OCTs	234	130	200 018 707	12 488 376	6.2%

In addition, the OCTs took part in the BEST 2.0 programme, which was specially designed to support the conservation of biodiversity in the OCTs. This programme is funded through the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI).

TABLE 3: STATE OF PLAY - BEST 2.0 PROGRAMME

1. Approach by OCT

	N° of projects	EU funding to OCTs
Anguilla	2	494 831
Aruba	2	297 985
Ascension Island	1	197 067
Bermuda	2	196 401
Bonaire	2	149 534
British Indian Ocean Territory	1	89 107
British Virgin Islands	1	51 000
Cayman Islands	1	99 880
Curaçao	1	91 657
Iles Falkland	1	97 065
French Polynesia	12	966 849
French Southern and Antarctic Territories (TAAF)	7	916 522
Greenland	1	296 383
Montserrat	1	88 810
New Caledonia	8	862 132
Saba	1	98 871
Saint-Barthelemy	1	100 000
Saint Helena	3	240 307
Saint-Pierre and Miquelon	1	20 277
Sint Eustatius	0	0
Sint Maarten	1	49 945
South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands	1	398 731
Tristan da Cunha	1	98 750
Turks and Caicos Islands	2	99 917
Wallis and Futuna	2	194 465

2. Six cooperation projects involving more than one OCT

	EU funding to OCTs		
Caribbean	831 463		
Anguilla (UK), Saint-Barthelemy (FR), Sint Eustatius (NL) ¹	99 454		
Aruba (NL), Curaçao (NL), Sint Maarten (NL) ²	0		
Saba (NL), Sint Eustatius (NL), Sint Maarten (NL), Turks and Caicos Islands (UK) ³	333 468		
British Virgin Islands (UK), Cayman Islands (UK), Montserrat (UK), Turks and Caicos Islands (UK) ⁴	398 541		
Pacific	799 897		
New Caledonia (FR), Wallis and Futuna (FR) ⁵	400 000		
French Polynesia (FR), New Caledonia (FR), Pitcairn (UK), Wallis and Futuna (FR) ⁶	399 897		
Total – cooperation projects	1 631 360		
Total OCTs – Best 2.0	61	79	7 785 370

1 - The project is entitled 'Lesser Antillean Iguana' (factsheet not available).

2 - The project is entitled 'Best of Bats' (factsheet not available). Given the extensive damage caused by hurricanes Maria and Irma in September 2017 the project was terminated. None of the activities foreseen were implemented.

3 - The project is entitled 'RESCQ': see [IUCN factsheet](#).

4 - The project is entitled 'Securing pockets of paradise in the Caribbean': see [IUCN factsheet](#).

5 - The project is entitled 'BIOPELAGOS': see [IUCN factsheet](#).

6 - The project is entitled 'Pacific Biodiversity Blue Belt': see [IUCN factsheet](#).



1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Background

1.1.1. The Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs)

The Overseas Countries and Territories of the European Union (OCTs) made up a group of 25 countries and territories, which, despite a certain number of differences (in terms of relative wealth, geographical characteristics, physical isolation and internal political organisation), have a lot in common, e.g. remoteness, insular micro-economies, a rich biodiversity, etc. As a consequence of the withdrawal of the UK from the European Union, from 1 February 2020, the 12 UK Overseas Territories are no longer Overseas Countries and Territories associated to the European Union.

The OCTs face a variety of economic and social challenges in their pursuit of sustainable development. Their total cumulated population is approximately 1.2 million inhabitants. Four OCTs do not have a permanent local population⁷.

1.1.2. The Association of the OCTs with the European Union

The OCTs depend constitutionally on four European Union Member States: Denmark, France, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom⁸. Although the OCTs do not form part of the EU territory, they have been associated to the EU since the very beginning, i.e. the signing of the Treaty of Rome in 1957.

This means that the OCTs are not directly subject to EU law, but they benefit from an associate status given to them by the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU)⁹. The current detailed rules and procedures for the association are laid down in the Council Decision 2013/755/EU of 25 November 2013 (Overseas Association Decision, OAD)¹⁰ that came into force on 1 January 2014.

The purpose of the association is to establish a partnership aiming at supporting the OCTs' sustainable development. It relies on three key pillars: (1) enhancing competitiveness, (2) strengthening resilience and reducing vulnerability, and (3) promoting cooperation and integration between the OCTs and other partners and neighbouring regions.

Following the UK's withdrawal from the European Union, the 12 UK Overseas Territories will no longer be associated to the EU.

7 - These are the French Southern Antarctic Lands (TAAF), the British Antarctic Territory, the British Indian Ocean Territory and South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands.

8 - Currently there are 1 Danish OCT, 6 French OCTs, 6 Dutch OCTs and 12 British OCTs.

9 - See Articles 198 to 204 of Part IV of the TFEU known as the Lisbon Treaty.

10 - Council Decision 2013/755/EU of 25 November 2013 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Union ('Overseas Association Decision').

1.1.3. The Overseas Countries and Territories Association (OCTA)

During the second OCT Ministerial Conference in September 2002 in Bonaire, the governments of the OCTs made the political decision to establish the Overseas Countries and Territories Association (OCTA)¹¹. In March 2003 OCTA was registered in Belgium by the governments of 13 OCTs as a not-for-profit association (ASBL).

Up to 2020, 22 out of the 25 OCTs are members of OCTA, i.e. all the permanently inhabited territories (21) as well as the French Southern Antarctic Lands (TAAF). Only the three British Overseas Territories without a permanent local population are not part of OCTA.

OCTA provides a forum to develop effective working relationships with the EU and support the collective interests of its members in several co-operation areas of the EU-OCT association. These include cooperation on: trade, financial services, climate change and environmental issues, human and social development, and regional cooperation.

OCTA's highest decision-making organ is the Ministerial Conference which consists of the representatives (Heads of Government or delegates) of each member government. Day-to-day management is the responsibility of the Executive Committee (ExCo). ExCo maintains daily contact and working relationship with the other OCTA members, EU institutions and other relevant partners for the benefit of the Association as a whole, and reports to its members.

1.1.4. Eligibility of the OCTs to EU programmes

The full eligibility of OCTs was established in the 2013 Overseas Association Decision (OAD), which states that 'OCTs shall be eligible for [...] the Union programmes and instruments provided for in the Union's general budget', and that 'natural persons from an OCTs [...] and, where applicable, the relevant public and/or private bodies and institutions in an OCTs, shall be eligible for participation in and funding from Union programmes, subject to the rules and objectives of the programmes and possible arrangements applicable to the Member State to which the OCT is linked' (Article 94).

Therefore, the OCTs are eligible by principle to participate and receive funding from EU programmes such as the research and innovation framework programme (Horizon 2020), the programme for the competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises (COSME), the education and training programmes (Erasmus+), the cultural and audio-visual programmes (Creative Europe), etc., reflecting their status as members of the European family.

11 - OCTA website: <http://www.octassociation.org/>

1.1.5. Actual access of the OCTs to the EU programmes

In February 2016, the Ministerial Conference gave a mandate to OCTA's Executive Committee (ExCo) to raise awareness in Europe about OCTs and, in parallel, enhance OCTs' awareness of the European Union "horizontal programmes".

The Executive Committee objectives as set out in the OCTA strategy 2015-2020 were to:

- Engage in dialogue with the services of the European Commission to favour OCTs' participation in EU programmes if their scope and eligibility conditions match OCTs' interests and capacities;
- Promote better knowledge of OCTs among EU institutions so that OCTs' interests are taken into account in the elaboration of EU programmes, thus facilitating their participation therein.
- Engage in dialogue with the EU Member States to identify success stories, local experiences and benchmark possibilities with other EU stakeholders.

The access to EU programmes by the OCTs has increased remarkably since the first edition of this report. OCTs were involved in 126 projects in 2018, as of July 2020 figure, they are participating in 262 projects.

Currently, there is a growing awareness among the OCTs regarding the existence of European funding opportunities, and they are finding ways to develop projects that are successful and contribute to their development strategy.

1.2. Presentation of the report

1.2.1. Objectives

The overall objective of this report is for OCTA and its members to update the first report on their participation in the EU programmes, extending the period from 1 January 2014 until 31 July 2020, in order to gain a better understanding of the participation rates in EU programmes from their territories.

The specific report objectives are as follows:

- To help the OCTs finalise their annual implementation report, not least the chapter on their participation in Union programmes;
- Establish a baseline against which the evolution of OCTs' participation in Union programmes as well as the efficacy of OCTA's support actions can be measured;
- Inform the services of the European Commission of the challenges and opportunities stemming from OCTs' participation in Union programmes.

1.2.2. Scope of the report

The present report provides a detailed overview of OCTs' participation in EU programmes for the period from 1 January 2014 until 31 July 2020.

In line with OCTA's Strategic Plan 2015-2020, special attention was paid to research and innovation, support to SMEs, education, training and mobility, and the environment, which are topics of outmost importance for the OCTs.

The report focuses on the following EU programmes:

- The EU framework programme for research and innovation (Horizon 2020);
- The EU programme for the competitiveness of enterprises and small and medium-sized enterprises (COSME);
- The Union programme for education, training, youth and sport (Erasmus+);
- The three Interreg transnational cooperation programmes (known as Interreg B) in which the OCTs may participate¹², meaning Interreg Caribbean Area, Interreg Indian Ocean Area and Interreg Northern Periphery and Arctic;
- The European Solidarity Corps.
- The programme for the environment and climate action (LIFE)

12 - See <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32014D0388&from=FR>.

- The Creative Europe programme (incl. the MEDIA sub-programme, the CULTURE sub-programme and the cross-sectoral strand);
- The Europe for Citizens programme;
- The EU Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI);

Although the BEST 2.0 programme is not as such an EU horizontal programme, projects funded under this Union programme have also been considered since the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI) is funded from the EU budget, unlike the European Development Fund. This second edition of the report does not reflect any new projects, as there have been no new projects selected since July 2018. The most recent call was published in September 2020, therefore the selected projects will be reflected in the next edition of this report.

1.2.3. Structure of the report

The present report is organised around four main parts:

- **Part I:** information on the participation of OCTs in each EU programme mentioned above.
- **Part II:** factsheets on the individual OCT engagement in those programmes.
- **Part III:** main conclusions and recommendations from the report.
- **Part IV:** information of the authorities responsible for managing the EU programmes, contacted during the research.

1.2.4. Main sources of information

The present report is an update of the first participation report, which was produced by OCTA in 2018.

The report is primarily based on desk research and analysis of data covering the period from 1 January 2014 until 31 July 2020. The whole exercise was conducted during the period May-October 2020 (6 months).

The bulk of the information was retrieved from the databases of the European Commission, for instance:

- The Community Research and Development Information service (CORDIS)¹³;
- The COSME data hub¹⁴;
- The Erasmus+ Project Results Platform¹⁵;

13 - CORDIS: <https://cordis.europa.eu/>.

14 - COSME data hub: <https://cosme.easme-web.eu/>.

15 - Erasmus+ Project Results Platform: <https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects/>.

- The Creative Europe Project Results Platform¹⁶;
- The Europe for Citizens Project Results Platform¹⁷.
- The European Solidarity Corps Projects database¹⁸

In addition, communication channels were established with the relevant programme authorities, either at European or national levels. The list of the organisations contacted can be found in Part V of the report. Regarding the BEST 2.0 programme, the data were communicated by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) which is responsible for the programme implementation.

1.2.5. Main challenges encountered

The main challenges encountered during the exercise can be summarised as follows:

- ***Institutional capacity to monitor OCTs involvement in EU-funded projects:***
 - The public authorities of OCTs are not systematically informed of all the EU projects taking place on their territory, as they are often not the direct beneficiaries of these projects¹⁹.
 - EU programme authorities are not prepared to deliver granular level data on OCTs as partners in their projects, as it is not a typical data harvesting at national level. Many of the relationships created during the development of the first report were continued for this edition, benefiting from the awareness created.
- ***Data access:***
 - In some cases, EU programme managing authorities and intermediary structures showed low responsiveness and a certain reluctance to share detailed information on the projects, especially the budget breakdown at beneficiary level. This could be due to the fact that OCTA does not have a mandate from the European Commission for this type of activities.
 - In rare cases, lack of response and/ or unwillingness from some relevant authorities to cooperate at all which prevented or slowed down considerably the collection of information.
- ***Data completeness and quality:***
 - In EU programme datasets, project partners are categorised based on a geocode standard for referencing the subdivisions of countries for statistical purposes. This standard is outlined in the Eurostat regulation. However, since this regulation does not apply to OCTs, it was not immediately clear how OCTs are categorised in the EU programme datasets.

16 - Creative Europe Project Results Platform: <http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/creative-europe/projects>.

17 - Europe for Citizens Project Results Platform: <http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/europe-for-citizens/projects/>.

18 - European Solidarity Corps Projects database: https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity/projects_en

19 - This issue is not specific to OCTs, as this type of detailed information is not collected systematically by Member States. OCTs also have limited institutional and administrative capacity to retrieve detailed and accurate data about those EU initiatives.

- Often the partners from OCTs are marked as their Member State in databases, in most cases due to the fact that they register as the Member State, because the OCT does not appear as an option. Identification of OCT partners in those cases required an extremely detailed approach to research. Nonetheless, there might be additional projects, incorrectly categorised, that were not found for this edition of the report.
- Retrieving data from EU programmes automatically is not currently possible. Thus, all data collected for the purposes of this report had to be aggregated and structured manually. In practice that meant analysing data from the monitoring systems of a dozen programmes, i.e. approximately 30 databases to check for 25 OCTs.
- There exist certain discrepancies between the data available at national and EU levels. This is mostly due to differences between the financial commitments and the actual payments to beneficiaries (which may be lower than what was originally foreseen)²⁰.

In addition, regarding the Erasmus+ programme, the challenges faced were higher as the management of most of the programme is entrusted to National Agencies:

- For all projects, the budget breakdown at beneficiary level is not publicly available on the Erasmus+ Platform²¹. So, when an OCT partner is part of a consortium, it is not possible to know the exact amount of EU funding allocated to each beneficiary.
- The management of the programme is usually divided between Formal Education and Youth/Sport, each of them is managed by a separate Agency. This means that most of the participating countries have two education agencies managing Erasmus+ projects (four agencies in the case of Belgium and Germany).
- Erasmus+ National Agencies only have access to the data of projects whose lead organisation is based in their territory. Therefore, 37 National Agencies based in 22 Member States were contacted to facilitate the data collection part of this work.
- When requesting further information from the National Agencies, some were reluctant to share detailed information on the projects, especially the budget breakdown at beneficiary level.
- In rare cases, some National Agencies never responded or refused to cooperate at all.

The information provided is accurate to the best of the author's knowledge. OCTA assumes no responsibility or liability for any errors or omissions in the content of the report.

20 - To ensure a harmonised approach all figures quoted in the report are taken from the data warehouse of the EC. Nevertheless, financial data figured in this report should be treated with caution, as many projects are still ongoing.

21 - Erasmus+ Project Results Platform: <https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects/>.



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2.1. EU framework programme for research and innovation – Horizon 2020

2.1.1. Territorial approach

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Greenland	15	6	1	2 178 060	92 075 757	2.4%
France	7²²	6	1	906 955	53 407 176	1.7%
French Polynesia	3	2	0	16 712	20 138 801	0.1%
New Caledonia	5	4	1	890 243	46 520 583	1.9%
United Kingdom	5	3	1	1 048 316	12 932 011	8.0%
Anguilla	4	2	1	879 763	7 536 715	11.7%
British Virgin Islands	1	1	0	168 553	5 395 296	3.1%
Netherlands	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%

22 - There is 1 project involving partners from French Polynesia and New Caledonia (<https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/734548>)

2.1.2. Organisation approach

	N° of project	EU funding to OCT
Anguilla	4	879 763
Ladar Limited	1	322 000
Offshore Navigation Limited	3	557 763
British Virgin Islands	1	168 553
Lancaster Exploration Limited	1	168 553
French Polynesia	3	16 712
Clarion-Clipperton Zone – CCZ	2	0
Institut Louis Malardé (ILM)	1	16 712
Greenland	15	2 178 060
First Investigations Asiaq (ASIAQ MISISSUEQQAARNERIT)	1	99 996
Greenland Institute of Natural Resources	10	1 664 369
Greenland National Museum & Archive	1	0
Greenland Oil Spill Response (GOSR)	1	229 952
NUNAZYMES APS	1	50 000
University of Greenland	1	133 744
New Caledonia	5	890 243
Agence de développement de la Nouvelle Calédonie (ADECAL)	2	119 625
Institut Pasteur de Nouvelle-Calédonie (IPNC)	2	122 018
Pacific Community	1	4600
Université de Nouvelle Calédonie	1	644 000
Total OCTs	27	4 133 331

All the projects in this section have been reviewed. This revision led to a reduction in projects for New Caledonia and French Polynesia, as there were COSME projects that were also counted as H2020 projects. Additionally, it was found that a project no longer included the partner from New Caledonia²³.

The Clarion-Clipperton Zone (French Polynesia) is mentioned in the projects; however, no EU funding is allocated:

- Blue nodules: https://cordis.europa.eu/project/rcn/199883_en.html
- SCAN-Deep: https://cordis.europa.eu/project/rcn/209573_en.html

23 - SOLSA: <https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/689868>

2.1.3. Programme approach

	N° of projects	N° benef.	N° of coord.	EU funding to OCT	EU funding to projects	% of project funds to OCT
Biotechnology	1	1	0	59 813	9 999 999	0.6%
New Caledonia	1	1	0	59 813	9 999 999	0.6%
EIC SME Instrument	3	3		422 000	2 599 984	16.2%
Anguilla	2	2	1	372 000	2 549 984	14.6%
Greenland	1	1	1	50 000	50 000	100%
Environment	6	4	0	313 953	43 215 988	0.7%
British Virgin Islands	1	1	0	168 553	5 395 296	3.1%
French Polynesia	2	1	0	0	8 174 592	0.0%
Greenland	2	1	0	85 588	17 664 570	0.5%
New Caledonia	1	1	0	59 813	11 981 530	0.5%
Fast Track to Innovation	1	1	0	346 063	2 986 937	11.6%
Anguilla	1	1	0	346 063	2 986 937	11.6%
Food	1	1	0	229 952	5 277 554	4.3%
Greenland	1	1	0	229 952	5 277 554	4.3%
Health	1	2	0	46 203	11 964 209	0.4%
French Polynesia	1	1	0	16 712	11 964 209	0.1%
New Caledonia	1	1	0	29 492	11 964 209	0.2%
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Innovative Training Networks	3	2	0	9000	8 367 710	0.1%
Greenland	3	2	0	9000	8 367 710	0.1%
Research Infrastructures	3	2	0	439 020	29 998 845	1.5%
Greenland	2	1	0	346 494	20 000 000	1.7%
New Caledonia	1	1	0	92 527	9 998 845	0.9%
Space	1	1	0	161 700	1 999 794	8.1%
Anguilla	1	1	0	161 700	1 999 794	8.1%
Stimulating innovation by means of cross-fertilisation of knowledge	1	2	1	648 600	1 288 000	50.4%
New Caledonia	1	2	1	648 600	1 288 000	50.4%
Integrating and opening existing national and regional research infrastructures of European interest	1	1	0	155 125	9 999 361	1.6%
Greenland	1	1	0	155 125	9 999 361	1.6%
Fighting and adapting to climate change	5	3	0	1 301 902	30 716 563	4.2%
Greenland	5	3	0	1 301 902	30 716 563	4.2%

2.2. EU programme for the competitiveness of enterprises and small and medium-sized enterprises – COSME

The European Commission works with financial institutions to improve the funding available to SMEs by stimulating the provision of loans and venture capital through financial instruments.

The Commission does not allocate direct funding to SMEs, they must apply at local/regional level via financial intermediaries such as banks, that will provide the funding through financial instruments. The financing decision is taken directly by entities who understand the local reality.

There is no OCT local financial institution that has signed an agreement with the European Investment Fund, which manages the two financial instruments (Loan Guarantee Facility and Equity Facility for Growth). However, OCT based SMEs can receive support via financial intermediaries based in Member States.

COSME also finances the Europe Enterprise Network (EEN), which is the local contact point programme. Their role is to support SMEs to identify the right opportunities for them, and to support them in their application for financing with specific financial providers.

There are two OCTs that receive financing through COSME as part of an EEN consortium: French Polynesia and New Caledonia. The two OCTs are part of the **TOPIC consortium**, comprising seven French partners. For the purposes of this report, it is considered that the OCTs are involved in one project, even if the funding is divided in several allocations.

The organisations involved are:

- French Polynesia: Chambre de commerce, d'industrie, des services et des métiers (CCISM)
- New Caledonia: Agence de développement de la Nouvelle Calédonie (ADECAL)

	Project	Duration	Total funding to project	Funding to the OCT
French Polynesia New Caledonia	EEN TOPIC (<i>Framework Partnership Agreement</i>)	12/02/2015 – 11/02/2021	No funding attached	
French Polynesia New Caledonia	EEN TOPIC (Specific Grant Agreement)	1/01/2015 – 31/12/2016	2 923 546	100 477 156 127
French Polynesia New Caledonia	EEN TOPIC 2017-2018 (Specific Grant Agreement)	01/01/2017 – 31/12/2018	2 923 517	100 477 156 128
French Polynesia New Caledonia	TOPICS SCALEUP	01/06/2017 – 30/11/2018	91 096	0 0
French Polynesia New Caledonia	EEN TOPIC 2019 (Specific Grant Agreement)	01/01/2019 – 31/12/2019	1 549 431	52 800 82 182

2.2.1. Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs

Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs is a cross-border exchange programme which gives new or aspiring entrepreneurs the chance to learn from experienced entrepreneurs running small businesses in other participating countries²⁴.

In terms of financing, the programme co-finances the mobility of the entrepreneurs at a rate of 1100 EUR per month of stay.

The participation of Host Entrepreneurs (HE) and New Entrepreneurs (NE) from the OCTs is increasing. Due to data protection, the information provided by the European Commission had to be limited to the origin of the HE and the NE, and the duration of the mobility.

24 - For more information about the programme go to <https://www.erasmus-entrepreneurs.eu/index.php?lan=en>.

1. Participation of Host Entrepreneurs (HE) from OCTs:

HE location	HE sector	NE location	NE sector	Length of exchange in months
Aruba	Medical equipments, pharmaceuticals and personal care products	United Kingdom	Medical equipments, pharmaceuticals and personal care products	3.91
Curaçao	IT, office and communication equipment, services and supplies	Germany	Education and training services	2.56
Curaçao	IT, office and communication equipment, services and supplies	Germany	IT, office and communication equipment, services and supplies	2.11
Curaçao	Music, theater, events and related cultural and entertainment services	United Kingdom	Advertising, promotion, printing, media and related products and services	4.25
Curaçao	IT, office and communication equipment, services and supplies	Ukraine	Social economy/responsible entrepreneurship/CSR	Approved, but not completed

2. Participation of New Entrepreneurs (NE) from OCTs:

NE location	NE sector	HE location	HE sector	Length of exchange in months
Falklands Islands	Education and training services	Sweden	Hotel, restaurant, tourism, travel services and wellness	Approved, but not completed
Anguilla	IT, office and communication equipment, services and supplies	Finland	Education and training services	3.63
Curaçao	Hotel, restaurant, tourism, travel services and wellness	Germany	Community, social and personal services	2.77

2.3. Union programme for education, training, youth and sport – Erasmus+

All 177 projects indicated in this table have been reviewed individually at the time of the publication of this report. There might be several discrepancies with the previous report, as for the projects that have finished in the past two years, the final budget used is often lower than the initial allocated funding. Therefore, those figures have been revised in this edition.

It is important to consider that in the case of Key Action 1 mobility projects, the entire budget is allocated to the leading organisation, who then distributes the budget internally according to their consortium arrangements. This budget breakdown is not requested by the National Agencies; therefore, there is no official funding going to the partner organisations (in rare cases, the Agency was able to provide a breakdown). In practice, the projects' funding includes the mobility costs and other expenses from the partners, and the consortium decides if they divide the funding internally or if the coordinator makes all the payments.

There are numerous Erasmus+ projects where several OCTs are partners, or multiple organisations from the same OCT are involved. This is the reason why, in many cases, the number of projects benefitting an OCT / Member State / or the total number, is lower than the sum of the projects at beneficiary level.

2.3.1. Territorial approach

	Nº projects	Nº project coordinated	Nº beneficiaries	EU funding to projects	EU funding to OCTs	% of project funds to OCT
Denmark	17	8	15	2 027 549	565 225	27.9%
Greenland	17	8	15	2 027 549	565 225	27.9%
France	55	41	15	3 762 821	2 208 194	58.7%
French Polynesia	22	15	10	2 569 701	1 303 459	50.7%
New Caledonia	33	26	5	1 193 120	904 735	75.8%
Netherlands	92	45	29	6 814 214	2 656 801	39.0%
Aruba	33	11	11	4 523 145	1 220 526	27.0%
Bonaire	1	1	1	29 751	14 876	50.0%
Curaçao	22	15	4	1 041 319	888 806	85.4%
Saba	3	1	3	100 640	34 064	33.8%
Sint Maarten	38	13	6	1 234 968	385 305	30.0%
St Eustatius	4	4	4	113 224	113 224	100%
United Kingdom	28	1	9	1 427 110	105 340	7.4%
Anguilla	12	1	2	273 381	31 256	11.4%
British Virgin Islands	6	0	2	268 492	0	0.0%
Cayman Islands	2	0	1	69 769	38 780	55.6%
Montserrat	5	0	2	151 618	0	0.0%
Turks and Caicos Islands	3	0	2	693 601	35 304	7.2%
Total OCTs	177	95	68	13 693 776	5 535 560	40.4%

2.3.2. Organisation approach

	EU funding to OCTs	N° of Projects
Anguilla	31 256	12
Abba's House	0	11
Anguilla Youth Business Foundation	31 256	1
Aruba	1 220 526	33
Aruba Donkey Sanctuary	365 670	5
Casa Cuna progreso	0	1
Centro pa Desaroyo di Aruba	18 618	10
Colegio EPI	37 764	1
Contreras Veterinary Services	79 062	3
De Palm Corporation N.V.	0	1
kinderhuis Imeldahof	0	1
Stichting Algemene Bejaardenzorg Aruba	0	3
Stichting Kinderhuis Imeldahof Aruba	0	2
Tur Cos Ta Posibel	0	1
University of Aruba	719 412	15
Bonaire	14 876	1
Infamous Productions Foundation	14 876	1
British Virgin Islands	0	6
Sail Caribbean Ltd	0	1
The Stay Academy	0	5
Cayman Islands	38 780	2
Consulate of Barbados	38 780	2
Curaçao	888 806	22
Fundashon Ban Hals a E Standarte	66 180	1
Fundashon Fondo pa Deporte i Responsabilidad Sosial (FDRS)	150 000	1
Stichting F.E.L.I.S. Curacao	378 533	16
University of Curacao Dr. Moises da Costa Gomez	294 093	4
French Polynesia	1 303 459	22
Collège d'Affaireitu	100 365	1
Collège de Faaroa	3050	1
Lycée agricole d'Opunohu	5700	1
Lycée Aorai	26 270	1
Lycée polyvalent de Taone	89 867	2
Lycée professionnel Saint-Joseph	220 386	3
Polynésie française collectivité d'outre-mer	548 567	5
Société d'Ornithologie de Polynésie Manu	0	2
Tahiti International School	0	1
Université de la Polynésie française	309 254	5

Greenland	565 225	17
Arctic Circle Business	48 985	1
Atuarfik Hans Lyng	39 564	1
Atuarfik Samuel Kleinschmidt	31 485	1
Børnehjemmet Uummanaq	74 751	1
Campus Kujalleq	21 555	2
Ilisimatusarfik - University of Greenland	82 182	4
Kangillinniguit Atuarfiat	33 828	1
KTI Råstofskole	10 104	1
Niurnermik Ilinniarfik	32 340	1
Nuussuup Atuarfia	35 014	1
Piareersarfiit	46 935	1
Piareersarfik Nuuk	4542	1
SORLAK	0	1
Tasiilami Alivarp	66 000	1
Visit Greenland	37 940	1
Montserrat	0	5
Montserrat Youth Talents Association	0	2
On the Wall Youth Group	0	3
New Caledonia	904 735	33
Association Marguerite	4000	1
Centre Information Jeunesse de Nouvelle-Calédonie	88 347	7
Lycée Lapérouse	203 334	7
Mission d'Insertion des Jeunes (MIJ)	232 609	11
Université de Nouvelle Calédonie	376 445	7
Saba	34 064	3
Foundation Social Workplace Saba	19 164	1
Saba Educational Foundation	0	1
Sacred Heart School	14 900	1
Sint Maarten	385 305	38
Caribbean Education and Culture Foundation	168 831	20
Caribbean Youth and Culture Foundation	3960	3
Caribbean Youth and Sport Foundation	134 224	6
Erasmuscaribbean	36 183	4
St. Dominic High School	30 320	1
The St. Maarten Youth Council Association	11 787	7
St Eustatius	113 224	4
Bethel Methodist School	38 952	1
Golden Rock Roman Catholic School	42 254	1
Governor de Graaff schoolS	17 102	1
SDA School St. Eustatius	14 916	1
Turks and Caicos Islands	35 304	3
Turks and Caicos Islands Community College	35 304	3

2.3.3. Programme approach

KEY ACTION 1 - Learning mobility of individuals	N° of projects	N° of benef.	N° of coord.	EU funding to OCT
Higher education student and staff mobility within programme countries	34	8	34	2 104 607
Aruba	3	1	3	352 136
Curaçao	4	1	4	294 093
French Polynesia	11	3	11	863 521
Greenland	4	1	4	82 182
New Caledonia	12	2	12	512 675
Higher education student and staff mobility between Programme and Partner Countries	5	2	5	227 383
Aruba	4	1	4	167 183
New Caledonia	1	1	1	60 200
School education staff mobility	12	9	8	204 258
British Virgin Islands	4	1	0	0
Curaçao	1	1	1	66 180
French Polynesia	1	1	1	3050
New Caledonia	1	1	1	6904
Saba	1	1	1	14 900
St Eustatius	4	4	4	113 224
VET learner and staff mobility	15	14	2	609 198
Aruba	10	9	1	481 124
British Virgin Islands	2	2	0	0
French Polynesia	1	1	0	0
Greenland	1	1	0	10 104
New Caledonia	1	1	1	117 970
VET learner and staff mobility with VET mobility charter	6	2	0	35 304
Aruba	3	1	0	0
Turks and Caicos Islands	3	1	0	35 304
Youth mobility	85	23	36	979 868
Anguilla	12	2	1	31 256
Aruba	11	3	1	4748
Bonaire	1	1	1	29 751
Cayman Islands	2	1	0	0
Curaçao	16	1	9	408 124
French Polynesia	2	1	0	0
Greenland	2	2	0	0
Montserrat	5	2	0	0
New Caledonia	18	3	11	200 739
Saba	2	2	0	0
Sint Maarten	37	5	13	305 250
Total OCTs – Erasmus+ Key Action 1	157	58	85	4 160 618

KEY ACTION 2 – Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices	N° of projects	N° of benef.	N° of coord.	EU funding to OCTs
Capacity Building for youth in ACP countries, Latin America and Asia	1	1	1	150 000
Curaçao	1	1	1	150 000
School Exchange Partnerships	4	4	2	197 042
French Polynesia	1	1	0	88 636
Greenland	3	3	2	108 406
Strategic partnerships for adult education	2	3	1	83 647
Aruba	1	1	0	32 170
Greenland	1	2	1	51 477
Strategic partnerships for school education	3	3	1	202 625
French Polynesia	3	3	1	202 625
Greenland	1	1	0	31 485
Strategic partnerships for schools only	6	5	2	266 352
French Polynesia	3	2	2	145 627
Greenland	2	2	0	87 555
Sint Maarten	1	1	0	33 170
Strategic partnerships for vocational education and training	2	3	1	119 265
Greenland	2	3	1	119 265
Strategic partnerships for youth	1	1	0	74 751
Greenland	1	1	0	74 751
Total OCTs – Erasmus+ Key action 2	19	19	8	1 093 682

KEY ACTION 3 – Support for policy reform	0	0	0	0
Jean Monnet activities	1	1	1	26 460
Aruba	1	1	1	26 460
Sport	0	0	0	0
Total OCTs – Erasmus+	177	68	94	5 535 560

2.3.4. Selected projects per year approach

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020 ²⁵
Denmark	1	1	5	1	4	5	0
Greenland	1	1	5	1	4	5	0
France	13	13	9	6	9	5	0
French Polynesia	4	6	3	4	4	1	0
New-Caledonia	9	7	6	2	5	4	0
Netherlands	3	9	8	10	22	22	16
Aruba	3	6	4	5	7	6	2
Bonaire	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Curaçao	0	1	1	2	5	7	6
Saba	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Sint Eustatius	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Sint Maarten	0	1	2	3	11	12	8
United Kingdom	4	2	5	3	4	6	4
Anguilla	0	0	0	0	2	6	4
Bermuda	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
British Antarctic Territory	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
British Indian Ocean Territory	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
British Virgin Islands	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
Cayman Islands	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Falkland Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montserrat	0	0	2	2	1	0	0
Pitcairn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saint Helena, Ascension Island, Tristan da Cunha	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turks and Caicos Islands	0	0	1	1	1	0	0
Total OCTs	21	25	26	19	35	33	16

25 - As of July 2020, there are many Erasmus+ calls still ongoing, the number of projects is subject to increase.

2.4. Interreg programmes

2.4.1. Introduction

Interreg is a programme that finances projects to support cooperation among regions. Interreg is financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), and it is part of the European Cohesion policy.

The OCTs are not eligible to receive financial support from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). However, they may participate in Interreg programmes which finance joint actions across national borders. In the period 2014-2020, 60% of OCTs (i.e. 15 out of 25) are eligible to take part in three Interreg transnational cooperation programmes (Interreg B)²⁶.

Interreg programmes	OCTs involved
Caribbean Area	Anguilla (UK) Aruba (NL) Bermuda (UK) Bonaire (NL) British Virgin Islands (UK) Cayman Islands (UK) Curaçao (NL) Montserrat (UK) Saba (NL) Saint Barthelemy (FR) Sint Eustatius (NL) Sint Maarten (NL) Turks and Caicos Islands (UK)
Indian Ocean Area	Southern French and Antarctic Territories (TAAF) (FR)
Northern Periphery and Arctic	Greenland (DK)

In practice, organisations based in the OCTs participate in Interreg projects:

- Mostly at their own expenses although some of their costs are sometimes borne by a partner based in the EU territory; or with the support of pre-allocated national funds (e.g. Greenland);
- With the support of the European Development Fund (EDF): the managing authority of the Caribbean area (Regional Council of Guadeloupe) has signed a delegation agreement with the European Commission to manage EUR 2.94 million from the Caribbean regional programme under the 10th EDF (CARIFORUM). This new procedure allows for joint EDF-ERDF projects and has so far financed two projects: CARIBSKY-PAIRE²⁷ and CARIMAM²⁸.
- Thanks to being located in an EU territory: TAAF headquarters are located in Saint-Pierre, Ile de La Réunion (France).

26 - Commission implementing decision 2014/366/UE of 16 June 2014 setting up the list of regions and areas eligible for funding from the European Regional Development Fund under the cross-border and transnational components of the European territorial cooperation goal for the period 2014 to 2020.

27 - The project CARIBSKY-PAIRE aims to develop inter-island regional air traffic (OCT involved: Sint Maarten).

28 - The project CARIMAM aims to set up a marine mammals preservation network (OCTs involved: Saint Barthelemy and Turks and Caicos Islands).

2.4.2. Territorial approach

	No of projects	EU ERDF funding to OCTs
Interreg Caribbean	6	0
France	3	0
Saint-Barthélemy	3	0
Association Saint-Barth Essentiel	1	0
Collectivité de Saint-Barthélemy	2	0
Netherlands	4	0
Sint Eustatius	1	0
Sint Eustatius Heritage Committee	1	0
Sint Maarten	3	0
Government of Sint Maarten	1	0
TelEm Group	1	0
Winair (Windward Islands Airways International n.v.)	1	0
United Kingdom	1	0
Turks and Caicos Islands	1	0
Ministry of Tourism, Environment, Heritage, Culture & Gaming	1	0
Interreg Indian Ocean	3	1 575 269
France	3	1 575 269
Southern French and Antarctic Territories (TAAF)	3	1 575 269
Interreg Northern Periphery and Arctic	12	338 277
Denmark	12	338 277
Greenland	12	338 277
Arctic Technology Centre, ARTEK - Technical University of Denmark	7	286 909
Greenland Business	1	0
Greenland Institute of Natural Resources	1	0
Greenland National Museum	1	0
Kujalleq Municipality	2	51 368
Qeqqata Municipality	1	0
Total OCTs – Interreg (EU ERDF)	21	1 913 546

2.5. European Solidarity Corps

The European Solidarity Corps (ESC) is an EU initiative which offers opportunities for young people aged 18 to 30 to volunteer or work on solidarity projects in their own country or abroad²⁹.

In general terms, the application process for organisations to apply for volunteering projects is a single organisation that applies for the project. All the organisations mentioned in this section are "coordinators".

2.5.1. Territorial approach

	N° of projects	EU funding to OCT
Netherlands	7	241 166
Aruba	4	182 007
Centro pa Desaroyo di Aruba	3	125 078
Tur Cos Ta Posibel	1	56 929
Curaçao	3	59 159
F.E.L.I.S. Curacao	3	59 159
France	1	16 582
French Polynesia	1	16 582
Lycee Agricole d'Opunohu	1	16 582
Total OCTs – European Solidarity Corps	8	257 748

2.5.2. Selected projects per year approach

	2018	2019	2020
Aruba	1	1	2
Centro pa Desaroyo di Aruba	1	1	1
Tur Cos Ta Posibel	0	0	1
Curaçao	1	1	1
F.E.L.I.S. Curacao	1	1	1
French Polynesia	0	1	0
Lycee Agricole d'Opunohu	0	1	1
Total OCTs – European Solidarity Corps	2	3	3

29 - For more information about the programme go to https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity_en

2.6. Programme for the environment and climate action – LIFE

In principle, the OCTs are eligible for the LIFE programme³⁰. In practice, Article 6 of the LIFE Regulation imposes serious restrictions on the actual access of the OCTs to the programme, especially when it comes to implementing 'activities outside the Union or in overseas countries and territories'³¹. The LIFE programme appears to be an exception compared to other EU programmes. As a result, there is, to date, no LIFE project involving the OCTs³².

This situation will change in the upcoming 2021-2027 programming period, where the OCTs will be fully eligible for the LIFE programme.

As outlined in the LIFE Regulation, the European Commission expressed its willingness to develop a specific programme to help the OCTs conserve their environment and biodiversity. The BEST 2.0 programme was then developed and is financed under the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI) which is one of the EU funding instruments for cooperation and external aid (see section 2.10).

2.7. Creative Europe programme

To date, there are no organisations based in the OCTs that participate in projects funded under the Creative Europe programme, be it the MEDIA sub-programme, the CULTURE sub-programme or the cross-sectorial strand³³.

At the time of publication of this report, the European Commission had launched a specific call for proposals to support artists, cultural organisations and institutions in the Outermost Regions and the Overseas Countries and Territories. The grant will support a minimum of 45 projects with small grants up to 20 000 EUR. The implementation will take place during 2021-2022.

30 - Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the establishment of a Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE).

31 - Article 6.1. Without prejudice to Article 5, the LIFE Programme may finance activities outside the Union and in overseas countries and territories (OCTs) in accordance with Decision 2001/822/EC (the Overseas Association Decision), provided those activities are necessary to achieve Union environmental and climate objectives and to ensure the effectiveness of interventions carried out in Member State territories to which the Treaties apply. 2. A legal person established outside the Union may be able to participate in the projects referred to in Article 18, provided the beneficiary coordinating the project is based in the Union and the activity to be carried out outside the Union meets the requirements set out in paragraph 1 of this Article.

32 - For more information about the programme go to <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/index.htm>.

33 - For more information about the programme go to https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/creative-europe/node_en.

2.8. Europe for Citizens programme

To date, there are no organisations based in the OCTs participating in the Europe for Citizens programme³⁴.

2.9. EU Programme for Employment and Social Innovation – EaSI

To date, there are no organisations based in the OCTs participating in the EU Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) programme³⁵.

34 - For more information about the programme go to https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/europe-for-citizens_en.

35 - For more information about the programme go to <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=1081&langId=en>.

2.10. BEST 2.0: Promoting conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and ecosystem services in the OCTs

2.10.1. Introduction

As outlined in the LIFE Regulation, the European Commission expressed its willingness to develop a specific programme to help the OCTs conserve their environment and biodiversity. Because of the limited access of OCTs to the LIFE programme, the BEST 2.0 programme was developed. It is financed under the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI) which is one of the EU funding instruments for cooperation and external aid.

Although the BEST 2.0 programme is not an EU horizontal programme as such, projects funded under this programme have also been considered in the report since the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI) is funded from the EU budget (unlike the European Development Fund) and this programme was designed to benefit the OCTs.

The total budget of the BEST 2.0 programme for the period 2014-2020 is EUR 8 million for grants (EUR 10 million in total including grants, capacity building and management costs). Following the 2015, 2016 and 2017 calls for proposals, a total of EUR 7 976 845 was committed. Yet, given the extensive damage caused by hurricanes Maria and Irma in September 2017, two projects were terminated and thus some funds were decommitted. Nevertheless, those two projects have been reflected in the statistics. The information regarding the funding received by specific OCT organisations has been removed, due to the inability to corroborate the data for this edition.

There have not been any new projects selected in the BEST programme since 2018. A new call of the programme was published in September 2020, with EUR 2 million of additional funding. The projects selected under the latest call will be included in the third edition of this report, which will cover the entire Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020.

EU funding to OCTs	
Total EU funding committed (2017)	7 976 845
Total EU funding decommitted	200 000
Project in Saint-Barthelemy ³⁶	100 000
Project in Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten ³⁷	100 000
Total EU funding committed (2018)	7 776 845

2.10.2. Approach by OCT

	No of projects	EU funding to OCTs
Anguilla	2	494 831
Aruba	2	297 985
Ascension Island	1	197 067
Bermuda	2	196 401
Bonaire	2	149 534
British Indian Ocean Territory	1	89 107
British Virgin Islands	1	51 000
Cayman Islands	1	99 880
Curaçao	1	91 657
Iles Falkland	1	97 065
French Polynesia	12	966 849
French Southern and Antarctic Territories (TAAF)	7	916 522
Greenland	1	296 383
Montserrat	1	88 810
New Caledonia	8	862 132
Saba	1	98 871
Saint-Barthelemy	1	100 000
Saint Helena	3	240 307
Saint-Pierre and Miquelon	1	20 277
Sint Eustatius	0	0
Sint Maarten	1	49 945
South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands	1	398 731
Tristan da Cunha	1	98 750
Turks and Caicos Islands	2	99 917
Wallis and Futuna	2	194 465

- 36 - The project 'Combining Local Ecological Knowledge and Ciguatera Analysis to Rule Lionfish Toxicity and Edibility and Catalyze Infestation Control' (factsheet) was a project on species conservation involving the Agence Territoriale de l'Environnement de Saint-Barthélemy (ATE). Some activities worth EUR 8,381 were implemented.
- 37 - The project 'Best of Bats!' (factsheet not available) was a project on species conservation led by the Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance (DNCA) from the Netherlands which involved players from Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten. However, none of the activities foreseen were implemented.

2.10.3. Six cooperation projects involving more than one OCT

EU funding to OCTs		
Caribbean		831 463
Anguilla (UK), Saint-Barthelemy (FR), Sint Eustatius (NL) ³⁸		99 454
Aruba (NL), Curaçao (NL), Sint Maarten (NL) ³⁹		0
Saba (NL), Sint Eustatius (NL), Sint Maarten (NL), Turks and Caicos Islands (UK) ⁴⁰		333 468
British Virgin Islands (UK), Cayman Islands (UK), Montserrat (UK), Turks and Caicos Islands (UK) ⁴¹		398 541
Pacific		799 897
New Caledonia (FR), Wallis and Futuna (FR) ⁴²		400 000
French Polynesia (FR), New Caledonia (FR), Pitcairn (UK), Wallis and Futuna (FR) ⁴³		399 897
Total – cooperation projects		1 631 360
Total OCTs – Best 2.0	61	79
		7 785 370

38 - The project is entitled 'Lesser Antillean Iguana' (factsheet not available).

39 - The project is entitled 'Best of Bats!' (factsheet not available). Given the extensive damage caused by hurricanes Maria and Irma in September 2017 the project was terminated. None of the activities foreseen were implemented.

40 - The project is entitled 'RESCQ': see [IUCN factsheet](#).

41 - The project is entitled 'Securing pockets of paradise in the Caribbean': see [IUCN factsheet](#).

42 - The project is entitled 'BIOPELAGOS': see [IUCN factsheet](#).

43 - The project is entitled 'Pacific Biodiversity Blue Belt': see [IUCN factsheet](#).

3. OCT FACTSHEETS

	EU programmes	N° of projects	N° of benef.	EU funding to OCTs	Total EU funding to OCTs
Anguilla	Horizon 2020	4	2	879 763	911 019
	Erasmus+	12	2	31 256	
Aruba	Erasmus+	33	11	1 220 526	1 402 533
	European Solidarity Corps	4	2	182 007	
Bonaire	Erasmus+	1	1	14 876	14 876
British Virgin Islands	Erasmus+	6	2	0	168 553
	Horizon 2020	1	1	168 553	
Cayman Islands	Erasmus+	2	1	38 780	38 780
Curaçao	Erasmus+	22	4	888 806	947 965
	European Solidarity Corps	3	1	59 159	
French Polynesia	COSME	1	1	253 754	1 590 507
	Erasmus+	22	10	1 303 459	
	European Solidarity Corps	1	1	16 582	
	Horizon 2020	3	2	16 712	
French Southern and Antarctic Territories (TAAF)	Interreg Indian Ocean	3	1	1 575 269	1 575 269
Greenland	Erasmus+	17	15	565 225	2 743 286
	Horizon 2020	15	6	2 178 061	
	Interreg NPA	12	6	0	
Montserrat	Erasmus+	5	2	0	0
New Caledonia	COSME	1	1	394 437	2 189 415
	Erasmus+	33	5	904 735	
	Horizon 2020	5	4	890 243	
Saba	Erasmus+	3	3	34 064	34 064
Saint-Barthelemy	Interreg Caribbean	3	2	0	0
Sint Eustatius	Erasmus+	4	4	113 224	113 224
	Interreg Caribbean	1	1	0	
Sint Maarten	Erasmus+	38	6	385 305	385 305
	Interreg Caribbean	3	3	0	
Turks and Caicos Islands	Erasmus+	3	1	35 304	35 304
	Interreg Caribbean	1	1	0	
Total OCTs		262	102	12 150 100	12 150 100

3.1. Anguilla



3.1.1. Overview of EU horizontal programmes

1. Horizon 2020

	N° of projects	N° of coord.	EU funding to projects	EU funding to OCTs	% of project funds to OCT
United Kingdom	5	1	12 932 011	1 048 316	8.0%
Anguilla	4	1	7 536 715	879 763	11.7%
Ladar Limited	1		2 499 984	322 000	12.9%
EIC SME Instrument	1		2 499 984	322 000	12.9%
Offshore Navigation Limited	3	1	5 036 731	557 763	11.1%
EIC SME Instrument	1	1	50 000	50 000	100%
Fast Track to Innovation	1		2 986 937	346 063	11.6%
Space	1		1 999 794	161 700	8.1%
Total OCTs – Horizon 2020	27	3	158 414 944	4 133 331	2.6%

2. Erasmus+

	N° of projects	N° of coord.	EU funding to projects	EU funding to OCTs	% of project funds to OCT
United Kingdom	28	1	1 427 110	105 340	7.4%
Anguilla	12	1	273 381	31 256	11.4%
Abba's House	11		242 125	0	0.0%
Anguilla Youth Business Foundation	1	1	31 256	31 256	100%
Youth mobility	12	1	31 256	31 256	100%
Total OCTs – Erasmus+	177	95	13 693 776	5 535 560	40.4%

3. Other EU horizontal programmes

To date, there is no organisation based in Anguilla and which is involved in a project funded by another EU horizontal programme.

3.1.2. Overview of the programme BEST 2.0

	N° of projects	OCT-based coordinator	EU funding to OCTs
United Kingdom	19	14	2 604 861
Anguilla	3	3	578 285
Beneficiary based in the OCT			
Anguilla National Trust (ANT)	3 ⁴⁴	1	
Government of Anguilla, Department of Fisheries and Marine Resources	1		
Beneficiary based outside the OCT			
University of Roehampton	1		
Total OCTs – BEST 2.0	61	43	7 695 091

44 - Among those three projects, Anguilla National Trust (ANT) was involved as lead organisation in the cooperation project 'Lesser Antillean iguana'. This project was a one-and-half-year project to create sub-regional framework for species recovery and conservation. It was implemented in partnership with Agence Territoriale de l'Environnement de Saint-Barthélemy and St. Eustatius National Parks.

3.2. Aruba



3.2.1. Overview of EU horizontal programmes

1. Erasmus+

	N° of projects	N° of coord.	EU funding to projects	EU funding to OCTs	% of project funds to OCT
Netherlands	92	45	6 814 214	2 656 801	38.0%
Aruba	33	11	4 523 145	1 220 526	27.0%
Aruba Donkey Sanctuary	5		2 450 140	365 670	14.9%
VET learner and staff mobility	4		2 420 741	364 298	15.0%
Youth mobility	1		29 399	1 372	4.7%
Casa Cuna progreso	1		51 630	0	0.0%
VET learner and staff mobility	1		51 630	0	0.0%
Centro pa Desaroyo di Aruba	10	1	319 883	18 618	5.8%
Youth mobility	10	1	319 883	18 618	5.8%
Colegio EPI	1	1	37 764	37 764	100%
VET learner and staff mobility	1	1	37 764	37 764	100%
Contreras Veterinary Services	3		2 142 260	79 062	3.7%
VET learner and staff mobility	3		2 142 260	79 062	3.7%
De Palm Corporation N.V.	1		1 066 565	0	0.0%
VET learner and staff mobility	1		1 066 565	0	0.0%
Kinderhuis Imeldahof	1		51 630	0	0.0%
VET learner and staff mobility	1		51 630	0	0.0%
Stichting Algemene Bejaardenzorg Aruba	3		132 891	0	0.0%
VET learner and staff mobility	3		132 891	0	0.0%
Stichting Kinderhuis Imeldahof Aruba	2		81 261	0	0.0%
VET learner and staff mobility	2		81 261	0	0.0%
Tur Cos Ta Posibel	1		85 916	0	0.0%
Youth mobility	1		85 916	0	0.0%

University of Aruba	15	9	1 582 467	719 412	45.5%
Higher education student and staff mobility between programme and partner countries	4	1	167 183	167 183	100%
Higher education student and staff mobility within programme countries	4	1	493 599	493 599	100%
Jean Monnet activities	1	1	26 460	26 460	100%
Strategic Partnerships for adult education	1		139 815	32 170	23.0%
VET learner and staff mobility	2		220 015	0	0.0%
VET learner and staff mobility with VET mobility charter	3		535 395	0	0.0%
Total OCTs – Erasmus+	177	95	13 693 776	5 535 560	40.4%

2. European Solidarity Corps

	N° of projects	N° of coord.	EU funding to projects	EU funding to OCTs	% of project funds to OCT
Netherlands	7	7	241 166	241 166	100%
Aruba	4	4	182 007	182 007	100%
Centro pa Desarojo di Aruba	3	3	125 078	125 078	100%
Volunteering Projects	3	3	125 078	125 078	100%
Tur Cos Ta Posibel	1	1	56 929	56 929	100%
Volunteering Projects	1	3	56 929	56 929	100%

3. Other EU horizontal programmes

To date, there is no organisation based in Aruba involved in a project funded by another EU horizontal programme.

3.2.2. Overview of the programme BEST 2.0

	N° of projects	OCT-based coordinator	EU funding to OCTs
Netherlands	9	5	753 992
Aruba	2	0	297 985
Beneficiary based in the OCT			
Aruba Government, Department Nature and Environment (DNM)	1		
Fundacion Parke Nacional Arikok (FPNA)	1 ⁴⁵		
Beneficiary based outside the OCT			
The Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific Research (TNO)	1		
Total OCTs – BEST 2.0	61	43	7 785 370

45 - FPNA was involved in the project Best of Bats. However, given the extensive damage caused by hurricanes Maria and Irma in September 2017 the project was terminated. The project 'Best of Bats!' (factsheet not available) was a project on species conservation led by the Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance which involved partners from Curaçao and Sint Maarten. However, none of the activities foreseen were implemented.



3.3. Bermuda



3.3.1. Overview of EU horizontal programmes

To date, there is no organisation based in Bermuda involved in a project funded under an EU horizontal programme.

3.3.2. Overview of the programme BEST 2.0

	N° of projects	OCT-based coordinator	EU funding to OCTs
United Kingdom	19	14	2 604 861
Bermuda	2	2	196 401
Bermuda Institute of Ocean Sciences (BIOS)	2	2	
Total OCTs – BEST 2.0	61	43	7 785 370

3.4. Bonaire



3.4.1. Overview of EU horizontal programmes

1. Erasmus+

	N° of projects	N° of coord.	EU funding to projects	EU funding to OCTs	% of project funds to OCT
Netherlands	92	45	6 814 214	2 656 801	37.7%
Bonaire	1	1	29 751	14 876	50.0%
Infamous Productions Foundation	1	1	29 751	14 876	50.0%
Youth mobility	1	1	29 751	14 876	50.0%
Total OCTs – Erasmus+	177	95	13 693 776	5 535 560	40.4%

2. Other EU horizontal programmes

To date, there is no organisation based in Bonaire involved in a project funded by another EU horizontal programme.

3.4.2. Overview of the programme BEST 2.0

	N° of projects	OCT-based coordinator	EU funding to OCTs
Netherlands	9	5	753 992
Bonaire	2	2	149 534
Coral Restoration Foundation Bonaire (CRF Bonaire)	1	1	
Echo Foundation	1	1	
Total OCTs – BEST 2.0	61	43	7 785 370

3.5. British Antarctic Territory

To date, there is no organisation based in the British Antarctic Territory involved in an EU-funded project, be it under an EU horizontal programme or the BEST 2.0 programme.



3.6. British Indian Ocean Territory



3.6.1. Overview of EU horizontal programmes

To date, there is no organisation based in the British Indian Ocean Territory involved in a project funded under an EU horizontal programme.

3.6.2. Overview of the programme BEST 2.0

	N° of projects	OCT-based coordinator	EU funding to OCTs
United Kingdom	19	14	2 604 861
British Indian Ocean Territory	1	0	89 107
Beneficiary based outside the OCT			
British Indian Ocean Territory Administration (BIOTA)	1		89 107
Total OCTs – BEST 2.0	61	43	7 785 370

3.7. British Virgin Islands



3.7.1. Overview of EU horizontal programmes

1. Horizon 2020

	N° of projects	N° of coord.	EU funding to projects	EU funding to OCTs	% of project funds to OCT
United Kingdom	5	1	12 932 011	1 048 316	8.0%
British Virgin Islands	1	0	5 395 296	168 553	2.8%
Lancaster Exploration Limited	1		5 395 296	168 553	2.8%
Environment	1		5 395 296	168 553	2.8%
Total OCTs – Horizon 2020	27	3	158 414 944	4 133 331	2.6%

2. Erasmus+

	N° of projects	N° of coord.	EU funding to projects	EU funding to OCTs	% of project funds to OCT
United Kingdom	28	1	1 427 110	105 340	7.4%
British Virgin Islands	6	0	268 492	0	0.0%
Sail Caribbean Ltd	1		107 148	0	0.0%
VET learner and staff mobility	1		107 148	0	0.0%
The Stay Academy	5		161 344	0	0.0%
School education					
staff mobility	4		67 977	0	0.0%
VET learner and staff mobility	1		93 367	0	0.0%
Total OCTs – Erasmus+	177	95	13 693 776	5 535 560	40.4%

3. Other EU horizontal programmes

To date, there is no organisation based in the British Virgin Islands involved in a project funded under another EU horizontal programme.

3.7.2. Overview of the programme BEST 2.0

	N° of projects	OCT-based coordinator	EU funding to OCTs
United Kingdom	19	14	2 604 861
British Virgin Islands	1	0	51 000
National Park Trust of the Virgin Islands	1 ⁴⁶		51 000
Total OCTs – BEST 2.0	61	43	7 785 370

46 - The National Park Trust of the Virgin Islands is involved in the cooperation project Securing pockets of paradise in the Caribbean. This project is a three-year project to increase capacity in the four territories to manage invasive alien species (IAS). It is implemented by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (lead) in partnership with the National Trust of the Cayman Islands, the Government of Montserrat, Montserrat National Trust (MNT) and Turks and Caicos Islands National Trust (see [IUCN factsheet](#)).

3.8. Cayman Islands



3.8.1. Overview of EU horizontal programmes

1. Erasmus+

	N° of projects	N° of coord.	EU funding to projects	EU funding to OCTs	% of project funds to OCT
United Kingdom	28	1	1 427 110	105 340	7.4%
Cayman Islands	2	0	69 769	38 780	55.6%
Consulate of Barbados	2		69 769	38 780	55.6%
Youth mobility	2		69 769	38 780	55.6%
Total OCTs – Erasmus+	177	95	13 693 776	5 535 560	40.4%

2. Other EU horizontal programmes

To date, there is no organisation based in the Cayman Islands involved in a project funded under another EU horizontal programme.

3.8.2. Overview of the programme BEST 2.0

	N° of projects	OCT-based coordinator	EU funding to OCTs
United Kingdom	19	14	2 604 861
Cayman Islands	2	1	148 880
Central Caribbean Marine Institute (CCMI)	1	1	99 880
National Trust of the Cayman Islands	1 ⁴⁷		49 000
Total OCTs – BEST 2.0	61	43	7 785 370

47 - The National Trust of the Cayman Islands is involved in the cooperation project 'Securing pockets of paradise in the Caribbean'. This project is a three-year project to increase capacity in the four territories to manage invasive alien species (IAS). It is implemented by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (lead) in partnership with the National Park Trust of the Virgin Islands, the Government of Montserrat, Montserrat National Trust (MNT) and Turks and Caicos Islands National Trust (see [IUCN factsheet](#)).



3.9. Curaçao



3.9.1. Overview of EU horizontal programmes

1. Erasmus+

	N° of projects	N° of coord.	EU funding to projects	EU funding to OCTs	% of project funds to OCT
Netherlands	92	45	6 814 214	2 656 801	37.7%
Curaçao	22	15	1 041 319	888 806	85.4%
Fundashon Fondo pa Deporte i Responsabilidad Sosial (FDRS)	1	1	150 000	150 000	100%
Capacity Building for youth in ACP countries, Latin America and Asia	1	1	150 000	150 000	100%
Stichting F.E.L.I.S. Curacao	16	9	531 045	378 533	71.3%
Youth mobility	16	9	531 045	378 533	71.3%
University of Curacao Dr. Moises da Costa Gomez	4	4	294 093	294 093	100%
Higher education student and staff mobility within programme countries	4	4	294 093	294 093	100%
Fundashon Ban Hals a Standarte	1	1	66 180	66 180	100%
School education staff mobility	1	1	66 180	66 180	100%
Total OCTs – Erasmus+	177	95	13 693 776	5 535 560	40.4%

2. European Solidarity Corps

	N° of projects	N° of coord.	EU funding to projects	EU funding to OCTs	% of project funds to OCT
Netherlands	7	7	241 166	241 166	100%
Curaçao	3	3	59 159	59 159	100%
F.E.L.I.S. Curacao	3	3	59 159	59 159	100%
Volunteering Projects	3	3	59 159	59 159	100%

3. Other EU horizontal programmes

To date, there is no organisation based in the Curaçao involved in a project funded under another EU horizontal programme.

3.9.2. Overview of the programme BEST 2.0

	N° of projects	OCT-based coordinator	EU funding to OCTs
Netherlands	9	5	753 992
Curaçao	2	1	91 657
Caribbean Research and Management of Biodiversity Foundation (CARMABI)	2 ⁴⁸	1	91 657
Total OCTs – BEST 2.0	61	43	7 785 370

48 - Among those two projects, CARMABI was involved in the project Best of Bats. However, given the extensive damage caused by hurricanes Maria and Irma in September 2017 the project was terminated. The project 'Best of Bats!' (factsheet not available) was a project on species conservation led by the Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance which involved partners from Aruba and Sint Maarten. However, none of the activities foreseen were implemented.

3.10. Falkland Islands



3.10.1. Overview of EU horizontal programmes

To date, there is no organisation based in the Falkland Islands involved in a project funded under an EU horizontal programme.

3.10.2. Overview of the programme BEST 2.0

	N° of projects	OCT-based coordinator	EU funding to OCTs
United Kingdom	19	14	2 604 861
Iles Falkland	1	1	97 065
Falklands Conservation	1	1	97 065
Total OCTs – BEST 2.0	61	43	7 785 370



3.11. French Polynesia



3.11.1. Overview of EU horizontal programmes

1. Horizon 2020

	N° of projects	N° of coord.	EU funding to projects	EU funding to OCTs	% of project funds to OCT
France	7	1	53 407 176	906 955	1.7%
French Polynesia	3	0	20 138 801	16 712	0.1%
Institut Louis Malardé (ILM)	1		11 964 209	16 712	0.1%
Health	1		11 964 209	16 712	0.1%
Clarion-Clipperton Zone – CCZ	2		8 174 593	0	0.0%
Environment	2		8 174 593	0	0.0%
Total OCTs – Horizon 2020	27	3	158 414 944	4 133 331	2.6%

The Clarion-Clipperton Zone (French Polynesia) is mentioned in the projects; however, no EU funding is allocated:

- Blue nodules: https://cordis.europa.eu/project/rcn/199883_en.html
- SCAN-Deep: https://cordis.europa.eu/project/rcn/209573_en.html

2. COSME

	N° of projects	N° of coord.	EU funding to projects	EU funding to OCTs	% of project funds to OCT
France	1	0	7 487 590	648 191	8.6%
French Polynesia	1	0	7 487 590	253 754	3.4%
Chambre de commerce, d'industrie, des services et des métiers (CCISM)	1		7 487 590	253 754	3.4%
Enterprise Europe Network	1		7 487 590	253 754	3.4%
Total OCTs – COSME	1	0	7 487 590	648 191	8.6%

3. Erasmus+

	N° of projects	N° of coord.	EU funding to projects	EU funding to OCTs	% of project funds to OCT
France	55	41	3 762 822	2 208 194	58.7%
French Polynesia	22	15	2 569 701	1 303 459	50.7%
Collège d'Afareaitu	1	1	258 903	100 365	38.8%
Strategic partnerships for school education	1	1	258 903	100 365	38.8%
Collège de Faaroa	1	1	3050	3050	100%
Strategic partnerships for staff mobility	1	1	3050	3050	100%
Lycée agricole d'Opunohu	1	1	5700	5700	100%
Higher education student and staff mobility within programme countries	1	1	5700	5700	100%
Lycée Aorai	1		161 690	26 270	16.2%
Strategic partnerships for school education	1		161 690	26 270	16.2%
Lycée polyvalent de Taaone	2	1	218 097	89 867	41.2%
Strategic partnerships for schools only	2	1	218 097	89 867	41.2%
Lycée professionnel Saint-Joseph	3	1	946 784	220 386	23.3%
Strategic partnerships for school education	1		387 955	75 990	19.6%
Strategic partnerships for schools only	1	1	171 795	55 760	32.3%
School exchange partnerships	1		387 034	88 636	22.9%
Polynésie française collectivité d'outre-mer	5	5	548 567	548 567	100%
Higher education student and staff mobility within programme countries	5	1	548 567	548 567	100%
Tahiti International School	1		89 596	0	0,0%
VET learner and staff mobility	1		89 596	0	0,0%
Univ. de la Polynésie française	5	5	309 254	309 254	100%
Higher education student and staff mobility within programme countries	5	1	309 254	309 254	100%
Société d'Ornithologie de Polynésie Manu	2		28 060	0	0.0%
Youth mobility	2		28 060	0	0.0%
Total OCTs – Erasmus+	177	95	13 693 776	5 535 560	40.4%

4. European Solidarity Corps

	N° of projects	N° of coord.	EU funding to projects	EU funding to OCTs	% of project funds to OCT
France	1	1	16 582	16 582	100%
French Polynesia	1	1	16 582	16 582	100%
Lycée agricole d'Opunohu	1	1	16 582	16 582	100%
Volunteering Projects	1	1	16 582	16 582	100%

5. Other EU horizontal programmes

To date, there is no organisation based in French Polynesia involved in a project funded under another EU horizontal programme.

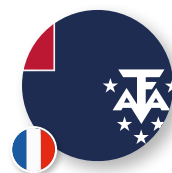
3.11.2. Overview of the programme BEST 2.0

	N° of projects	OCT-based coordinator	EU funding to OCTs
France	34	24	3 476 770
French Polynesia	12	12	966 851
Association Pu Tahī Haga no Ganaa	1	1	
Association Raumatariki Rapa	1	1	
Association Rima 'Ura	1	1	
Association Société d'Ornithologie de Polynésie, MANU	2	2	
Association Te Mana O Te Moana	1	1	
Association Te rau atiati a tau a hiti noa tu	1	1	
Association Tuihana	1	1	
Association Vaiku'a i te manu o Ua Huka	1	1	
Commune des Gambier	1	1	
Féd. des Associations de Protection de l'Environnement	1	1	
Vaihuti Fresh	1	1	
Cooperation projects - beneficiaries based outside the OCT			
French Polynesia, New Caledonia, Pitcairn, Wallis and Futuna ⁴⁹	1	0	399 897
Agence des Aires Marines protégées (AAMP)	1		
Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)	1		
Total OCTs – BEST 2.0	61	43	7 785 370

49 - The project Pacific Biodiversity Blue Belt is a two-and-a-half-year project to enhance integrated ocean management and marine biodiversity conservation. It is implemented by the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) (lead) and the Agence des Aires Marines protégées (see [IUCN factsheet](#)).



3.12. French Southern and Antarctic Territories (TAAF)



3.12.1. Overview of EU horizontal programmes

1. Interreg Indian Ocean

	N° of projects	EU ERDF funding to OCTs
Interreg Indian Ocean	3	1 575 269
French Southern and Antarctic Territories (TAAF)	3	1 575 269
Development of economic links in the Indian Ocean area	3	1 575 269
Total OCTs – Interreg Indian Ocean	3	1 575 269

2. Other EU horizontal programmes

To date, there is no organisation based in the French Southern and Antarctic Territories (TAAF) involved in a project funded under another EU horizontal programme.

3.12.2. Overview of the programme BEST 2.0

	N° of projects	OCT-based coordinator	EU funding to OCTs
France	34	24	3 476 770
French Southern and Antarctic Territories (TAAF)	7	0	916 522
Beneficiary based outside the OCT			
Agence française pour la biodiversité (AFB)	1		
BirdLife International	1		
Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique - Délégation régionale Centre Limousin Poitou-Charentes	1		
Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS)	1		
Conservatoire Botanique National de Mascarin (CBN-CPIE Mascarin)	2		
Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle (MNHN)	1		
Nature Océan Indien	1		
Université de La Réunion	2		
Total OCTs – BEST 2.0	61	43	7 785 370



3.13. Greenland



3.13.1. Overview of EU horizontal programmes

1. Horizon 2020

	N° of projects	N° of coord.	EU funding to projects	EU funding to OCTs	% of project funds to OCT
Denmark	15	1	92 075 757	2 178 061	2.3%
Greenland	15	1	92 075 757	2 178 061	2.4%
NUNAZYMES APS	1	1	50 000	50 000	100%
EIC SME Instrument	1	1	50 000	50 000	100%
Greenland Institute of Natural Resources	10		71 341 562	1 664 369	2.3%
Environment	2		17 664 570	85 588	0.5%
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions	2		4 960 739	9 000	0.2%
Research Infrastructures	2		20 000 000	346 494	1.7%
Fighting adapting to climate change	3		18 716 892	1 068 162	5.7%
Integrating and opening existing national and regional research infrastructures	1		9 999 361	155 125	1.6%
Greenland National Museum & Archive	1		3 406 971	0	0%
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions	1		3 406 971	0	0%
Greenland Oil Spill Response (GOSR)	1		5 277 554	229 952	4.4%
Food	1		5 277 554	229 952	4.4%
First investigations Asiaq	1		9 996 661	99 996	1.0%
Fighting adapting to climate change	1		9 996 661	99 996	1.0%
University of Greenland	1		2 003 009	133 744	6.7%
Fighting adapting climate change	1		2 003 009	133 744	6.7%
Total OCTs – Horizon 2020	27	3	158 414 944	4 133 331	2.6%

2. Erasmus+

	N° of projects	N° of coord.	EU funding to projects	EU funding to OCTs	% of project funds to OCT
Denmark	17	8	2 027 549	565 225	27.9%
Greenland	17	8	2 027 549	565 225	27.9%
Campus Kujalleq	2		146 768	21 555	14.7%
Strategic partnerships for schools only	1		120 849	21 555	17.8%
Youth mobility	1	1	25 919	0	0.0%
Ilisimatusarfik - University of Greenland	4	4	82 182	82 182	100%
Higher education student and staff mobility	4	1	82 182	82 182	100%
Kangillinnuguit Atuarfiat	1	1	96 625	33 828	35.0%
School exchange partnerships	1	1	96 625	33 828	35.0%
Niurnermik Ilinniarfik	1		215 696	32 340	15.0%
Strategic partnerships for vocational education and training	1		215 696	32 340	15.0%
Piareersarfiit	1	1	63 477	46 935	74.0%
Strategic partnerships for adult education	1	1	63 477	46 935	74.0%
Piareersarfik Nuuk	1		63 477	4542	7.2%
Strategic partnerships for adult education	1		63 477	4542	7.2%
Tasiilami Alivarpí	1		126 360	66 000	52.2%
Strategic partnerships for schools only	1		126 360	66 000	52.2%
Nuussuup Atuarfia	1		187 763	35 014	18.6%
School exchange partnerships	1		187 763	35 014	18.6%
Atuarfik Hans Lynge	1	1	81 068	39 564	48.8%
School exchange partnerships	1	1	81 068	39 564	48.8%
Atuarfik Samuel Kleinschmidt	1		438 275	31 485	7.2%
Strategic partnerships for schools education	1		438 275	31 485	7.2%
Arctic circle business	1	1	264 025	48 985	18.5%
Strategic partnerships for vocational education and training	1	1	264 025	48 985	18.5%

Visit Greenland	1	264 025	37 940	14.3%	
Strategic partnership for vocational education and training	1	264 025	37 940	14.3%	
SORLAK	1	7338	0	0.0%	
Youth mobility	1	7338	0	0.0%	
Børnehjemmet Uummanaq	1	284 111	74 751	26.3%	
Strategic partnership for youth	1	284 111	74 751	26.3%	
KTI Råstofskole	1	33 861	10 104	29.8%	
VET learner and staff mobility	1	33 861	10 104	29.8%	
Total OCTs – Erasmus+	177	95	13 693 776	5 535 560	40.4%

3. Interreg

After committing its entire national funding to the programme, Greenland started to benefit from ERDF funding thanks to a political decision made by the programme Monitoring Committee. Three projects have benefited from this financial arrangement: SHAPE⁵⁰, BCE⁵¹ and SW-GROW⁵².

	N° of projects	EU ERDF funding to OCTs
Interreg Northern Periphery and Arctic		
Greenland	12⁵³	
Arctic Technology Centre, ARTEK - Technical University of Denmark	7	286 909
Greenland Business	1	0
Greenland Institute of Natural Resources	1	0
Greenland National Museum	1	0
Kujalleq Municipality	2	51 368
Qeqqata Municipality	1	0
Total OCTs – Interreg Northern Periphery and Arctic	12	338 277

50 - The project SHAPE is about sustainable heritage areas (SHAs).

51 - BCE - Blue Circular Economy aims to support SMEs offering products and services within fishing gear recycling solutions in the NPA region.

52 - The project SW-GROW concerns innovations for seaweed producers.

53 - The project BuSK involved 2 Greenlandic partners.

4. Other EU horizontal programmes

To date, there is no organisation based in Greenland involved in a project funded under another EU horizontal programme.

3.13.2. Overview of the programme BEST 2.0

	N° of projects	OCT-based coordinator	EU funding to OCTs
Denmark	1	0	296 383
Greenland	1	0	296 383
Beneficiary based in the OCT			
Sustainable Fisheries Greenland (SFG)	1		
Beneficiary based outside the OCT			
Institute of Zoology, Zoological Society of London (ZSL)	1		
Total OCTs – BEST 2.0	61	43	7 785 370

3.14. Montserrat



3.14.1. Overview of EU horizontal programmes

1. Erasmus+

	N° of projects	N° of coord.	EU funding to projects	EU funding to OCTs	% of project funds to OCT
United Kingdom	28	1	1 427 110	105 340	7.4%
Montserrat	5	0	151 618	0	0.0%
Montserrat Youth Talents Association	2		30 300	0	0.0%
Youth mobility	2		30 300	0	0.0%
On the Wall Youth Group	3		121 318	0	0.0%
Youth mobility	3		121 318	0	0.0%
Total OCTs – Erasmus+	177	95	13 693 776	5 535 560	40.4%

2. Other EU horizontal programmes

To date, there is no organisation based in Montserrat involved in a project funded under another EU horizontal programme.

3.14.2. Overview of the programme BEST 2.0

	N° of projects	OCT-based coordinator	EU funding to OCTs
United Kingdom	19	14	2 604 861
Montserrat	2 ⁵⁴	1	88 810
Government of Montserrat, Department of Environment	1		
Montserrat National Trust (MNT)	2	1	
Total OCTs – BEST 2.0	61	43	7 785 370

54 - Among those two projects, the Government of Montserrat and Montserrat National Trust (MNT) are jointly involved in the cooperation project Securing pockets of paradise in the Caribbean. This project is a three-year project to increase capacity in the four territories to manage invasive alien species (IAS). It is implemented by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (lead) in partnership with the National Park Trust of the Virgin Islands, the National Trust of the Cayman Islands and Turks and Caicos Islands National Trust (see [IUCN factsheet](#)).



3.15. New Caledonia



3.15.1. Overview of EU horizontal programmes

1. Horizon 2020

	N° of projects	N° of coord.	EU funding to projects	EU funding to OCTs	% of project funds to OCT
France	7	1	53 407 176	906 955	1.7%
New Caledonia	5	1	45 232 583	890 243	1.9%
Agence de développement de la Nouvelle Calédonie	2		21 981 529	119 625	0.5%
Environment	1		11 981 530	59 813	0.5%
Biotechnology	1		9 999 999	59 813	0.6%
Institut Pasteur de Nouvelle-Calédonie (IPNC)	2		21 963 054	122 018	0.7%
Health	1		11 964 209	29 492	0.2%
Research Infrastructures	1		9 998 845	92 527	0.9%
Pacific Community	1		1 288 000	4600	
Stimulating innovation by means of cross-fertilisation of knowledge	1		1 288 000	4600	
Université de la Nouvelle-Calédonie	1	1	1 288 000	644 000	50.0%
Stimulating innovation by means of cross-fertilisation of knowledge	1	1	1 288 000	644 000	50.0%
Total OCTs – Horizon 2020	27	3	158 414 944	4 133 331	2.6%

All the projects in this section have been reviewed. This revision led to a reduction in projects for New Caledonia and French Polynesia, as there were COSME projects that were also counted as H2020 projects. Additionally, it was found that a project no longer included the partner from New Caledonia.

- Project SOLSA (included in the 1st ed.): <https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/689868>

2. COSME

	N° of projects	N° of coord.	EU funding to projects	EU funding to OCTs	% of project funds to OCT
France	1	0	7 487 590	648 191	8.6%
New Caledonia	1	0	7 487 590	394 437	5.2%
Agence de développement de la Nouvelle Calédonie (ADECAL)	1		7 487 590	394 437	5.2%
Enterprise Europe Network	1		7 487 590	394 437	5.2%
Total OCTs – COSME	1	0	7 487 590	648 191	8.6%

3. Erasmus+

	N° of projects	N° of coord.	EU funding to projects	EU funding to OCTs	% of project funds to OCT
France	55	41	3 762 822	2 208 194	58.7%
New Caledonia	33	26	1 193 120	904 735	75.8%
Centre Information Jeunesse de Nouvelle-Calédonie	7	3	143 392	88 347	61.6%
Youth mobility	7	1	143 393	88 346	61.6%
Lycée Lapérouse	7	7	203 334	203 334	100%
Higher education student and staff mobility within programme countries	6	1	196 430	196 430	100%
School education staff mobility	1	1	6904	6904	100%
Mission d'Insertion des Jeunes (MIJ)	11	8	436 388	232 609	53.3%
VET learner and staff mobility	1	1	117 970	117 970	100%
Youth mobility	10	7	318 418	114 639	29.5%
Université de Nouvelle Calédonie	7	7	376 445	376 445	100%
Higher education student and staff mobility within programme countries	7	1	376 445	376 445	100%
Association Marguerite	1	1	33 560	4000	11.9%
Youth mobility	1	1	33 560	4000	11.9%
Total OCTs – Erasmus+	177	95	13 693 776	5 535 560	40.4%

4. Other EU horizontal programmes

To date, there is no organisation based in New Caledonia involved in a project funded under another EU horizontal programme.

3.15.2. Overview of the programme BEST 2.0

	N° of projects	OCT-based coordinator	EU funding to OCTs
France	34	24	3 476 770
New Caledonia	8	8	862 273
Aqualone	1	1	
Association Hô-üt	1	1	
Association pour la Conservation en Cogestion du Mont Panié - Dayu Biik	1	1	
Chambre d'Agriculture de Nouvelle-Calédonie	1		
Conservatoire d'espaces naturels de Nouvelle-Calédonie (CEN)	1	1	
Endemia	1	1	
Mairie de Houaïlou	1	1	
Noé Conservation	1	1	
Province Nord	1	1	
Cooperation projects - beneficiaries based outside the OCT			
French Polynesia, New Caledonia, Pitcairn, Wallis and Futuna⁵⁵	1	0	399 897
Agence des Aires Marines protégées (AAMP)	1		
Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)	1		
New Caledonia, Wallis and Futuna⁵⁶	1	0	400 000
Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD)	1		
Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC)	1		
Total OCTs – BEST 2.0	61	43	7 785 370

55 - The project Pacific Biodiversity Blue Belt is a two-and-a-half-year project to enhance integrated ocean management and marine biodiversity conservation. It is implemented by the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) (lead) and the Agence des Aires Marines protégées (see [IUCN factsheet](#)).

56 - The project BIOPELAGOS is a three-year project to support New Caledonia and Wallis and Futuna to make informed decisions for the sustainable management and the conservation of their oceanic biodiversity and ecosystems. It is implemented by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) (lead) and the Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD) (see [IUCN factsheet](#)).



3.16. Pitcairn



3.16.1. Overview of EU horizontal programmes

To date, there is no organisation based in Pitcairn involved in a project funded under an EU horizontal programme.

3.16.2. Overview of the programme BEST 2.0

	N° of projects	OCT-based coordinator	EU funding to OCTs
United Kingdom	19	14	2 604 861
Pitcairn	0	0	0
Cooperation projects - beneficiaries based outside the OCT	2	0	653 365
French Polynesia, New Caledonia, Pitcairn, Wallis and Futuna ⁵⁷	1	0	399 897
Agence des Aires Marines protégées (AAMP)	1		
Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)	1	1	
Total OCTs – BEST 2.0	61	43	7 785 370

57 - The project Pacific Biodiversity Blue Belt is a two-and-a-half-year project to enhance integrated ocean management and marine biodiversity conservation. It is implemented by the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) (lead) and the Agence des Aires Marines protégées (see [IUCN factsheet](#)).



3.17. Saba



3.17.1. Overview of EU horizontal programmes

1. Erasmus+

	N° of projects	N° of coord.	EU funding to projects	EU funding to OCTs	% of project funds to OCT
Netherlands	92	45	6 814 214	2 656 801	37.7%
Saba	3	1	100 640	34 064	33.8%
Foundation Social Workplace Saba	1		57 492	19 164	33.3%
Youth mobility	1		57 492	19 164	33.3%
Saba Educational Foundation	1		28 248	0	0.0%
Youth mobility	1		28 248	0	0.0%
Sacred Heart School	1	1	14 900	14 900	100%
School education staff mobility	1	1	14 900	14 900	100%
Total OCTs – Erasmus+	177	95	13 693 776	5 535 560	40.4%

2. Other EU horizontal programmes

To date, there is no organisation based in Saba involved in a project funded under another EU horizontal programme.

3.17.2. Overview of the programme BEST 2.0

	N° of projects	OCT-based coordinator	EU funding to OCTs
Netherlands	9	5	753 992
Saba	2	1	98 871
Public Entity Saba	1	1	
Saba Archaeological Center (SABARC)	1		
Saba Conservation Foundation (SCF)	2 ⁵⁸		
Cooperation projects - beneficiaries based outside the OCT			
Saba, Sint Eustatius, Sint Maarten, Turks and Caicos Islands	1	0	253 468
Wageningen Marine Research (WUR)	1		
Total OCTs – BEST 2.0	61	43	7 785 370

58 - Saba Conservation Foundation is involved in the cooperation project RESCQ. This project is a three-year project to restore coral reef zones by establishing coral nurseries on each of the four islands and transplanting coral fragments at selected restoration sites. It is implemented by Wageningen Marine Research (WUR) (lead) in partnership with Sint Eustatius National Parks, Nature Foundation Sint Maarten and Turks & Caicos Reef Fund (see [IUCN factsheet](#)).

3.18. Saint-Barthelemy



3.18.1. Overview of EU horizontal programmes

1. Interreg

	N° of projects	EU ERDF funding to OCTs
Interreg Caribbean	6	0
Saint-Barthelemy	3	0
Association Saint-Barth Essentiel	1	0
Cultural and natural environment	1	0
Collectivité de Saint-Barthélemy	2	0
Competitiveness of enterprises	1	0
Cultural and natural environment	1	0
Total OCTs – Interreg Caribbean	6	0

2. Other EU horizontal programmes

To date, there is no organisation based in Saint-Barthelemy involved in a project funded under another EU horizontal programme.

3.18.2. Overview of the programme BEST 2.0

	N° of projects	OCT-based coordinator	EU funding to OCTs
France	34	24	3 476 770
Saint-Barthelemy	3	2	100 000
Agence Territoriale de l'Environnement de Saint-Barthélemy (ATE)	3⁵⁹ 60	1	100 000
Total OCTs – BEST 2.0	61	43	7 785 370

59 - Given the extensive damage caused by hurricanes Maria and Irma in September 2017, two projects funded under the programme BEST 2.0 were terminated. The project 'Combining Local Ecological Knowledge and Ciguatera Analysis to Rule Lionfish Toxicity and Edibility and Catalyze Infestation Control' was a project on species conservation involving the Agence Territoriale de l'Environnement de Saint-Barthélemy (ATE). Some activities worth EUR 8,381 were implemented.

60 - The Agence Territoriale de l'Environnement de Saint-Barthélemy (ATE) was involved in the cooperation project Lesser Antillean iguana. This project was a one-and-half-year project to create sub-regional framework for species recovery and conservation. It was implemented by Anguilla National Trust (ANT) (lead) in partnership with Sint Eustatius National Parks.

3.19. Saint Helena, Ascension Island, Tristan da Cunha



3.19.1. Overview of EU horizontal programmes

To date, there is no organisation based in Saint Helena, Ascension Islands and Tristan da Cunha involved in a project funded under an EU horizontal programme.

3.19.2. Overview of the programme BEST 2.0

	N° of projects	OCT-based coordinator	EU funding to OCTs
United Kingdom	19	14	2 604 861
Saint Helena	3	3	240 307
Government of Saint Helena, Environmental and Natural Resources Directorate (ENRD)	1		23 000
Government of Saint Helena, Environmental Management Division, Environment and Natural Resources Directorate (ENRD)	1	1	99 531
Saint Helena National Trust (SHNT)	1	1	67 789
Saint Helena Nature Conservation Group (SNCG)	1	1	49 987
Saint Helena Tourism	1		0 ⁶¹
Ascension Island	1	1	197 067
Ascension Island Government, Conservation & Fisheries Department (AIGCFD) Government of Tristan da Cunha, Conservation Department	1	1	197 067
Tristan da Cunha	1	1	98 750
Government of Tristan da Cunha, Conservation Department	1	1	98 750
Total OCTs – BEST 2.0	61	43	7 785 370

61 - Although Saint Helena Tourism was named as a partner in the project 'Trails and interpretation improvements in the Peaks National Park, St Helena', it did not receive any of the grant.

3.20. Saint-Pierre and Miquelon



3.20.1. Overview of EU horizontal programmes

To date, there is no organisation based in Saint-Pierre and Miquelon involved in a project funded under an EU horizontal programme.

3.20.2. Overview of the programme BEST 2.0

	N° of projects	OCT-based coordinator	EU funding to OCTs
France	34	24	3 476 770
Saint-Pierre and Miquelon	1	0	20 277
Beneficiary based outside the OCT			
Office National de la Chasse et de la Faune Sauvage (ONCFS)	1		
Total OCTs – BEST 2.0	61	43	7 785 370



3.21. Sint Eustatius



3.21.1. Overview of EU horizontal programmes

1. Erasmus+

	N° of projects	N° of coord.	EU funding to projects	EU funding to OCTs	% of project funds to OCT
Netherlands	92	45	6 553 529	2 656 801	38.0%
Sint Eustatius	4	4	113 224	113 224	100%
Golden rock roman catholic school	1	1	42 254	42 254	100%
School education staff mobility	1	1	42 254	42 254	100%
Bethel Methodist School	1	1	38 952	38 952	100%
School education staff mobility	1	1	38 952	38 952	100%
Governor de Graaff school	1	1	17 102	17 102	100%
School education staff mobility	1	1	17 102	17 102	100%
SDA School St. Eustatius	1	1	14 916	14 916	100%
School education staff mobility	1	1	14 916	14 916	100%
Total OCTs – Erasmus+	177	95	13 693 776	5 535 560	40.4%

2. Interreg

	N° of projects	EU ERDF funding to OCTs
Interreg Caribbean	6	0
Sint Eustatius	1	0
Sint Eustatius Heritage Committee⁶²	1	0
Cultural and natural environment	1	0
Total OCTs – Interreg Caribbean	6	0

62 - Sint Eustatius Heritage Committee brings together three organisations: Sint Eustatius Historical Foundation, Sint Eustatius Monuments Foundation and Sint Eustatius Center for Archeological Research (SECAR) (in agreement with Eustatius Tourism Development).

3. Other EU horizontal programmes

To date, there is no organisation based in Sint Eustatius involved in a project funded under another EU horizontal programme.

3.21.2. Overview of the programme BEST 2.0

	N° of projects	OCT-based coordinator	EU funding to OCTs
Netherlands	9	5	753 992
Sint Eustatius	2	0	
St. Eustatius National Parks (STENAPA)	2 ^{63 64}		
Cooperation projects - beneficiaries based outside the OCT			
Saba, Sint Eustatius, Sint Maarten, Turks and Caicos Islands	1		253 468
Wageningen Marine Research (WUR)	1		
Total OCTs – BEST 2.0	61	43	7 785 370

63 - Sint Eustatius National Parks were involved in the cooperation project Lesser Antillean iguana. This project was a one-and-a-half-year project to create sub-regional framework for species recovery and conservation. It was implemented by Anguilla National Trust (ANT) (lead) in partnership with Agence Territoriale de l'Environnement de Saint-Barthélemy (ATE) (see [IUCN factsheet](#)).

64 - Sint Eustatius National Parks are involved in the cooperation project RESCQ. This project is a three-year project to restore coral reef zones by establishing coral nurseries on each of the four islands and transplanting coral fragments at selected restoration sites. It is implemented by Wageningen Marine Research (WUR) (lead) in partnership with Saba Conservation Foundation, Nature Foundation Sint Maarten and Turks & Caicos Reef Fund (see [IUCN factsheet](#)).

3.22. Sint Maarten



3.22.1. Overview of EU horizontal programmes

1. Erasmus+

	N° of projects	N° of coord.	EU funding to projects	EU funding to OCTs	% of project funds to OCT
Netherlands	92	45	6 814 214	2 656 801	38.0%
Sint Maarten	38	13	1 234 968	385 305	31.2%
Caribbean Education and Culture Foundation	20	6	546 958	168 831	30.9%
Youth mobility	20	6	534 695	168 831	30.9%
Caribbean Youth and Culture Foundation	3		126 134	3 960	3.1%
Youth mobility	3		126 134	3 960	3.1%
Caribbean Youth and Sport Foundation	6	6	134 224	134 224	100%
Youth mobility	6	6	134 224	134 224	100%
Erasmuscaribbean	4	1	115 950	36 183	31.2%
Youth mobility	4	1	115 950	36 183	31.2%
St. Dominic High School	1		149 445	30 320	20.3%
Strategic partnerships for schools only	1		149 445	30 320	20.3%
The St. Maarten Youth Council Association	7		253 479	11 787	4.6%
Youth mobility	7		253 479	11 787	4.6%
Total OCTs – Erasmus+	177	95	13 693 776	5 535 560	40.4%

The St. Maarten Youth Council Association (SMYCA) was also partner in the youth mobility project YE - Be Social⁶⁵. However, they cancelled their participation in the activities and dropped out of the project. Therefore, this project is not reflected in the statistics.

65 - See <https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects/eplu-project-details/#project/2017-1-NO02-KA105-000897>.

2. Interreg

	N° of projects	EU ERDF funding to OCTs
Interreg Caribbean	6	0
Sint Maarten	3	0
Government of Sint Maarten	1	0
Natural hazard response capacity	1	0
TelEm Group	1	0
Competitiveness of enterprises	1	0
Winair (Windward Islands Airways International n.v.)	1	0
Cultural and natural environment	1	0
Total OCTs – Interreg Caribbean	6	0

3. Other EU horizontal programmes

To date, there is no organisation based in Sint Maarten involved in a project funded under another EU horizontal programme.

3.22.2. Overview of the programme BEST 2.0

	N° of projects	OCT-based coordinator	EU funding to OCTs
Netherlands	9	5	753 992
Sint Maarten	3	1	49 945
Environmental Protection in the Caribbean (EPIC)	1	1	
Nature Foundation Sint Maarten	2 ⁶⁶		
Cooperation projects - beneficiaries based outside the OCT			
Saba, Sint Eustatius, Sint Maarten, Turks and Caicos Islands⁶⁷	1		253 468
Wageningen Marine Research (WUR)	1		
Total OCTs – BEST 2.0	61	43	7 785 370

66 - Among those two projects, Nature Foundation Sint Maarten was involved in the project Best of Bats. However, given the extensive damage caused by hurricanes Maria and Irma in September 2017 the project was terminated. The project 'Best of Bats!' (factsheet not available) was a project on species conservation led by the Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance (DNCA) which involved players from Aruba and Curaçao. However, none of the activities foreseen were implemented.

67 - Nature Foundation Sint Maarten is involved in the cooperation project RESCQ. This project is a three-year project to restore coral reef zones by establishing coral nurseries on each of the four islands and transplanting coral fragments at selected restoration sites. It is implemented by Wageningen Marine Research (WUR) (lead) in partnership with Saba Conservation Foundation, Sint Eustatius National Parks and Turks & Caicos Reef Fund (see [IUCN factsheet](#)).

3.23. South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands



3.23.1. Overview of EU horizontal programmes

To date, there is no organisation based in the South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands involved in a project funded under an EU horizontal programme.

3.23.2. Overview of the programme BEST 2.0

	N° of projects	OCT-based coordinator	EU funding to OCTs
United Kingdom	19	14	2 604 861
South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands	1	0	398 731
Beneficiary based outside the OCT			
Natural Environment Research Council – British Antarctic Survey (NERC-BAS)	1		
University Court of the University of St Andrews	1		
Total OCTs – BEST 2.0	61	43	7 785 370



3.24. Turks and Caicos Islands



3.24.1. Overview of EU horizontal programmes

1. Erasmus+

	N° of projects	N° of coord.	EU funding to projects	EU funding to OCTs	% of project funds to OCT
United Kingdom	28	1	1 427 110	105 340	7.4%
Turks and Caicos Islands	3	0	663 850	35 304	5.3%
Turks and Caicos Islands Community College	3		663 850	35 304	5.3%
VET learner and staff mobility with VET mobility charter	3		663 850	35 304	5.3%
Total OCTs – Erasmus+	177	95	13 693 776	5 535 560	40.4%

2. Interreg

	N° of projects	EU ERDF funding to OCTs
Interreg Caribbean	6	0
Turks and Caicos Islands	1	0
Ministry of Tourism, Environment, Heritage, Culture & Gaming	1	0
Priority axis 6 - Cultural and natural environment	1	0
Total OCTs – Interreg Caribbean	6	0

3. Other EU horizontal programmes

To date, there is no organisation based in the Turks and Caicos Islands involved in a project funded under another EU horizontal programme.

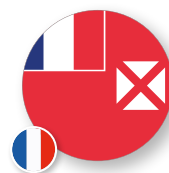
3.24.2. Overview of the programme BEST 2.0

	N° of projects	OCT-based coordinator	EU funding to OCTs
United Kingdom	19	14	2 604 861
Turks and Caicos Islands	4	1	99 917
Beneficiary based in the OCT	3	1	
Turks and Caicos Islands National Trust	1 ⁶⁸		
Turks and Caicos Reef Fund (TCRF)	2 ⁶⁹	1	
Beneficiary based outside the OCT	2		
SWA Environmental	1		
Wolfs Company	1		
Total OCTs – BEST 2.0	61	43	7 785 370

68 - Turks and Caicos Islands National Trust is involved in the cooperation project Securing pockets of paradise in the Caribbean. This project is a three-year project to increase capacity in the four territories to manage invasive alien species (IAS). It is implemented by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (lead) in partnership with the National Park Trust of the Virgin Islands, the National Trust of the Cayman Islands, the Government of Montserrat and Montserrat National Trust (MNT).

69 - Among those two projects, Turks & Caicos Reef Fund is involved in the cooperation project RESCQ. This project is a three-year project to restore coral reef zones by establishing coral nurseries on each of the four islands and transplanting coral fragments at selected restoration sites. It is implemented by Wageningen Marine Research (WUR) (lead) in partnership with Saba Conservation Foundation, Sint Eustatius National Parks and Nature Foundation Sint Maarten (see [IUCN factsheet](#)).

3.25. Wallis and Futuna



3.25.1. Overview of EU horizontal programmes

To date, there is no organisation based in Wallis and Futuna involved in a project funded under an EU horizontal programme.

3.25.2. Overview of the programme BEST 2.0

	N° of projects	OCT-based coordinator	EU funding to OCTs
France	34	24	3 476 770
Wallis and Futuna	2	2	194 465
Direction des Services de l'Agriculture, de la Forêt et de la Pêche à Wallis et Futuna	1	1	
Fédération des associations pour la protection de l'environnement Haofaki te Ulufenua	1		
Service Territorial de l'Environnement à Wallis et Futuna	1	1	
Cooperation projects - beneficiaries based outside the OCT			
French Polynesia, New Caledonia, Pitcairn, Wallis and Futuna⁷⁰	1		399 897
Agence des Aires Marines protégées (AAMP)	1		
Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)	1		
New Caledonia, Wallis and Futuna⁷¹	1		400 000
Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD)	1		
Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC)	1		
Total OCTs – BEST 2.0	61	43	7 785 370

70 - The project Pacific Biodiversity Blue Belt is a two-and-a-half-year project to enhance integrated ocean management and marine biodiversity conservation. It is implemented by the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) (lead) and the Agence des Aires Marines protégées (see [IUCN factsheet](#)).

71 - The project BIOPELAGOS is a three-year project to support New Caledonia and Wallis and Futuna to make informed decisions for the sustainable management and the conservation of their oceanic biodiversity and ecosystems. It is implemented by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) (lead) and the Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD) (see [IUCN factsheet](#)).

4. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This report represents the second edition of this study. The success of the first edition, that represented the creation of the first detailed overview of the OCTs' participation in EU programmes, revealed the need to update this situation regularly, as it provides an accurate picture of the interest of OCTs in European initiatives.

Nevertheless, it is important to keep in mind that this report only reflects successful projects – the number of projects with OCTs partners that have applied for EU funding could be higher than that of the selected projects.

The figures on the report reflect clear trends in the interest of OCTs in certain EU programmes. For instance, Greenland has increased their Horizon 2020 participation from 8 projects in 2018 (551 393 EUR), to 15 projects (2 178 060 EUR). The situation is similar in the case of the Dutch OCTs, which have become increasingly successful in Erasmus+, as they have grown from 36 projects in 2018 (1 451 310 EUR) to 92 projects (2 656 801 EUR).

Since the first edition of this report was published in October 2018, several initiatives have taken place to increase the participation of OCTs in EU programmes:

- The organisation of multiple events to present EU funding opportunities:
 - I EU programmes workshop in November 2018⁷²
 - II EU programmes workshop in December 2019⁷³.
 - Webinar on the LIFE programme in September 2020.
- A report on Success Stories from the OCTs on Erasmus+⁷⁴ was published in May 2019.
- Participation in EU events and information days, in order to provide high quality information to local stakeholders.
- An Erasmus+ Steering Group of the Overseas Territories has been created. It involves the National Agencies of Youth and Sport of France, the Netherlands, Denmark, Portugal, and Spain, with the support of OCTA. The first seminar is taking place online over November-December 2020 with the participation of local youth organisations from all the OCTs and ORs.

72 - Access the event report: <http://octassociation.org/eu-programmes-workshop>

73 - Access the event report: <http://octassociation.org/report-on-the-eu-programmes-workshop>

74 - Access the report: <http://octassociation.org/erasmus-in-the-octs-success-stories>

- OCTA has continued to develop a close relationship with the relevant authorities from the European Commission, National Contact Points and local focal points in the OCTs.
- Dissemination among the OCTA network of information on calls and programmes.

Main recommendations:

1. OCTA should continue the ongoing work of raising awareness of European Union programme authorities regarding the existence and specificities of the OCTs. This process of awareness-raising should take place at the level of:
 - The relevant EC Directorates-General and Executive Agencies.
 - The relevant National Agencies and Joint Secretariats of the EU programmes managed in a decentralised way.
2. Where appropriate, the Commission should encourage increased participation of OCTs in Union programmes, for example by facilitating information on the programmes and by supporting capacity building and training activities through OCTA.
3. Promote a harmonised approach in terms of tracking OCT participation in each EU programme for which OCTs are eligible, for instance by ensuring that OCTs are part of the geographical locations available. Where applicable, ensure a common strategy and reinforce synergies in the support provided by National Contact Points to OCTs.
4. Encourage the beneficiaries based in the OCTs to liaise with their public authorities, to help those local and regional authorities properly track and document their participation in EU programmes and build the capacity of those public authorities.
5. Prioritise an ongoing qualitative analysis of the projects reflected in this report, in OCTA's virtual presence (website and social media), as a first step. Sharing success stories can contribute to increasing the visibility of the OCTs at European level, and thus to enhancing their participation in the EU programmes.
6. Update the present report when all the selection of projects under the programming period 2014-2020 is completed, with the objective of offering a complete overview of the Participation of OCTs in EU programmes during the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2014-2020.

5. CONTACTS

EU programmes	Responsible organisations
Cross-cutting	European Commission Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO) Unit 05. Overseas Countries and Territories
Horizon 2020	European Commission Directorate-General for Research and Innovation (DG RTD)
COSME	Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME) https://ec.europa.eu/easme/en
COSME financial instruments	European Investment Fund (EIF) http://www.eif.org/
Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs	European Commission Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW) Deputy Director General 2 - Responsible for Directorates E, G, H and unit B4 Dir H - COSME Programme Unit 2. Enterprise Europe Network and Internationalisation of SMEs
Erasmus+	European Commission Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture (DG EAC) Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/homepage_en
Erasmus+ Austria	Interkulturelles Zentrum (IZ) https://erasmusplus.at/ Österreichische Austauschdienst GmbH (OeAD) https://erasmusplus.at/
Erasmus+ Belgium	YIA-BEFL – JINT http://www.jint.be/ EPOS vzw https://www.epos-vlaanderen.be/ AEF-Europe http://www.erasmusplus-fr.be/

Erasmus+ Bulgaria	Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC) http://hrdc.bg/
Erasmus+ Denmark	Danish Agency for Science and Higher Education https://ufm.dk/en/the-ministry/organisation/danish-agency-for-science-and-higher-education
Erasmus+ Estonia	Foundation Archimedes http://www.erasmuspluss.ee/
Erasmus+ Finland	Finnish National Agency for Education (EDUFI) https://www.oph.fi/fi
Erasmus+ France	Agence Erasmus+ France Education et Formation http://www.agence-erasmus.fr/ Agence du Service Civique (Agence Erasmus+ France Jeunesse & Sport) http://site.erasmusplus-jeunesse.fr/
Erasmus+ Germany	JUGEND für Europa https://www.jugend-in-aktion.de/ Pädagogischer Austauschdienst der Kultusministerkonferenz, Nationale Agentur für EU-Programme im Schulbereich (PA) https://www.kmk-pad.org/ Nationale Agentur Bildung für Europa beim Bundesinstitut für Berufsbildung (BiBB) https://www.na-bibb.de/ Nationale Agentur für EU-Hochschulzusammenarbeit im Deutschen Akademischen Austauschdienst (NA-DAAD) https://eu.daad.de/de/
Erasmus+ Greece	Youth and Lifelong Learning Foundation (I.NE.DI.VI.M) http://www.inedivim.gr/ Greek State Scholarship's Foundation (IKY) https://www.iky.gr/el/erasmusplus
Erasmus+ Hungary	Tempus Public Foundation (TPF) http://www.eplusifjusag.hu/ https://tka.hu/
Erasmus+ Ireland	The Higher Education Authority (HEA) http://hea.ie/ Léargas https://www.leargas.ie/
Erasmus+ Italy	Agenzia nazionale per i giovani (ANG) http://www.agenziagiovani.it/ Agenzia Nazionale Erasmus+ (INDIRE) http://www.erasmusplus.it/ Istituto per l'analisi delle politiche pubbliche (INAPP) http://www.erasmusplus.it/

Erasmus+ Latvia	Jaunatnes starptautisko programmu aģentūra https://jaunatne.gov.lv/lv/erasmus/ par-erasmus-jaunatnes-jomu
Erasmus+ The Netherlands	Nationaal Agentschap Erasmus+ Onderwijs & Training Nationaal Agentschap Erasmus+ Jeugd https://www.erasmusplus.nl/
Erasmus+ Norway	Buřdir – Barne-, ungdoms- og familiedirektoratet https://www.aktivungdom.eu/ DIKU - Norwegian Agency for International Cooperation and Quality Enhancement in Higher Education https://www.siu.no/om-diku
Erasmus+ Portugal	Agência Nacional para a gestão do programa Juventude em Acção https://www.juventude.pt/pt/
Erasmus+ Romania	Agentia Nationala pentru Programe Comunitare in Domeniul Educatiei si Formarii Profesionale https://www.anpcdefp.ro/ https://www.erasmusplus.ro/
Erasmus+ Slovakia	IUVENTA – Slovak Youth Institute (YIA-SK) https://www.iuventa.sk/sk/IUVENTA-home.alej Slovenská akademická asociácia pre medzinárodnú spoluprácu (SAAIC) http://www.saaic.sk/main.php?prog=SAAIC&str=saaic_o_nas.html
Erasmus+ Spain	YIA-ES – Agencia Nacional Española de la juventud (INJUVE) http://erasmusplus.injuve.es/ Servicio Español Para la Internacionalización de la Educación (SEPIE) http://www.sepie.es/ http://www.erasmusplus.gob.es/
Erasmus+ Sweden	Swedish Agency for Youth and Civil Society (MUCF) http://www.mucf.se/ Swedish Council for Higher Education (UHR) https://www.uhr.se/en/start/
Erasmus+ Turkey	The Centre for European Union Education and Youth Programmes (CEUEYP) https://www.ua.gov.tr/
Erasmus+ The United Kingdom	Erasmus+ UK National Agency https://www.erasmusplus.org.uk/

**European Solidarity Corps
Denmark**

Danish Agency for Science and Higher Education
<http://www.ufm.dk/erasmusplus>

**European Solidarity Corps
France**

**Agence du Service Civique
(Agence Erasmus+ France Jeunesse & Sport)**
<http://site.erasmusplus-jeunesse.fr/>

**European Solidarity Corps
The Netherlands**

Nederlands Jeugdinstituut
www.europeansolidaritycorps.nl

**European Solidarity Corps
The United Kingdom**

Erasmus+ UK National Agency
<https://www.erasmusplus.org.uk/>

**Interreg programme
Caribbean Area**

**Conseil Régional de La Guadeloupe
Secrétariat Conjoint Interreg Caraïbes**
<https://www.interreg-caraibes.fr>

**Interreg programme
Indian Ocean Area**

**Conseil Régional de La Réunion
Direction Générale Adjointe (DGA) -
Coopération et Relations Internationales
Pôle animation du programme Interreg Océan Indien**
<https://www.regionreunion.com/sites/interreg/>

**Interreg programme
Northern Periphery
and Arctic**

**Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme Secretariat
(Joint Secretariat)**
<http://www.interreg-npa.eu/>

**Creative Europe
Denmark**

Agency for Culture and Palace (CULTURE)
<https://english.slks.dk/>
Danish Film Institute (MEDIA)
<https://www.dfi.dk/en>

**Creative Europe
France**

Relais Culture Europe (CULTURE and MEDIA)
<http://www.relais-culture-europe.eu/>
<http://www.europecreativefrance.eu/>

**Creative Europe
The Netherlands**

**Stichting Dutch Centre for International Cooperation
(CULTURE and MEDIA)**
<https://dutchculture.nl/en>
<https://www.creativeeuropedesk.nl/en/>
creative-europe-desk-nl

**Creative Europe
The United Kingdom**

British Council (CULTURE)
<https://www.britishcouncil.org/>
British Film Institute (MEDIA)
<http://www.creativeeuropeuk.eu/>

Europe for Citizens Denmark	Agency for Culture and Palace https://english.slks.dk/
Europe for Citizens France	CIDEM (Association civisme et démocratie) http://europepourlescitoyens.org/
Europe for Citizens The Netherlands	Stichting Dutch Centre for International Cooperation https://dutchculture.nl/en
Europe for Citizens The United Kingdom	"no designated contact point" (see information on the EU Citizenship Portal)
Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI)	European Commission Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (DG EMPL) https://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=1081
BEST 2.0 programme	European Commission Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO) Dir C — Planet and Prosperity IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) European Regional Office https://www.iucn.org/



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