

# Climate Change and the OCT's





# The EU overseas

- 25 Countries & Territories spread across the globe. 4 uninhabited, 22 members of OCTA, the OCT Association
- All islands and Small communities <270.000 inhabitants
- Vast biodiversity and ecosystems
- Heavily reliant on imports
- All have abundant coastal and marine resources
- All have specific island challenges due to the size of their economies: waste management, energy, water and sanitation, land management...
- All exposed to climate change





# Common climate change challenges

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- Climate Change affects OCT ecosystems : a central part in terms of food security, culture and the economy.
- Heavy dependence on a reduced number of economic sectors, making the OCTs vulnerable to economic fluctuations and/or structural changes
- Over 95% of the commercial energy needs of the OCTS are met by fossil fuel
- High vulnerability to natural disasters

# ... and opportunities

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- Opportunities include increased access to resources, developing alternative sectors such as fisheries and potential global attention to the above challenges.
- OCTs have a comparative advantage in studying first hand these phenomena, and in testing adaptation and mitigation measures that can be transferred to other neighboring countries and up-scaled.

# Climate change assessments in OCTs

OCT	Territory wide CC Risk Assessment completed	Comprehensive estimates of costs & benefits of adaptation	Climate Change Strategy/Plan	DRR as part of the CC Strategy
Montserrat	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green
TAAF	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Yellow
Saint Pierre et Miquelon	Yellow	Red	Red	Red
Falklands	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Red
Bermuda	Green	Red	Yellow	Yellow
Curaçao	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green
St. Maarten	Yellow	Red	Red	Yellow
Saint-Barthélemy	Red	Red	Yellow	Yellow
St. Helena	Green	Green	Green	Green
Aruba	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow
Greenland	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	N/A
Saint Eustatius	Yellow	Red	Red	Yellow
French Polynesia	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green
New Caledonia	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green
Anguilla	Yellow	Red	Green	Green
Cayman Islands	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow

# OCTA strategy 2014 - 2020

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- Support the OCTs in developing strategies on climate change and sustainable energies and facilitate relevant projects.
- Assist OCTs in bringing out their value and potential in contributing to address global issues relating to sustainable development.
- The expected outcomes:
  - Elaborate specific strategies or policies in the OCTs, related to sustainable energies and climate change, supported at EU level.
  - Facilitate the identification and implementation in the OCTs of projects of EU or global interest.
  - Cross-cutting considerations related to Capacity Building, Communication and Monitoring.



# Funds and financing

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- European Development Fund
  - Territorial allocations
  - Regional allocations
  - Thematic envelope
    - Sustainable use of natural resources
- Access to horizontal EU programs
- OCTA active steering committee observing members in BEST 2.0
- Board members of Netbiome and Biodiversa



# Activities

- Technical Consultative Workshop on Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction
- GLiSPA Steering Committee meetings
- Participation at UNFCCC climate COPs - extensive activities at UNFCCC COP21
- Green Week
- EUSEW







# Technical Climate Change Workshop 2016





# 2015 EUSEW



# Sustainable Energy Actions

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- 22 priorities identified across all OCT's, 3 main:
  - Energy Efficiency & Infrastructure
  - Storage and Grid Management
  - Creation of (regulatory) frameworks
- EDF Resources available through Thematic and Regional programming
- Focus will be on a pilot project based approach where innovative solutions can be tested
- Stimulating Energy transformations in the OCT's while providing benefit to the EU through applied testing

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# Future activities

- Continues participation at UN climate conferences
- 2016 Summit of OCT Energy Ministers
- 2016 European Sustainable Energy Week
- Global partnerships



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