

KITTS AND NEVIS – COUNTRY DESCRIPTION

Located in the Eastern Caribbean island chain, Saint Kitts and Nevis is a high-income country with a small, open economy and a population of 54,400. Prone to natural disasters, including hurricanes, the country is particularly vulnerable to the effects of climate change. Another challenge the country faces is poverty and unemployment increases following its abandoning of sugar exportation in favour of promoting the service sector.

The EU, in seeking a partnership for growth, stability and development with the Caribbean and supports the ongoing process of regional integration within the Caribbean Community (CARICOM). As a member of CARICOM, St. Kitts and Nevis is involved in the policy dialogue between the EU and CARICOM and benefits from the resources made available under the EU Strategy for the Caribbean. St. Kitts and Nevis also benefits from its participation in the EU-Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) summits.

As part of the CIF programme, St Kitts and Nevis does not count with any bilateral project so far. However, there are ongoing specific activities in the country that are being implemented through two multi-country projects in the sustainable energy sector.

● LIST OF MULTI-COUNTRY PROJECTS

Project title	Sector	Total €	CIF €
Sustainable energy for the Eastern Caribbean programme	Sustainable energy	21,368,000	4,450,000
Geothermal risk mitigation programme for Eastern Caribbean	Sustainable energy	412,400,000	12,350,000
Total		433,768,000	16,850,000



PROJECT:

Sustainable Energy for the Eastern Caribbean (SEEC) Programme

LEAD INSTITUTION:

Antigua and Barbuda,
Grenada, Saint Vincent
and the Grenadines,
Dominica, Saint Kitts
and Nevis, Saint Lucia

LEAD INSTITUTION:

CDB

PARTNERS:

CIF
DFID

TOTAL COST:

€ 21,368,000

CIF CONTRIBUTION:

€ 4,450,000

TYPES OF SUPPORT:

Investment Grant
Technical Assistance

DURATION PERIOD:

Jun 2015 – Dec 2021

SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES IN THE COUNTRY:

Support to enhance the legal, regulatory, and institutional framework; conduct of loss reduction and technical feasibility studies and capacity building.

DESCRIPTION:

The objective of this programme is to reduce participating countries' dependency on imported fossil fuels by displacing their use in electricity generation with economically viable investments in renewable energy (on the supply side) and energy efficiency (on the demand side). The programme will provide funding for investments for renewable energy and energy efficiency as well as technical assistance for institutional strengthening, capacity building and project support.

EXPECTED RESULTS:

- Greater capabilities in identifying, assessing, and implementing renewable energy and energy efficiency projects.
- Improved enabling environment (legal, regulatory, and institutional frameworks for the electricity sector).
- Enhanced market for renewable energy and energy efficiency financing.
- 6 MW of additional capacity from renewable energy sources.
- Fossil fuel consumption reduced by 105,000 BBL/year.
- Reduction of 39,000 tons CO₂/year.



PROJECT:

Geothermal Risk Mitigation Programme for Eastern Caribbean

LEAD INSTITUTION:

Dominica, Grenada,
Saint Kitts and Nevis,
Saint Lucia, Saint
Vincent and the
Grenadines

LEAD INSTITUTION:

CDB

PARTNERS:

CIF
World Bank

TOTAL COST:

€ 412,400,000

LAIF CONTRIBUTION:

€ 12,350,000

TYPES OF SUPPORT:

Investment grant
Technical Assistance

DURATION PERIOD:

Nov 2017 – Aug 2021

SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES IN THE COUNTRY:

De-risking ongoing geothermal project and strengthening the capacity of the Government in managing this energy source.

DESCRIPTION:

The programme aims at mobilizing suitable and adequate resources to support geothermal energy development in the Eastern Caribbean. Ultimately, the programme aims at establishing a geothermal power plant that could potentially represent up to 60 megawatt (MW) of base-load power for the Small Island Developing States.

EXPECTED RESULTS:

- Reduced Eastern Caribbean countries' oil dependence - for electricity generation (722,000 barrels of oil per year) which represent 50 million USD per year.
- Stabilized and reduced electricity prices, which are currently indexed to fuel prices, contributing to the sub-region's energy security and to further growth in economic sectors such as tourism.
- Interconnection of Eastern Caribbean countries with each other.
- The expected geothermal development will contribute to climate change mitigation and the nationally determined contributions (NDCs) by reducing 313,421 tCO₂ per year.