

## SAINT LUCIA – COUNTRY DESCRIPTION

Saint Lucia reports a population of 182,000 inhabitants in an area of 300 Km<sup>2</sup>, making it the most densely populated of the four Windwards Islands. Saint Lucia's economy has traditionally been agriculture-based, with the main exports being bananas, cocoa, vegetables, fruits and coconut oil. The country has attempted to diversify both its overall economy and agricultural production via import substitution - and concentrating banana production in the fair-trade niche market -. To reduce unemployment, diminish poverty and achieve positive economic growth it is seeking to engage in an inclusive sustainable economic development.

Job creation, through the development of an enabling business environment for the private sector and the strengthening of skills has been - identified as a focal area in the 11th European Development Fund (EDF) National Indicative Programme (NIP) 2014-2020.

The main objective of the EU's development cooperation with Saint Lucia is to help strengthen the country's public governance and regulatory framework. The promotion of green technologies is also a central part of the interventions designed for and employed by the beneficiary micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs). Programmes financed under the 11th EDF support as well the promotion of decent work and employment and by extension enhance social protection, uphold core labour standards and advance social dialogue through the continued involvement of non-governmental organisations and private sector associations.

As part of the CIF program, Saint Lucia is not a beneficiary of bilateral projects. However, the country is involved in three multi-country projects in the sector of sustainable energy. Activities implemented in the country focus on capacity building in financial and technical areas, installing new water supply intake, transmission, treatment and storage facilities, and strengthening the capacity of the government.

### ● 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
Credit Facility for the Caribbean Development Bank	Multisector / Sustainable energy	33,000,000	3,150,000
Geothermal risk mitigation programme for Eastern Caribbean	Sustainable energy	412,400,000	12,350,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>466,768,000</b>	<b>19,950,000</b>



**PROJECT:**

**Sustainable Energy for the Eastern Caribbean (SEEC) Programme**

**COUNTRIES:**

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:**

Capacity building in financial and technical areas; tariff study.

**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 CO<sub>2</sub>/year.



**PROJECT:**

**Credit Facility for the Caribbean Development Bank**

**COUNTRIES:**

Jamaica, Suriname,  
Saint Lucia, Saint  
Vincent and  
Grenadines

**LEAD INSTITUTION:**

AFD  
CIF

**TOTAL COST:**

€ 33,000,000

**LAIF CONTRIBUTION:**

€ 3,150,000

**TYPES OF SUPPORT:**

Technical assistance

**DURATION PERIOD:**

Oct 2015 – Dec 2021

**SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES IN THE COUNTRY:**

Dennery water supply re-development: project to install new water supply intake, transmission, treatment and storage facilities. The total cost of this project is 15,7 M €.

**DESCRIPTION:**

The project aims at promoting and financing new sustainable infrastructure projects in the Caribbean region in the sectors of energy, transport, water and sanitation and climate change mitigation and reinforcing the national implementing agencies for the seeding and follow-up of new projects, specifically to create a pipeline of quality projects within the borrowing member countries.

**EXPECTED RESULTS IN SANTA LUCIA:**

- The Credit Facility will increase the long-term financial resources available for the economies in the Caribbean region and will allow the financing of new economic development projects.



**PROJECT:**

**Geothermal Risk Mitigation Programme for Eastern Caribbean**

**COUNTRIES:**

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.

**DESCRIPTION:**

The programme aims at mobilizing 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 tCO<sub>2</sub> per year.