



COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT DELEGATION TO MARTINIQUE

29 - 31 MARCH 2016

SUMMARY REPORT



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Summary

Subject	Delegation visit to Martinique
Objectives	<p>Main objective:</p> <p>During the 2014-2020 period, Martinique will benefit from an allocation of 1.387 billion Euros. This sum corresponds to the needs faced by this territory: distance from mainland France, insularity, relatively small size, climate problems, etc.</p> <p>The delegation of the Committee of Regional Development was present from the 29th to the 31st March in order to examine the application of cohesion policy in Martinique. Different meetings took place during this visit. The trip gave REGI the opportunity to take part in official meetings with representatives of local authorities and management authorities. Visits on the ground were useful to grasp the importance of European funds for Martinique.</p>
Places	<p>29-31 March 2016</p> <p>Martinique: Fort-de-France, Lamentin, Le Robert, La Trinite</p>
Participants	The delegation consists of 9 Members and substitute Members of the Committee on Regional Development (Delegations Members and Accompanying Members) (see annexe).

The list of participants and the programme are attached in the annexe.



Tuesday 29 March 2016

The first part of the day was dedicated to:

- 1. The protocol meeting with Mr. Alfred MARIE-JEANNE, President of the Regional Government of Martinique and Mr. Miguel LAVENTURE, executive advisor of CTM, in charge of financial and budgetary affairs as well as the tax system, European funds and tourism.**
- 2. Protocol meeting with Mr. Claude LISE, President of the Territorial Assembly of Martinique.**

The three representatives of The Regional Government of Martinique reminded us of the importance of European funds for Martinique but they also underlined the feeling of being neglected by mainland France as a result of geographical distance. The specificity of Martinique relates to its belonging to both the EU and the Caribbean Regions. 'If Europe does not know us, we do not know Europe' declared Mr. MARIE-JEANNE. He also underlined that other countries (China and India) are interested in Martinique and want to invest in it. The CTM representatives talked about simplification which should not become an obstacle, as an extra fee for the beneficiaries.

- 3. Working session with the management authorities of the OP 2007-2013 et 2014-2020**

Suggestion for discussion:

- The implementation of the Operational Programme (OP) in Martinique during 2007-2013
- OP in Martinique for the period 2014-2020, principal aims and objectives
- The advantages/potential of RUP

Main participants :

- **Mrs. Malika MOUNIGAN, Director**
- **Mrs Annie VALLÉE, Director for Europe and Development, Prefecture**
- **Mrs Laurence JEHEL, Europe Mission Leader, Prefecture**
- **Mrs Lise JEAN-LOUIS, Director**
- **Mr. Bruno MENIL, Joint Director of the GIP**

This session allowed us to focus on the realisation of the 2007-2013 Operational Programme and the beginning of the 2014-2020 OP. While the first has been carried out fully, the second is having a slow start. Less than 5% of the available 800 million Euros have been spent thus far.



The questions of the Parliament members mainly concerned the irregularities for the 2007-2013 period. They rose to at least 1% of the whole.

4. Protocol meeting with Mr. Fabrice RIGOULET-ROZE, Prefect of Martinique

The prefect underlines the pros and cons of the geographical position of Martinique. He evoked the importance of different sectors of Martinique's economy, emphasising the role of the tourism sector (5-10% of GDP) with a growing number of cruises which have doubled during the last two years. This short meeting allowed for the presentation and discussion of some initial thoughts before the discussion was continued in smaller groups during the lunch.

12h00 – 14h00: Lunch break with Mr. Fabrice RIGOULET-ROZE, Prefect of Martinique

This was an informal meeting with the participation of different local figures from the political and economic world. It was an opportunity to initiate contact with some of the people who were going to receive the delegation during the visit to Martinique.

5. Visit to the Hospital University Centre of Martinique (CHUM) Quartier La Meynard, Fort de France

Suggestion for discussion:

- Presentation of the renovation of the University Hospital's innovation platform, 32 million euros of which was co-financed by ESIF
- ESFI provisions for social and health-care infrastructures

Principal participant:

- **Mr Nicolas ESTIENNE, Director**
- **Mrs. Françoise TANIC, Project Manager**

The project of the new CHUM building is a flagship project for the 2007-2013 period. It represents a real attribute for Martinique, placing it as a leader of medical services for neighbouring countries. We visited the whole of the new building which was constructed according to anti-earthquake rules which assure 5-day autonomy in the event of a major catastrophe.

The CHUM project is innovative both in terms of architecture and technical and medical facilities which have been provided.



Wednesday 30 March 2016

6. Tour of the Bochet au Lamentin Agricultural Plant

This visit reinforced the importance of one of Martinique's biggest exports. The concerns of banana producers are relative to the geographical position of the country, with Martinique neighbouring big regional banana producers. Producers from Martinique talked about unfair competition, notably in the application of phytosanitary rules concerning plant health which are more restrictive in the EU. Combined with the rising labour costs and the fall, indeed the progressive disappearance, of customs tariffs, the producers find themselves in a difficult situation. The debate with the Chamber of Agriculture addressed this and other subjects relating to this important economic sector. In total, the banana industry is represented by 371 plantations with 6775 hectares of land, making up 30% of the Martinique's arable land.

**7. Lunchtime debate with the Chamber of Agriculture (au Moulin à vent)
“ANGRIYAV’LA” 97231 LE ROBERT**

Suggestion for discussion:

- The provision of ESIF in agriculture within the Outermost Regions (ORs)

Main participants:

- **Mr Louis BERTOME, President**
- **Mr Nicaise MONROSE, Director**
- **Mr Jacques HELPIN, Director of DAAF**
- **Mr Pierre MONTEUX, Director of BANAMART**

The representatives of different agricultural professions also mentioned the issue of unfair competition. They also drew attention to other objectives such as climate change, which makes farming more difficult. The example of cane sugar harvest is a case in point. Normally, the harvest takes place during a period of drought. Increasingly random weather patterns make planning the harvest more difficult. The size of the Martinique farming and cultivation industry is also inferior to the main regional competitors.

The farmers mentioned that the certification issues surrounding local products have yet to be resolved.

8. Visit to the SIDREP society, at the port of la Pointe des Grives

The activity of ISDREP (Industrial society for the recycling and production) rests on the recycling of used plastic bottles which, after a treatment process, become pieces of PET (polyethylene terephthalate) which will then be used to make new bottles.



The particularity of an insular territory like Martinique is linked to the problem of exporting waste. This is reason for which ISDREP plays an important role in Martinique. ISDREP has also encountered the difficulties of recycling development to the need for a change in mentality so that the program can function correctly. In this area there is also a concern about the size of the business. France and its overseas departments are not pioneers in recycling materials. Even in Europe, certain recycling factories have not been able to survive because at the end of the production chain, you need to offer clients a good product at a competitive price.

Suggestion for discussion:

- Energy transition, COP21 objectives in the Outermost Regions (ORs)

Main participants:

- **Mr Jean-François MAURO, Regional Director for ADEME (French Environment and Energy Management Agency)**
- **Mr Christian TORRES, Director of SIDREP**

9. Bus Lane Tour (visit to part of the route and to the technical centre in Lamentin). Meeting with project staff members at the Lamentin maintenance workshop, Aime Cesare Airport.

There have been significant reduction in CO2 emissions for public transport. The busses are hybrid, using both electricity and gas: FEDER has contributed 62.668.790,76 € out of 173.916.520,20 €..

Suggestion for discussion:

- Mobility/transport in the Outermost Regions: lack of objectives in terms of movement of the population and the environment.

Main participants :

- **Mr Yves SIDIBE, Joint Director General**
- **Mr Franck NUMERIC, Director General**
- **Mr Fernand LARMAILLARD, Director of Trade Unions**

Martinique is the French territory with the greatest number of cars per person (519 per 1000 inhabitants). This poses mobility and environmental issues. The Members had the opportunity to travel on the new hybrid bus which will run on the new lines. The improvement in mobility is considerable and allows a majority of the mobility problems to be solved on the island. The new infrastructure offers intermodal transport services providing connections with other modes of transport. At the moment, TCSP carries 25.000 passengers a day.



10. Working meeting with the representatives of the Martinique Mayors Association at the Hotel la Batelière.

Subjects Discussed:

- The debate on EFSI. The opinion of commune-level beneficiaries. The role of local authorities, interactions with different decisions making levels.

More than twenty Martinique municipalities of all political allegiances were represented at the reunion. The participants talked about the use of European Funds for the 2007-2013 period but also talked with the members about forthcoming projects. It was clear that there was a lack of information amongst the small communes, which explains their need for technical support. In many cases, they had no clear idea of how to seek advice. Simplification is a challenge for the communes which are having difficulty getting their bearings. Small municipalities need to face up to the lack of pre-financing. Taking into account the limited debating time, it was proposed that representatives of the association hear the opinions of the local powers and relay them to the members of the REGI Committee.

Main participants:

- **Mr Maurice BONTE, President**
- **Mr Jean-Pierre LAVIOLETTE, Director**



Thursday 31 March 2016

11. Visit to the Galion Factory

Galion is a major actor in the durable development of the Martinique cane industry. Galion employs 1/3 of workers in the sector and makes 40% of the product. In the 2007-2013 period, the business benefitted from 400.000 € from the FEADER fund.

Suggestion for discussion:

- The role of European funds in the support of traditional industry in Martinique (sustainable development, employment)
- Waste treatment (including the problem of insulation)

Main participants:

- **Mr Richard BARTHELERY, President**
- **Mr Philippe ANDRE, Director General**

Galion is the last cane sugar factory in Martinique. It draws funding from numerous sources, with a major role played by the Territorial Collective of Martinique playing a major role. The visit allowed the deputies to visit the site and to discuss industry issues with the management. The size of the factory is considered as a handicap relative to the competition. The factory generates, directly and indirectly, 3900 jobs and its closure would cause major economic problems. This is why the funding of the factory was of major interest to the members of the delegation. Galion representatives also considered development perspectives in relation to innovation (aromatised sugars and new products).

12. Visit to the 1st Adapted Military Service Regiment, and discussion with staff and beneficiaries. ESF co-financing of 20.3 million euros since 2009

Suggestion for discussion:

- Excellence in social integration of young people between 17 and 25 as a result of ESF support (80% of young people leave the Adapted Military Service Regiment and find a job)
- The support available to vulnerable populations through ESF

Main participants:

- **Colonel Philippe BOCCON-LIAUDET**
- **Mr Ronan LEAUSTIC, Director of DIECCTE**
- **Mr Patrice PEYTAVIN, Joint Director of DIECCTE**



This visit allowed the members to learn about a specific project especially developed for the French extra periphery regions. The presentation of the project allowed us to see the key figures. The following discussion centred on the interactions between the economic environment and the SMA. How do you make the link between the young people who join the regiment and businesses so that the training allows them to find a job? In total, 27 trades are taught in order to allow young people to start a career or engage in further academic training. This is a key policy for the socio-professional insertion of young people in Martinique.

13. Meeting/lunchtime debate with representatives of the Martinique Association for the Promotion of Industry (MAPI) and the Martinique Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI).

Suggestion for discussion:

- Innovation and use of specific allocations

Main participants:

- **Mr Manuel BEAUDOIN, President of CCIM**
- **Ms Pascale MARIE-CLAIRE, Director of Cabinet for CCIM**
- **Mr Hervé TOUSSAY, President of AMPI**
- **Mr Richard CRESTOR, Secretary General of AMPI**
- **Ms Claude TITINA, Mission Leader of AMPI**

This lunchtime debate was organised by the Martinique Association for the Promotion of Industry (MAPI) and the Martinique Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI). The discussion raised some important characteristics of Martinique due to its distance from mainland France, its insular character and its proximity with countries that have a higher productions cost. It was also an opportunity to recap the attributes of Martinique, notably the development perspectives in the tourism sector. Energy and environmental issues were also discussed.

14. Press Conference

The visit of the delegation ended with a press conference. Three newspapers were represented:

1. France Antilles, le quotidien local
2. Journal Justice Martinique
3. Antilla Hebdo

The head of the delegation, Mr. ZELLER (EPP, D), presented his initial thoughts after the mission. He also replied to questions from journalists who wanted to know the opinion of the MEPs on projects co-financed by the EU and Martinique.

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Besides, the press conference, representatives of media publications was present nearly every day. Requests for radio and television interviews demonstrate the press interest surrounding the REGI's visit to Martinique.



Concluding remarks

During 3 days dedicated to 13 meetings and exchanges with local actors, the delegation was able to visit the projects completed following the 2007-2013 operational programme and discuss this with local actors. All the projects demonstrate the importance of European funds for cohesion politics in Martinique. The MEPs were interested in the perception of the functioning of past and present operational programmes. The major issues for most of the beneficiaries are linked to simplification and to how easy it is for relatively small communes and businesses to access financing. Another issue was the administrative capacity for presenting projects. Distance from mainland France was cited as a major handicap. This handicap could turn out to be an attribute in the relationship with non-European countries which neighbour Martinique. According to many representatives, the policy which seeks to remove trade barriers between the EU and Caribbean disadvantages Martinique in terms of competitiveness.

Overall, the visit to the REGI delegation to Martinique was a good way to understand the local issues and to evoke future solutions in order to between respond to the expectations of local beneficiaries.



Media Coverage

Links to the Articles:

Les eurodéputés en visite de terrain

France-Antilles Martinique, 31.03.2016

<http://www.martinique.franceantilles.fr/actualite/politique/les-eurodeputes-en-visite-de-terrain-352340.php>

Martinique. Conférence : Délégation de la commission développement régional du Parlement européen

CCN, 31.03.2016

<http://www.caraibcreolenews.com/index.php/service-presse/item/5152-martinique-conference-delegation-de-la-commission-developpement-regional-du-parlement-europeen>

Martinique. 25 parlementaires européens en visite à la Martinique

CCN, 29.03.2016

<http://www.caraibcreolenews.com/index.php/service-presse/item/5131-martinique-25-parlementaires-europeens-en-visite-a-la-martinique>

France Antilles (édition Martinique), le 31 mars 2016, page 4



Les eurodéputés en visite de terrain



Après les agriculteurs le matin, la délégation a fait un petit tour de TCSP hier après-midi. les députés européens ont ainsi touché du doigt un financement européen achevé. Photo JME/F-A.

Une dizaine de députés de la commission développement régional du Parlement européen est arrivée depuis lundi soir pour prendre le pouls du financement européen dans l'île. Première visite d'une région ultrapériphérique de l'Europe pour la plupart d'entre eux, originaires du Pays de Galle, ou de la Roumanie, de la Croatie, voire de la Pologne. Hier matin, lors d'une table ronde organisée par la chambre d'agriculture, ils ont clairement sondé nos agriculteurs. « Nous voulons savoir ce que nous pouvons faire pour vous, ce que vous attendez de l'Europe », déclarait Joachim Zeller, député allemand et chef de la délégation. Il allait surtout mettre l'accent sur l'importance de la commission du développement régional qui doit appréhender les problématiques des régions ultrapériphériques, pour mieux les mettre en exergue au Parlement. Ce qui a permis à Louis-Joseph Manscour, député de la zone atlantique de l'Outre-mer, d'insister auprès des producteurs et autres agriculteurs présents à cette rencontre. « N'ayez

pas peur de dire les choses, car c'est le moment pour mes collègues du parlement européen de mieux prendre en compte les problématiques de notre agriculture. » Ce sont plutôt les députés qui avaient envie de comprendre comment les productions agricoles se positionnaient sur le marché européen. « Pourquoi votre production n'est pas certifiée comme celles de toutes les autres régions d'Europe ? » s'interrogeait Liliana Rodrigues, députée de Madère. L'élue de l'île portugaise, également région ultrapériphérique, ne mit pas moins le doigt sur une question d'équivalence entre les régions européennes continentales et les ultrapériphériques. Et même si elle eut pour réponse que les certifications étaient en cours, personne ne pouvait lui dire le comment du pourquoi. C'est en visitant, ce matin, l'unique unité sucrière de la Martinique et le RSMA dans la foulée qu'elle et ses collègues appréhenderont un peu mieux les difficultés de l'intégration européenne de la Martinique.

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ANNEXES

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**EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

DELEGATION TO MARTINIQUE

29 – 31 March 2016

PROGRAMME

Monday 28 March 2016

Individual arrival of the Members and the Staff to Martinique Aimé Césaire International Airport

The Hotel chosen for the delegation:

Hotel La Batelière
Martinique - FWI
20, rue des Alizés - 97233 - Schoelcher
Tel : +596 596 61 49 49 - Fax : +596 596 61 62 29
<http://www.hotel-bateliere-martinique.com>

20h00 – 20h30: Preparatory meeting of the REGI Secretariat at the hotel

Tuesday 29 March 2016

07h45: The participants of the delegation meet in the hotel lobby

08h00 – 08h30: Bus transfer from the hotel to the Martinique Regional Government

Martinique Regional Government
Rue Gaston Defferre
CS 30137 - 97201 FORT-DE-FRANCE CEDEX

08h30 – 09h00: Official meeting with **Mr Alfred MARIE-JEANNE**, President of the Regional Government of Martinique

Key participants:

Mr Miguel LAVENTURE, Executive Advisor for CTM, in charge of finance, budget, fiscal matters, European funds, and tourism



09h00 – 09h30: Official meeting with **Mr Claude LISE**, President of the Territorial Assembly of Martinique

09h30 – 10h00: Bus transfer to the former Department Council of the Regional Government of Martinique

10h00 – 11h30: Working session with the management authorities from the OPs 2007-2013 and 2014-2020

Regional Government of Martinique (former DC)
Avenue des Caraïbes
97261 Fort-de-France Cedex

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- **Mrs Laurence JEHEL, Europe Mission Leader, Prefecture**
- **Mrs Lise JEAN-LOUIS, Director**
- **Mr. Bruno MENIL, Joint Director of the GIP**

Transfer on foot to the Prefecture of Martinique

11h30 – 12h00: Official meeting with **Mr Fabrice RIGOULET-ROZE**, the Prefect of Martinique

Prefecture of Martinique
Rue Victor Sévère
FORT DE FRANCE

12h00 – 14h00: Lunch hosted by **Mr Fabrice RIGOULET-ROZE**, the Prefect of Martinique

14h15 – 14h45: Bus transfer to the University Hospital of Martinique (technology platform)

University Hospital of Martinique (CHUM)
Quartier La Meynard
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15h00 – 17h15: Visit to the University Hospital of Martinique (CHUM)

Suggestion for discussion:

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- ESFI provisions for social and health-care infrastructures

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17h15 – 17h45: Bus transfer to the hotel

17h45: Free evening

Wednesday 30 March 2016

07h45: The participants of the delegation meet in the hotel lobby

08h00 – 08h30: Bus transfer to an agricultural site of **Mr. Georges Antoine MARMONT**

**Quartier Sarrault
Lamentin**

8h30 – 10h00: Visit to an agricultural site Bochet in Lamentin

10h00 – 10h30: Bus transfer to the Chamber of Agriculture

**Au Moulin à Vent
97231 LE ROBERT**

10h30 – 12H00: Debate with the Chamber of Agriculture

**Au Moulin à Vent
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- **Mr Pierre MONTEUX, Director of BANAMART**

12h00 – 13h30: Working lunch hosted by the Chamber of Agriculture

**Au Moulin à Vent “ANGRIYAV’LA”
97231 LE ROBERT**

13h30 – 14h00: Bus transfer to the SIDREP company

**SIDREP
Zone Portuaire de la Pointe des Grives
97200 FORT DE FRANCE**

14h00 – 15h00: Tour in the SIDREP company

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The plastic bottles are supplied by Martinique Recycling and originally come from households where they are sorted for collection.

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Main participants :

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15h00 – 15h30: Bus transfer to TCSP (Maintenance workshops in Lamentin)

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Aéroport Aimé Césaire**

15h30 – 17h30: Group transfer in designated transport lane (TCSP) (visit to a section of the aforementioned lane and to the technical centre) – Lamentin. Business meeting with the project managers

An important reduction of CO2 emissions in public transport. The buses are hybrids



(electric/petrol): FEDER has contributed 62,668,790.76 € of a total cost of 173,916,520.20 €.

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17h30 – 18h00: Bus transfer to the hotel La Batelière

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18h00 – 19h30: Working meeting with the representatives of the Martinique Mayors Association

Suggestion for discussion:

- The debate on ESIF. The perspective of the beneficiaries at community level, the role of local authorities, the interaction between the different levels of decision-making.

Main participants:

- **Mr Maurice BONTE, President**
- **Mr Jean-Pierre LAVIOLETTE, Director**

Thursday 31 March 2016

07h45: The participants of the delegation meet in the hotel lobby (hotel check out)

08h00 – 09h00: Bus transfer to Galion factory

S.A.E.M LE GALION
Galion Factory
97220 LA TRINITE

09h00 – 10h30: Visit to the Galion factory

Galion is a major player in sustainable production within the cane industry in Martinique. The



SAEM (Anonymous Organisation for Mixed Economy) in Galion accounts for 1/3 of direct and indirect employment in the cane industry, and buys 40% of cane products. During the period 2007-2013, the organisation has received around 400,000 € from the EAFRD fund.

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**1st Adapted Military Service Regiment
BP 610 quartier Basse Gondeau
97200 FORT DE FRANCE**

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- **Mr Ronan LEAUSTIC, Director of DIECCTE**
- **Mr Patrice PEYTAVIN, Joint Director of DIECCTE**

12h30 – 13h00: Bus transfer to the VALMENIERE HOTEL

**La Valmenière Hôtel
Avenue des Arawaks - 97200 Fort-de-France
Martinique - Antilles Françaises**

13h00 – 15h30: Meeting/lunch debate hosted by representatives Martinique Association for the Promotion of Industry (AMPI) and the Martinique Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCIM)

Suggestion for discussion:

- Innovation and use of specific allocations



Main participants:

- **Mr Manuel BEAUDOIN, President of CCIM**
- **Ms Pascale MARIE-CLAIRE, Director of Cabinet for CCIM**
- **Mr Hervé TOUSSAY, President of AMPI**
- **Mr Richard CRESTOR, Secretary General of AMPI**
- **Ms Claude TITINA, Mission Leader of AMPI**

16h00 – 16h30: *Press Conference*

**17h00: END OF THE OFFICIAL PROGRAMME OF THE DELEGATION AND
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