

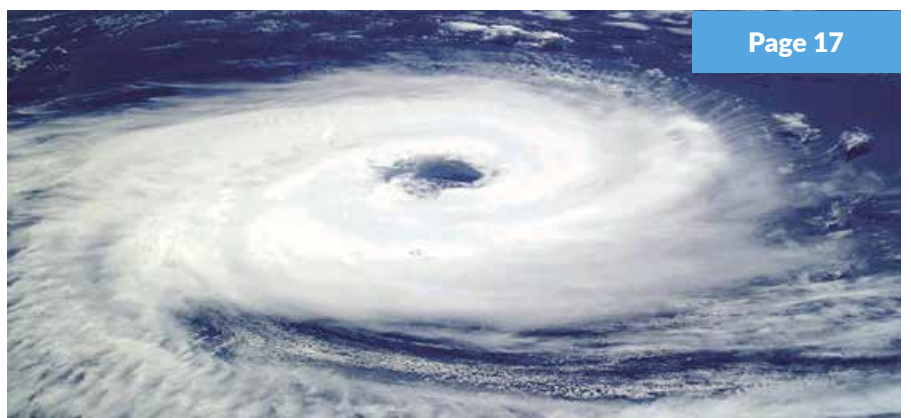
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# A Word From The President



My fellow citizens,

It has been four years that our majority party has been fully dedicated to the development of this territory and its promotion beyond our borders. Saint-Martin has experienced painful growing pains, but ones that were necessary for its stability. These four years have been devoted to Saint-Martin and its residents, to relaunch the reconstruction of our island after hurricane Irma in 2017, as well as our economic development and the creation of new projects for a bright and promising future.

I often say that this term has been particularly complicated to manage, as we have been faced with numerous challenges, COVID being the most recent one. However, these considerable hardships have allowed us to prove our commitment to the territory and its inhabitants and to bounce back with new programs adapted to our current needs.

Our agenda was disrupted by a series of unexpected events, but we were none-the-less able to successfully complete a number of large projects and initiate local policies. I am thinking in particular of our support to those most in need (15M € for our social programs in 2021), our support to our students and young people seeking professional training (6M € for student grants and certifying training programs 2021), our commitment to the environment by way of new contracts for cleanliness, for a sum of close to 17M€.

Economic stimulation is at the heart of our priorities, especially in the post-Covid recovery period. The Collectivité has created support programs for businesses that find themselves in difficulty and has outlined its Multiannual Investment Plan over three years amounting to 15M€ in projects, while it continues its long-term development plans with the financial aid of Europe and France.

The five major infrastructure projects undertaken during our current term will soon move into their operational phase:

- The construction of the French Quarter middle school with the capacity for 600 students
- The construction of the La Savane middle school with the capacity for 900 students
- The La Savane Nautical Center
- The reconstruction of the Concordia Media Library
- Revitalization of the Marigot Waterfront

These five public-interest projects reflect the principal sectors that are important for the quality of life in Saint-Martin, addressing areas such as education, culture as well as sports and tourism. We have invested all of our energy to ensure that these projects will be completed successfully.

We continue to fight to make Saint-Martin a welcoming, modern and forward-looking island. We will continue to strive to achieve this goal.

Daniel GIBBS

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# 2021 : A Budget Full Of Solutions!



On April 12, 2021, the Territorial Council adopted a preliminary budget for the Collectivité, for a total of 200M€, allocating 136.5M€ to operations and 63.5M€ in investments.

President Gibbs called this “a balanced budget, which not provides solutions but as well as the completion of certain number of projects within the context of the crisis we are experiencing.”

The Economic, Social and Cultural Council (CESC) congratulated the majority party for creating the balanced budget and maintaining healthy finances in spite of the context of the crisis we are going through.

President Gibbs pointed out in a public meeting that despite the hardships the island has experienced since 2017, the Collectivité has held a steady course and succeeded in managing its finances by finding investment margins.

Since 2017, 103 million euros have been invested in the development of the territory.

Among the leading projects for 2021:

- The creation of a Connected Campus
- Internet connectivity and Wi-Fi in the primary schools
- Renovation of the workshops of the LPO High school
- Creation of the Mission Locale de Saint-Martin
- Construction of the French Quarter middle school for a 600-students capacity (14M€)
- Construction of the La Savane middle school for a 900- students capacity (23M€)
- Creation of the La Savane Nautical Center
- Renovation of the Thelbert Carti Stadium in French Quarter

- Reconstruction of the Media Library in Concordia as a “Micro-Folies” venue (4.7M€), comprising the creation of a hurricane shelter
- The first phase of the revitalization of the Marigot waterfront, for an investment of 11.5M€

In addition to economic investment, the island government also plans to dedicate 25M€ of the 2021 budget to social programs.

The Collectivité will maintain its activities to protect and promote youngsters and especially its students through educational grants, professional training programs, and the launching of new activities, such as, for example, support toward professional careers and employment through CADRE AVENIR.

The Collectivité’s Multiannual Investment Plan (PPI), calls for more than 153.8 million euros of investment injected directly into the local economy for the period of 2021-2023:

- 41.2M€ for the modernization of academic infrastructures
- 9M€ for road work
- 5.13M€ to improve public lighting
- 11.4M€ for the revitalization of the Marigot waterfront
- 5.5M€ for the improvement of Grand-Case and beautification of public spaces
- 25.5M€ for the modernization of sports facilities

**For President Daniel Gibbs, “Both the budgetary considerations and the 2021 budget translate into a real vision for the development of Saint-Martin in the short, medium and long term. This vision will become reality through concrete, financially realistic projects to improve the quality of life of our fellow citizens, as well as the attractiveness of Saint-Martin as a destination.”**

# Territorial Council Votes To Facilitate **The Reconstruction** of Coastal Zones

After deliberating on the subject “Reconstruction or Restoration of Buildings Damaged by Hurricane Irma,” the Collectivité de Saint-Martin decided to allow the owners whose property has been impacted by the hurricane and still bound by legal issues, to rebuild or renovate, under the condition that they apply for a building permit. On this specific point, the 2020 Lacroix-Desbouis report points out that the question of regularization of buildings constructed without a permit are not covered by the PPRN, but are subject to local urbanism regulations (as established by the Collectivité). The report then suggests removing this regulation and allowing the reconstruction of properties destroyed or seriously damaged, with the condition

of rebuilding in a more resilient manner. The French government approved the recommendations suggested by the Lacroix report. It was therefore necessary to modify the local urbanism code in order to allow the Collectivité to issue building permits for the reconstruction of those properties that were destroyed, regardless of whether or not they had a building permit in the past.

Without waiting for the future PPRN to be completed, the Territorial Council members deliberated the subject on May 20, and Team Gibbs voted unanimously in favor. The Collectivité is also considering establishing a special program to help those who are affected by this decision.



# THE MAJOR PROJECTS OF THE MANDATE



## The Collectivité de Saint-Martin modernizes the Marigot **Waterfront**

**During the discussion of the initial budget for 2021, at the plenary session of the Territorial Council on April 12, 2021, President Daniel Gibbs presented an update on the revitalization project for the Marigot waterfront, for which the architectural competition was launched last December and will be concluded July 30<sup>th</sup>.**

This project is currently in the design competition phase with an eye toward selecting the future development project

On December 2, 2020, the Collectivité deliberated on the opening of the architectural competition for the revitalization of the Marigot waterfront with the creation of a special committee to select the winning project. Publication of the notice of the competition was published on December 15, 2020. On December 18, 2020, the project was presented to the public at a press conference held by President Daniel Gibbs.

The first phase of the competition was closed on February 8, 2021, and generated a great deal of interest: 110 applications were requested online with an additional 50 anonymous requests. A total of 21 teams applied.

On February 26, 2020, a jury comprised of three panels selected three candidates to proceed to the second phase of the competition:

- APS (France / Martinique / Guadeloupe),
- RICHEZ ASSOCIES (Nouvelle Aquitaine and Occitanie Regions / VRD Les Abymes Guadeloupe),
- OUALALOU and CHOI (Guyana / Fort de France/ Guadeloupe).

To establish a dialogue with the Collectivité, these three teams were invited to visit Saint-Martin from May 31 to June 2, 2021. They met with local representatives of the island as well as merchants in the targeted zone.

The three candidates met with the elected officials of the COM, the Economic Social and Cultural Council (CESC), the Tourism Club, various services of the COM, the Port Council, the Taxi Association, the Waterfront Restaurateurs (Iolos), the CCISM, the Fishermen's Association and the merchants from the street market.

These meetings were very constructive. Each candidate presented their vision on how the final project would integrate the needs of those



using the waterfront. Involving the socio-professionals that occupy the waterfront was a pre-requisite for the President and his team.

As a reminder, this concerns the first phase of development, stretching from the Galisbay parking lot to the Tourist Office round-about. Team Gibbs hopes to create a high-quality, revitalized public area, as much for those who run businesses via the infrastructure that will be built and made available to them, as for the population of Saint-Martin and

visitors who can enjoy the result of this urban renewal project.

The Collectivité plans to construct a new building that will contain four restaurants as well as a section dedicated to traditional local restaurants (lolos), for a total of four restaurants and 16 lolos.

The containers temporarily installed along the waterfront will give way to a brand-new, permanent infrastructure.

## Composition of the jury:

- A panel representing the client (composed of four elected officials including the President)
- A panel representing government administration services (composed of four civil servants)
- A panel of knowledgeable individuals (composed of four experts)

## The next steps in the competition:

- Submission of the three projects on July 12, 2021
- Analysis of the final choice by the jury by the end of July to nominate the winner of the competition.

### The project specifications call for development over four years, with five phases of activity:

- 1- Creation of a landscaped promenade in front of the cemetery
- 2- Creation of green spaces around the Marina Fort Louis
- 3- Creation of an area with vegetation in front of the Ferry Station (currently being renovated)
- 4- Creation of a commercial zone with a market hall : including street merchants, stalls for artisans and the food market (24 stalls and 10 boutiques)
- 5- Rehabilitation of the outdoor amphitheater to host cultural events



# Renovation of the Concordia Media Library

## The much-awaited arrival of a cultural shelter

“Abri Culturel” or Cultural Shelter: that is the new name of the Media Library, as conceived by the staff of the Human Development Department, under the aegis of Vice-president Damaseau. An unusual name, but very explicit, as the building will host both a cultural center and a hurricane-resistant shelter.

Damaged by hurricane Irma, the former Concordia Media Library will undergo a renaissance, an improvement that will benefit the entire population of the island. The hurricane shelter can safely hold up to 1,200 people during a hurricane alert, in a fully-equipped space of 810 square meters. A medical



Exterior view of the Cultural Shelter

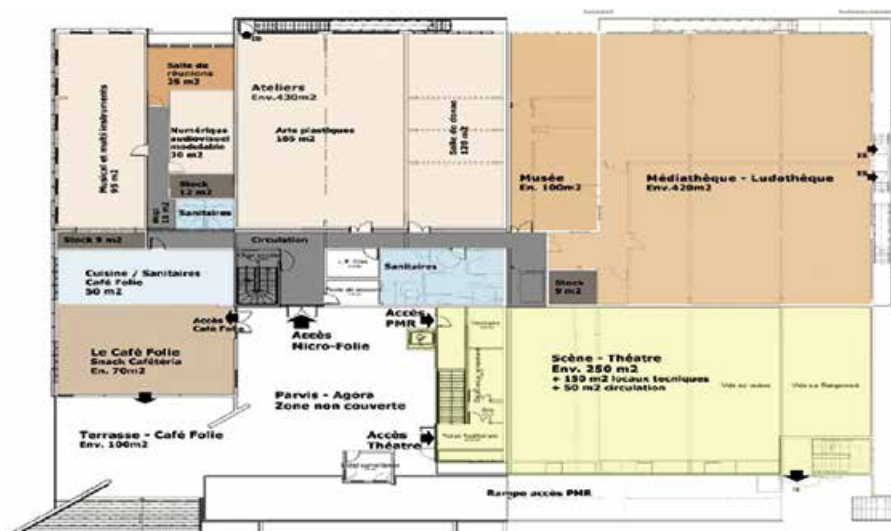


Exterior view of the Cultural Shelter

shelter will also be made available to the hospital in case of a hurricane. Thanks to Exceptional Investment Funds (FEI) and the financial support of the Overseas Minister for a total 3M€, the Collectivité is now able to finance and build this essential hurricane shelter (52.63% of the cost of the project),

planned to open in 2022.

As for the cultural center, the 250-seat theatre will be located between the first and second levels of the building and serve as the junction between the two spaces. Comprising of a stage, ample technical



Map of the cultural level

## Project Approved in May 2021

The final project for the transformation of the Media Library was approved at the end of May. The building permit should be submitted in July, with an eye toward starting the work in late 2021 and having the building completed during the last quarter of 2022.

The feasibility study done by the Collectivité concluded that the existing concrete structures were in good shape and could be reused while the most fragile elements, such as the large sliding doors, would be removed.

The provisional budget is close to 4M€: 3M€ from France (FEI), 654,000€ from Europe (REACT EU), and 286,000€ from the Collectivité.

facilities, a dressing room, and entry foyer, this venue can serve as a cinema, theatre or conferences.

The remaining space will also be used for cultural activities, with a new entertainment concept called the “Micro Follies.” This concept was first employed at the La Vilette cultural center in Paris, and has been successful all across metropolitan France.

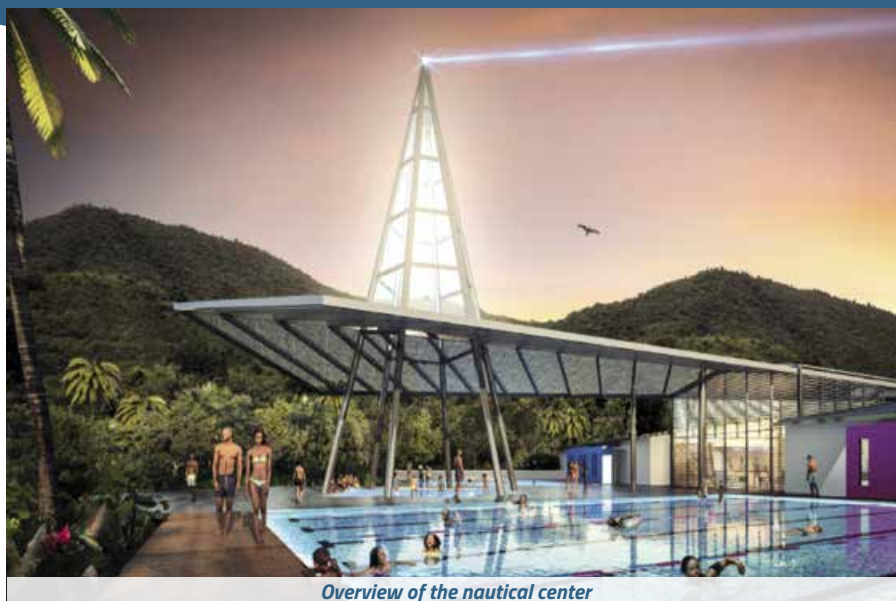
One interesting aspect of this project is the possibility to digitally access the most beautiful art collections in the world. Furthermore, the cultural center will offer as well workshops, art, music and dance classes. Le Café Folie and its cafeteria will no doubt become the most popular place in Concordia to get together with friends.

# A Nautical Center Coming Soon To La Savane!

Located halfway between Sandy Ground and French Quarter, next door to the future middle school in La Savane, the Saint-Martin's Nautical Center has been designed to cater to the community as a whole and become a popular place for personal wellbeing and sports.



The pools



Overview of the nautical center

President Gibbs has supported this project for quite some time and it will be finally seeing the light of day. The facility will be comprised of two 25 meters long pools, one for competitions and the other for swimming lessons and general use. In addition, a 60-sq meter pool for small children will be available for swimming lessons. Outside of school hours, the nautical center will be open to the public and clubs, offering various activities, such as aqua-gym classes, swim tests, or professional training for firemen, for example. A snack bar open to everyone,

shaded terraces and a large garden will add to the charm of the venue.

## A Project That Will Create 35 New Job positions

At the same time, this project will provide employment for approximately 35 people, from lifeguards and security guards to maintenance staff for the facility and gardens. Swimming lessons will open the

door to additional employment in the tourist and nautical sectors; jobs which are currently out of reach for youngsters who do not know how to swim.

Construction will begin at the same time as the neighboring middle school, with opening scheduled to open in 2023.

The provisional budget of the project totals 7M€: 4.6M€ from France; 1M€ from Europe; and 1.4M€ from the Collectivité.

## Fond D'Or Middle School, next to the Nautical Center





# Fond d'Or, A Middle School to house 900 Students In **La Savane**



Main entrance

Designed for 900 students, the La Savane middle School groundbreaking will take place in early 2022, with an official opening timed for the start of classes in September 2023. The entire teaching staff was consulted and was all able to actively participate in the project according to their subject matter: chemistry, earth and life sciences, technology, physical education, design, music, languages...

The project is adapted to the needs of the teachers in order to promote academic progress and success. The middle school

was named "Collège Fond d'Or" and will house the former students from the Soualiga middle school who had to transfer to a building at the scholastic complex Robert Weinum in La Savane after hurricane Irma.

## Local Stone Construction

Built using local stone, this large building should evoke a reassuring sense of security amidst the scholastic community. Like its

counterpart in French Quarter, the Collège Fond D'Or will have 100% digital technology. Two covered sports facilities will also be built, along with underground parking.

The opening of this middle school will allow the Cité Scolaire Robert Weinum to be transformed into a high school for general education and technology classes, and comfortably house its 850 students.

The overall cost of this project will be 22.4M€, with 19.4M€ from France and Europe, and the remaining 3M€ from the Collectivité.



Middle school 900

# The French Quarter Middle School To Be Rebuilt As The Moho Engraved Rock Middle School



Model of the aerial view of the school

The extensions of the French Quarter middle School will begin during the summer vacation. The new school designed for 600 students is expected to open in early 2023.

Built in a flood zone, and greatly damaged by hurricane Irma, the French Quarter middle school is slated for a partial reconstruction. The three original concrete buildings will be saved while the prefabricated ones will be removed. The demolition is scheduled to start during the summer vacation.

In order to address the recurrent problem of flooding, the architect in charge of the project plans to raise the ground floor and ensure that the infrastructure remains above water. As a result, all electrical outlets will be 1.2 meters from the floor, and all equipment will

be completely protected.

## An Improved Middle School

Planned for 600 students, the French Quarter middle school currently serves 542 youngsters and a staff of 90. When school starts back in September 2021, classes will take place while the work continues.

The middle-schoolers will benefit from 35 new classrooms fully air-conditioned, as well as the digital tablets and digital blackboards.

This school, and eventually every school in Saint- Martin, will be entirely connected online. Gardens and a convivial cafeteria will also add to the wellbeing of the scholastic community.

A gymnasium and a dojo — the only one on the island — located close to the school, will remain open on weekends to meet the needs of gymnasts and those who practice martial arts.

Solar panels, as well as the collection and recycling of rainwater, are integrated into the project. The involvement of parents in school life is also on the program, with an integration process within a dedicated space with digital access.

## A Modern, Innovative School

The project for the digital campus in the French Quarter has a budget of 12M€. Financial partners include: the Overseas Ministry (3.1M€), FEDER-European Regional Development Fund (5.2M€), REACT EU Vert (3.5M€), and the Collectivité added 530,000 €. The goal is to quickly provide the students with a modern, innovative school that meets the demands imposed by its REP+ classification (high-priority education network).



Model of the school's courtyard

# President Daniel Gibbs and His Council Go Digital!



**Saint-Martin is planning to create a digital university campus for its students and offer distance learning to carry the island into the 21st century.**

The Collectivité and its elected officials have been working hard over the past few months on plans for a digital university campus. The Collectivité has positioned this as a forward-thinking aspect of their training programs, in partnership with the Directorate of Education and the Antilles-Guyana University (UAG). They have also invited any other institutional partners who would like to play a role in this important project geared toward the young people of Saint-Martin. As President Gibbs indicated during the

presentation of the project to the Executive Council in December 2020, “This digital campus will be a place of knowledge and improved skills, and serve as well as an essential development tool for the island. Thanks to this online campus, the Collectivité will have a digital university and be able to meet the public and private sectors’ training needs.” The Collectivité solicited financial support from European funds (FSE and FEDER), as well as from the French Government and the National Board of Education to fund this

project, which represents an overall cost of 1.47M€. The Semsamar will also be partnering to provide classroom space. Along with the GPECT and the “Cadre Avenir” program, the Saint-Martin Digital Campus is a project supported by the Collectivité to reinforce its training programs and development of new professional skills. The opening of the online campus is planned for late 2021/early 2022, and will offer a supplemental tool for training and higher education on the island.

## Mission locale de Saint-Martin: Off We Go!

A meeting to launch the Mission Locale de Saint-Martin was held on April 20, at the Collectivité Administration Building, presided by Mrs. Sofia Carti-Codrington, third Vice-president in charge of Education, Training, Employment, and Social Insertion. Senator Annick Petrus and Mr. Mikael Doré, Secretary General of the Prefecture were also present.

The Collectivité de Saint-Martin wishes for the Mission Locale to be operational

by the last quarter of 2021. The Mission Locale will be located in the heart of Marigot in the former Evelynna Halley School building on Rue de Hollande.

First, the Territorial Council members must decide on the management structure, then activate the association “Mission Locale” and appoint its board of directors. Next they must define the services to be offered and find the financing necessary for the long-term

operation of the organization.

A look at missions implemented by such services as “Accueil, de l’Information et de l’Orientation (AIO)”, and the Collectivité’s Office for Insertion and Professional Training, the employment bureau, and French government services, allowed the Mission Locale to define the programs it will offer to help young people on the island, as well as identify difficult issues to be solved in advance.

Being the 437th in France, the Mission Locale of Saint-Martin has the advantage of being able to learn from those other organizations and rely on things that work well in other departments and on other islands.

The challenge in the weeks to come will be to build this new entity and transfer all of the youth programs to the Mission Locale. A project team newly created composed of both the services of the Collectivité and the French government will manage this organization.



# 80% of the Water Treatment Plant upgrades **have been completed!**



The Collectivité and its water company, EEASM, along with their affiliate, SAUR Saint-Martin, decided to undertake the renovation of the Galisbay water treatment plant. This project will ensure a more stable, sustainable solution for the production of drinking water.

Since April 2020, renovations of the Water Treatment plant imposed the cutting of service on a rotating basis in different sectors of the island, in order to preserve this rare resource on the island. Today, 80% of the installations are now operational.



The plant has already considerably increased its production of drinking water, with 8,500 m<sup>3</sup>/day for a daily consumption of approximately 6,000 m<sup>3</sup>. The balance between production and consumption has thus been restored. This project has improved the efficiency and production of the water plant, which was precisely the goal of the Collectivité. The remaining 20% of the work, primarily civil engineering, will be done at a later date.

President Daniel Gibbs congratulates the EEASM and the SAUR on a job well done: "This was a difficult period for the population as we had to reduce water service, but this work was necessary in order to achieve the performance level."

## Water Must Be Used In Moderation

The EEASM and the SAUR request that the population continue to show civic responsibility and pay close attention to the use of water. Saint-Martin is a dry island, and careful use of drinking water is necessary year-round.



# SUPPORT FOR THE POPULATION

## The GPECT and Cadre Avenir: Two Projects Geared Towards Developing a Skilled Local Workforce

**The goal is to facilitate access to local employment and encourage an increase in skills needed for our island over the next 10 years. With this objective in mind, President Daniel Gibbs and his team decided to establish a Job and Competency Planning solution (GPECT) in Saint-Martin.**

To meet this goal, the Territorial Council enlisted the services of Terre d'Avance, a consulting firm that will support the Collectivité's Human Development Department by providing it with project management assistance.

On June 14 2021, a first diagnosis of the work done by the Collectivité since the beginning of the year was presented at the seminar that was open to all socio-professionals on the island, representatives

of French governmental services, and the Collectivité.

For Saint Martin, the GPECT is an essential tool for the development and support that connects local governments, businesses, and corporate entities in order to stimulate special partnerships and initiate employment-training programs adapted to local needs.

The Collectivité will proceed with three phases for this project:

- 1- Realization of a island-wide diagnosis (already completed)
- 2- The co-construction of collective solutions (currently underway)
- 3- The deployment of project tools (over a longer term)

This plan factors in the to identify those groups that are unemployed and provide them with new skills through training. The objective is part of a strategy of economic development and diversification, by way of





Junisa Gumbs and Terre d'Avance

creating new means of purchasing power and the opening of innovative professional perspectives. The TPE-PME (small and medium sized businesses) will play an important role alongside the Collectivité in this quest to improve the professional skill sets of the local population.

## Cadre Avenir, An Essential Link For The GPECT

Voted unanimously by the Territorial Council, the Cadre Avenir project reflects the Collectivité's commitment to making it possible for more locals to gain access to senior positions available on the island, in both the private and public sector.

The operational debut of this project is planned for September 2021, with the



valorization of least 10 top positions during the first year, and the continuation of its growth over a period of 10 years as a means to create a pool of local talent. The goal is to encourage, promote, and attract an elite local workforce.



# The Collectivité de Saint-Martin and Its Partners Launch A the CARE Program

The signing of the CARE agreement (Cellule de Régularisation et d'Accompagnement des Entrepreneurs locaux) with partners including the French government, the Chamber of Commerce (CCISM), and associations such as ISMA, ADIE, and the DGFIP, took place on May 6, 2021. This agreement allows CARE to widen its field of competence in order to provide global support to entrepreneurs in Saint-Martin.

The support of island businesses, and those creating new projects, is a priority for the territorial government. The Collectivité de Saint-Martin has championed the CARE program since the beginning of the

pandemic in partnership with the CCISM. In fact, difficulties in accessing solidarity funds, essentially due to lack of respect for properly declaring and paying fiscal charges, revealed an alarming point: the local entrepreneurial network is not well structured or meeting its obligations.

Moving forward, the CARE program will play a more active role in improving the situation for local business and those initiating new projects. A support tool for the regularization of economic entities experiencing fiscal or social difficulties and that would like to implement actions that allow them to consolidate their structure with the goal of relaunching and develo-



ping their business

- A tool to support the creation of activities to promote "actors in the informal economy."

This kind of support requires the implication of all economic actors and operators of the island. Each economic partner will focus on the areas they are responsible for, and contribute to consolidate and sustain the creation of businesses.

If you have questions about your business, a project to present, or need help, please do not hesitate to contact CARE. The partners are at your disposition to support you in your endeavors.

# Family and Child Welfare: A Top Priority For The Collectivité

Within the Collectivité's Family Services Division, the Children's and Family Department is divided between Child Protective Services (PMI) and Child Social Services (ASE).

A focus on two essential public services for our population:

## 1- Child Protective Services (PMI)

A free public service for the entire territory, the PMI runs prevention programs for women of childbearing age, pregnant women, and children from 0 to 6 years of age.

### • CONTRACEPTION

Since the 70's, family planning has played an important role in the promotion and access to contraception. This mission is now assigned to the PMI, which currently provide consultations for contraception and gynecological coverage for all women who so desire. A total of 160 women took advantage of this service in 2020.

### • MOTHER AND HER BABY

Before giving birth, the future mother benefits of prenatal care visits by a midwife to monitor her pregnancy. In the case of high-risk pregnancies, a gynecologist will meet with the mothers on a regular basis.

Postpartum, the baby is monitored by the doctor as well as a neo-natal nurse: control of the baby's weight, height, psychomotor development, vaccination, early diagnosis of any handicaps and health checkups in preschool.

At the same time, parents are given advice

concerning nursing, nutrition and rearing of the child. Home visits are possible based on the needs of the mothers or the child, and allows the entire family to be included.

In Saint-Martin, 660 consultations by expecting women were recorded by the PMI service in 2020, as well as 900 consultations with a neo-natal nurse, and 687 vaccinations were administered.

### • CHILDCARE OPTIONS

The PMI is responsible for the control and monitoring of childcare for young children. The "approval" unit of the PMI assures the management of requests for approval, control, and monitoring of daycare centers, playgrounds, and multi-faceted leisure centers.

The PMI also ensures the training and official approval of preschool assistants, and provides a list of childcare options to parents.

## 2- Child Social Services (ASE)

Child Social Services include three principal activities, all targeted to young children.

### • THE UNIT FOR REPORTING CHILD ABUSE (CRIP)

The Unit for Reporting Child Abuse (CRIP) handles and evaluates any potentially alarming information that would cause one to think that a child's safety or welfare might



be endangered.

In 2020, the ASE received 105 reports of this type, 68 qualified and 18 resulted in the judiciary placement of a child in a foster family. At total of 27 children received home educational assistance in collaboration with their parents. A large percentage of the reporting of abusive information comes through National Education services.

### • PREVENTION AND

## The PMI in Saint-Martin Has A Multi-Disciplinary Staff

Mr. Bernard Farcy, director of the PMI and president of the network of Overseas Directors for Children and Family Services, directs the PMI and the ASE on behalf of the Collectivité de Saint-Martin. The PMI has a head doctor, two neo-natal nurses, two midwives, and a manager for the group of authorized maternal and family assistants.

The ASE comprises three department heads, two psychologists,

11 social workers: social assistants and specialized caseworkers, and one economic family counselor.

### Family Services Offices

Open to the public, Monday-Friday, 8am-3:15pm

• Concordia : 10 rue Mont Carmel  
05 90 87 93 22

• French Quarter : 11 rue de Coralita  
05 90 87 37 21



## PROTECTION

Prevention and protection are articulated between the open environment and the physical care of children. These kinds of interventions are intended for families encountering difficulties with their children,

or for children living in conditions that might endanger their health, their safety or their morals, or could seriously compromise their physical, emotional, intellectual or social development.

These families can benefit from support at home through a reference person. In the most serious cases, children might be taken from their homes and placed in a foster home, with a third party, or a children's home in Guadeloupe.

In 2020, 90 families and a total of 177 children benefitted from support at home, 118 children were placed in foster homes, including 52 with the 25 family assistants on the island. All of these measures in an open environment or a placement require a contract with the parents or an order from the Family Court.

### • ADOPTION

It is possible to adopt a child in Saint-Martin. After the adoption committee issues its position, eight parents were authorized to adopt a child in 2020. Two children were adopted that same year.

For additional information, contact:  
Centre Médico-Social,  
4 Route du Fort Louis, Marigot.  
05 90 87 37 21.



# Public Service Centers Provide Help With Administrative Matters

Created by the Collectivité de Saint-Martin in partnership with French government services, the Public Service Centers—or Maison de Services au Public (MSAP) in French—provide assistance, primarily via the internet, for those who need help with administrative matters.

Hotlines at the Public Service Centers are run in conjunction with various local partnering organizations, such as the Association Trait d'Union France Victimes, ADIE, ISMA, and the Conseil d'Accès aux Droits (CAD). Other partners are also called upon to intervene on occasion.

### Saint-Martin has two Public Service Centers (MSAP):

- The MSAP in Sandy Ground, located on the main road at N°90 Rue de Sandy Ground. Contact: 0690 66 88 66.

- The MSAP in French Quarter, located in the Thelbert Carti Stadium parking lot. Contact: 0690 66 33 66

### Opening hours:

- Monday : 8:30am -1:30pm
- Tuesday : 8:30am -1:30pm
- Wednesday : 8:30am – 1 pm
- Thursday : 8:30am -1:30pm
- Friday : 8:30am -1:30pm

This decentralized public service, located in two of the main areas on the island, is at the service of the population. The staff is available to answers questions regarding administrative paperwork.





# A CLEAN AND PREPARED TERRITORY

## 2021 Hurricane Season Ensuring Individual And Collective Preparedness

The hurricane season began on June 1 and runs through November 30, 2021. During this potentially dangerous season, it is essential to be prepared as much as possible in advance. While public authorities put risk managements programs in place for the benefit of the general population, citizens should also prepare individually.

While the deployment of a hurricane alert and the ORSEC Plan fall under the authority of the French government, the Collectivité is responsible for an Island Safety Plan (PTS) and the management of logistics before, during, and after a hurricane.

This year, a new territorial department was created to reinforce the competence of the Collectivité in these matters: The Public Order and Tranquility Department, which supervises the Territorial Police and the Risk Management office.

The Collectivité is in charge of logistics preparedness:

- Communicate hurricane safety and preparedness information to its citizens
- Making sure there are sufficient emergency supplies on hand,

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**PREVENTION OF NATURAL RISKS**

Subscribe  
to the Collectivité's  
**SMS ALERT**  
to receive  
warnings *in real-time!*

The information collected allows you to receive from the Collectivité de Saint-Martin an **immediate alert** in the event of a natural event (hurricane, earthquake, tsunami, etc.)

REGISTRATION FORM IS AVAILABLE :  
by QRcode

or directly on  
the Collectivité's website  
<http://www.com-saint-martin.fr/alerte-sms.html>

## INSTRUCTIONS IN CASE OF HURRICANE

- Remain vigilant and keep abreast of the evolution of the phenomenon;
  - Check the stock of food and material (candles, radio, batteries, medication ...);
  - Avoid long excursions in the mountains or near water courses;
  - Do not travel by boat for a long period of time without special obligation
- Listen to weather reports and instructions;
  - Prepare and consolidate houses;
  - Protect vessels;
  - Store away stocks of goods and perishables foods, businesses should secure sites (dismantling cranes, scaffolding...);
  - Remove television antennas and all items that may be swept away from around the House.
- Stay tuned to the weather channel and implement the instructions given by the authorities;
  - **GET BACK TO YOUR HOME OR TO A SAFE SHELTER ;**
  - Avoid all travel;
  - Remove or secure any object that can become into a projectile;
  - Protect your home; close all openings and exits; Bring animals indoors;
- Stay tuned to the weather conditions and follow the instructions given by the authorities;
  - Stay indoors and **DO NOT GO OUT;**
  - Take refuge if possible in the safest part of your home;
  - Use the telephone only in the event of absolute necessity;
  - Travel on foot or by car is prohibited
  - Do not use open flame fire.
- Keep abreast of the weather situation and the consequences of the passing of the phenomenon on the island;
  - Remain careful when leaving the place where you were;
  - Try to assess the damage around your home while remaining very cautious;
  - Do not obstruct rescue teams, and avoid unnecessary trips;
  - Do not use the telephone network except in case of **EMERGENCY;**

### FOR MORE INFORMATIONS :

<http://www.com-saint-martin.fr>  
<http://www.saint-barth-saint-martin.pref.gouv.fr>  
<http://www.meteo.gp>

- Creation of a hurricane shelters,
- Identifying persons at risk,
- Cleanup and removal of any bulky objects in public areas,
- Cleanup of all ravines,
- Post-hurricane operational organization: removing debris, distribution of basic necessities, rebuilding or repairing public infrastructure from roads to buildings.

The Collectivité is also responsible for the preparation and organization of the shelters. A system has been put into place to evacuate

people in the various neighborhoods and transfer them to public shelters any time a hurricane warning reaches red alert.

There are a total of seven hurricane shelters, located across the island, which can hold as many as 1,500 people.

This year, the Collectivité is partnering with the Red Cross to place an emergency container in each shelter, in order to have fast access if needed.

All relevant information concerning proper preparation for the hurricane season is

published on the Collectivité website.

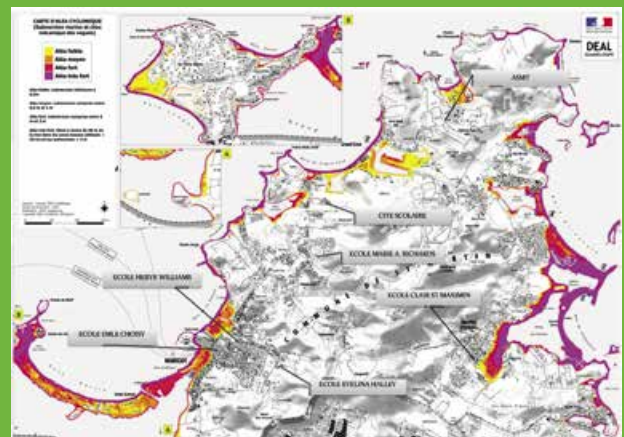
For additional information: [www.com-Saint-Martin.fr](http://www.com-Saint-Martin.fr)

If you have recently moved to Saint-Martin, please don't wait until the last minute to get information about hurricane preparedness instructions to follow.

Risk management is a collective challenge, but moreover an individual responsibility. We are all responsible for our own safety! Be prepared!

## LIST OF HURRICANE SHELTERS

NOM DE L'ETABLISSEMENT	CAPACITE D'ACCUEIL
<b>SECTEURS DES TERRES-BASSES A MORNE VALLOIS</b>	
Ecole Evelina Halley (Rue Jean Luc Hamlet -Concordia)	210 personnes
Ecole Hervé WILLIAMS (Route du Spring)	170 personnes
Ecole Emile CHOISY (Rue Léopold MINGAU -Concordia)	200 personnes
<b>SECTEURS DE CRIPPLE GATE A RAMBAUD</b>	
Ecole Marie Antoinette RICHARDS (Rambaud)	100 personnes
<b>SECTEURS DE LA SAVANE A BAIE ORIENTALE</b>	
Cité scolaire (La Savane - Grand-Case)	360 personnes
<b>SECTEURS ANSE MARCEL ET CUL DE SAC</b>	
ASMT (Privège -Anse Marcel)	200 personnes
<b>SECTEURS DE QUARTIER D'ORLEANS A OYSTER POND</b>	
Ecole Clair SAINT-MAXIMIN (Rue Corossol - Quartier d'Orléans)	260 personnes



**RED Hurricane alert, take refuge in your home or in the nearest storm shelter.**

# The Collectivité Strengthens Its Waste Management Public Policy To Promote Island Cleanliness



**As part of its environmental policy, the Collectivité de Saint-Martin has set out an entirely new waste management program for the island. The contracts for waste collection were renewed and collection days increased for a cleaner island.**

The Collectivité has renewed its contracts for the collection of household and organic waste (grass cuttings and prunings) as for the collection of end-of-life vehicles (ELV). A new contract for the removal of shipwrecks will be effective in the last quarter of 2021. Recycling will be encouraged with the replacement of 300 recycling bins, in October 2021. In the meantime, the bins will be emptied once a month.

## Trash Collection: Current Regulations

Dumped household waste and bulky items along the roadside causes foul odors as well as an eyesore for residents and tourists who visit our island.

To avoid such environmental infringements, the Collectivité de Saint-Martin has put in place a daily waste collection schedule:

- 7 days a week for household waste
- 7 days a week for bulky items
- 6 days a week for yard waste (except Sunday).

Trash bins should be put out on the curbside between 6 pm and 11 pm using the designated orange bins recently upgraded last June. Waste is collected from 11 pm every evening .

The Galisbay-Bienvenue Waste Collection Center is open to the public Monday thru Friday from 10 am to 6 pm, and Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm (closed on holidays).



The Grandes Cayes Eco-Site in Cul-de-Sac accepts commercial waste from businesses and private citizens. It is open Monday thru Friday from 6 am to 4 pm, and Saturday from 6 am to 12 pm. More information is available on the following link: <https://www.verdesxm.com/>

The Collectivité calls on all business professionals to help keep the island clean by properly managing their waste and disposing of it as often as possible at the Grandes Cayes Eco-Site, as required for by

the island's regulations.

Reminder: Illegal dumping of household waste, bulky items and yard waste is forbidden by law (article L. 541-3 of the environmental code).

The Collectivité de Saint-Martin invites its residents to respect the days and times as well as the designated collection points to put out their trash and thanks everyone for their civic contribution in respect of our environment.

# The Collectivité Has Installed **3000 New Garbage Bins** On The Island

**The Collectivité of Saint-Martin collects 35,000 tons of trash annually. To help with trash collection, the Collectivité has installed 1,500 garbage bins that hold 770 liters and another 1,500 garbage bins 340-liter size. Trash is collected every evening starting at 11pm in all areas of Saint-Martin, seven days a week, including Sunday. The new bins were distributed in May 2021.**



With an eye toward improving the overall environment, the Collectivité signed an agreement with the company ESE France, in order to update and optimize the trash collection center. New plans were also put into place for the maintenance and proper use of the new bins.

The first step is to replace all of the old beige plastic bins with new gray ones, made of 100% recycled materials. The contract also includes the cleaning and maintenance of these garbage bins throughout the year.

The population is invited to make good use of these public bins, which are for collective and not just individual use. This local government contract is part of an ongoing project by the Collectivité, which is ramping up its efforts in terms of overall cleanliness of the island.



## New Recycling Bins To Be Functional By October 2021

After the improvements for trash collection and the reopening of the Galisbay waste disposal center last February, the Collectivité signed a contract to update public recycling bins. As a result, new recycling bins (for glass and plastic) will be installed around the island over the summer months.

The next step is to establish a contract for full-service collection of the materials for recycling by the last quarter of 2021. The cleanliness of the island has been a major challenge and concern throughout this term of the Territorial Council. The Collectivité encourages its citizens to partake in this public effort.

## Merchants Asked To Take Their Trash To The Dump

By law, merchants are expected to dispose of all their commercial waste (all boxes and packaging) at the Galisbay Waste Disposal Center, which is free of access and is open from Monday-Saturday.

As a reminder: It is illegal to dispose of commercial waste in the household garbage bins. The Collectivité relies on the comprehension and civic pride of the merchants for handling the disposal of their waste.

For additional information concerning the treatment of household trash, residents are invited to contact the: Délégation au Cadre de vie at the COLLECTIVITE DE SAINT-MARTIN via telephone: 0590 87 50 04 or the SOCIETE ESE France at 0590 26 88 73.