

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Under the project "**Support Services to the NAO**", the Office of the NAO was strengthened with the recruitment of project analysts, accountant and other support staff. The overall objective is to ensure the effective and efficient implementation of EU funded activities. This is especially critical in light of the Post Lomé "Cotonou" arrangements, where the recipient state must ensure funds are effectively committed, disbursed and implemented at the risk of losing allocations to other more 'efficient' ACP countries.

In addition, the Office of the NAO was strengthened in anticipation of the additional workload that will be generated by the **Special Framework for Assistance funding instrument**.

This document fulfils one of the requirements of the office by facilitating the effective and efficient monitoring and co-ordination of all EC funded programmes, as well as assisting with the dissemination of information to all public, private and NGO sector organisations and the EC Delegation. It details the financial and progress status of project financed activities by funding instrument and sector; informs on EC Delegation missions, and provides an overview of disbursements over the relevant quarter.

*This first report is biased towards Project Financed activities. We expect in forthcoming reports to include additional information on Budgetary Support Project Activities, as well as Regional Indicative Programmes.*

The National Authorising Officer is pleased to present the "**Dominica EuropeAid Country Portfolio Report (April 2001)**" the first in a series of quarterly reports on EU funded activities in the Commonwealth of Dominica.

## 2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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## 3. SECTOR & PROJECT REPORTS

**The following section of the report divided into the following sectors that correspond to the departmental responsibilities within the European Commission Delegation in Barbados.**

- Agriculture & Credit
- Trade, Tourism & The Environment
- Engineering, Education & Health
- Social Development & Civil Society
- Planning

**A General Overview of EC funding by Sector** is provided, in addition to the presentation of detailed **Project Data Sheets** corresponding to each of the projects implemented within the sector.

## AGRICULTURE & CREDIT

The Agricultural Sector has far received the most EC assistance over the years.

Support to the sector has principally been for the **Banana Industry** under the numerous **Stabex** transfers. However from Stabex 1994 onwards and in particular with the introduction of the Budgetary Support modality under Stabex 1995 (and beyond), support under Stabex shifted overwhelmingly to the social sectors with only comparatively minimal assistance still channelled to the Banana Industry.

With renewed impetus from the EU in support of the commercialisation of the Banana Industry the European Council approved the establishment of the **Special Framework of Assistance Budget Line**. Considerable resources are once again made available to the Banana Industry however within the framework of the **Windward Islands Action Plan**, which seeks to build competitiveness in the industry prior to 2006 when the EC regime of support will be suspended.

Support for **Agricultural Diversification** began under the Structural Adjustment Facility in ..... with the establishment of the Diversification Implementation Unit and a number of targeted initiatives (see table below).

In 1999 the **Stabex Agricultural Diversification Programme** (managed by the **PRIME Unit**) - which focuses largely on the provision of **Agricultural Credit** - took over from the DIU funded principally under the Stabex 1995 Budgetary Support modality.

In November 2000 the Ministry adopted a **National Strategy for Agricultural Diversification** for which support from the Special Framework of Assistance will be sought.

<b>AGRICULTURE &amp; CREDIT (28 Projects)</b>			
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<b>TOTAL</b>			

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## TRADE, TOURISM & THE ENVIRONMENT

### Trade & Private Sector Development

For the first time EC funding was earmarked specifically in support of the Private Sector under the Project Financing modality of Stabex 1995. In 1999 further to a moderated Logical Framework Workshop the **Dominica Association of Industry and Commerce** signed a Financing Agreement and Work Plan, for an Institutional Strengthening Programme.

Two projects in support of **DEXIA** have been funded under the Stabex Budgetary Support modality of Stabex 1995. These consist of support for a Companies Benchmarking Project and upgrading of DEXIA's information systems.

The **Bureau of Standards** and **Ministry of Trade** are also targeted for support under the Stabex Budgetary Support modality.

TRADE & PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT			
Instrument	Project	Amount/€	Status
SBX95/ PSIP	DEXIA Benchmarking of Companies	22,433	On going
SBX95/ PSIP	DEXIA Computerisation	40,732	Completed
SBX95/PSIP	DAIC Logical Framework Workshop	36,689	Completed
SBX95/PF	Dominica Association of Disabled People	17,808	Delayed/re-launched
<b>TOTAL</b>		117,662.00	

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### Tourism & the Environment

The Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica has over the years sought assistance from the European Commission in support of the development of tourism as a means to diversify the economy in lieu of the pressures faced by the banana industry.

Previous assistance has targeted studies and investigations the **Integrating Conservation with Eco-Tourism Project** and the Caribbean Tourism Organisation Annual **Eco-Tourism Conference** in 1994 part funded by the EU. These aimed at providing guidance on the direction for the development of eco tourism in Dominica. Site enhancement and HRD also benefited from the **7<sup>th</sup> Tourism Site & HRD Development Programme**.

This has lead to the submission in September 2000, of a €5,990,000 **Eco tourism Development Programme** under the 8<sup>th</sup> EDF NIP based on the aforementioned projects to fulfil the requirements of positioning Dominica as a premier eco tourism destination. Niche marketing, site development, training and community tourism with support extended to both the private and public sector.

The following projects have been funded with EC assistance:

TOURISM AND THE ENVIRONMENT			
Instrument	Project	Amount/€	Status
Env.Budget Line	Integrating Conservation with Eco-Tour.	?????	Completed
SBX94/ PF	Eco-tourism Conference	77,710	Completed
6 <sup>th</sup> EDF NIP	Tourism Development & Promotion	620,000	Account to be closed
6 <sup>th</sup> EDF NIP	8 <sup>th</sup> EDF NIP Eco -tourism Design (CHL)	90,372	Completed
7 <sup>th</sup> EDF NIP	Tourism Site & HRD Development	500,000	HRD on going
8 <sup>th</sup> EDF NIP	Eco-tourism Development Programme	5,990,000	FP submitted
TOTAL		7,788,082.	

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## ENGINEERING, EDUCATION & HEALTH

### Engineering

The Ministry of Communications and Works has received funding under a number of instruments for the following projects:

The most significant project to be implemented by the Ministry is the **Airport Development Project**, the first phase of which is an **Airport Validation Study** launched in ...., 2001 with Halcrow, a UK consultancy firm. The findings of the study will support the submission of a Financing Agreement under the 8<sup>th</sup> EDF CRIP for the implementation of the Airport Development Programme. The initiatives are being closely co-ordinated with French bilateral assistance and support from the World Bank.

Under Stabex 1994 a **Carib Water Supply Project** was signed between the Ministry and DOWASCO.

Two successive Feeder Roads projects are being funded under the Budgetary Support modality of Stabex 1995 and 1996/7.

In May 2000 approval in principle was obtained from the EC to utilise the unspent balances of the Structural Adjustment Facility and Stabex 1993 for a Post-Hurricane Lenny emergency rehabilitation **Sea Defence Project**. The Project is being co-funded with the CDB.

The Ministry also benefited from the **EC Budget Line: Emergency Assistance** for the rehabilitation of Caliste Bridge and a number of Sea Defence projects after tropical storm and hurricane damage in 1995.

ENGINEERING			
Instrument	Project	Amount/€	Status
8 <sup>th</sup> EDF CRIP	Airport Study	...	On-going
SBX94/ PF	Carib Water Supply Project	...	Phase II pending
SBX95/PSIP	Feeder Roads	561,743	Completed
SBX96/7/PSIP	Feeder Roads	683,290	To be launched
SAP & SBX/93 balances	Sea Defence Programme	...	Proposal to be finalised
EC Budget Line	Emergency Assistance	...	Completed
<b>TOTAL (1)</b>		1,245,033.00	

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### Education

The Education sector has benefited from a number of projects funded under various instruments:

The government has received support for tertiary education under the **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> EDF NIP Multi-Annual Training Programmes**. A number of students received scholarships for post-graduates, graduate and certificate level training in numerous fields including economics, health and development studies.

The Ministry of Education has received significant assistance under the Budgetary Support modality of Stabex 1995 up to EC\$13 million for the **Northern Education Development Programme** in support of universal secondary education.

Vocational Education has received assistance under the 7<sup>th</sup> EDF NIP Microprojects facility for **Youth Skills Training**. Additional support in this area is foreseen under Stabex 1996/7 Budgetary Support for the **Youth Enterprise Development Project** and through funds earmarked for the construction of a **Hospitality Division at the Clifton Dupigny Community College**. This programme will complement the 8<sup>th</sup> EDF NIP Eco-Tourism Programme.

EDUCATION			
SBX95/ PSIP	Northern Education Programme	6,063,031	On-going
7 <sup>th</sup> EDF NIP	Scholarship Programme - Multiple	120,000	Completed
8 <sup>th</sup> EDF NIP	Scholarship Programme - HEALTH	250,000	On going
7 <sup>th</sup> EDF NIP	Youth Skills Training (Micro projects)	550,000	Completed
SBX/96/7/PSIP	Youth Skills Training	---	To be launched
SBX96/7/PSIP	CDCC/Hospitality Training Centre	508,159	To be launched
SBX96/7/PSIP	Youth Enterprise Development	429,586	To be launched
<b>TOTAL</b>			

See corresponding Project Data Sheets for each of the Projects implemented under the Project Financing modality.

### Health

The Ministry of Health has received support from the EC under a number of instruments:

A **Solid Waste Management Project** was launched under the 7<sup>th</sup> EDF NIP in collaboration with the World Bank OECS Solid Waste Management Programme. In 1999, the feasibility and design phase was completed by the PROCESL Ltd, a Portuguese consultancy firm. The project will result in the construction of a new landfill in Fond Cole and the closure of the existing ones in Portsmouth and Stockfarm.

The Drug Prevention Unit of the Ministry of Health will also benefit from support under the 8<sup>th</sup> EDF NIP for a **Drug Demand Reduction Programme**.

In addition, the Ministry received EC\$772, 391 under the Budgetary Support modality of Stabex 1995 for the **Upgrading and Rehabilitation of Rural Health Facilities** in support of Primary Health Care Development and EC\$247,712 for the provision of equipment for the Princess Margaret Hospital.

Additional projects are foreseen under the Budgetary Support modality of Stabex 1996/7 for the implementation of an Environmental Health Project and the purchase of a specialised vehicle for the Central Medical Stores.

HEALTH			
SBX95/PSIP	Upgrading Rural Health Facilities	837,851	On-going
SBX95/PSIP	Provision of Equipment PMH	100,126	Completed
7 <sup>th</sup> EDF NIP	Solid Waste Disposal	1,650,000	Phase II: delayed
8 <sup>th</sup> EDF NIP	Drug Demand Reduction	260,000	WP to be approved
SBX96/7/PSIP	Environmental Health Project	59,175	To be launched
SBX96/7/PSIP	Purchase of Vehicle/Central MS	24,252	To be launched
<b>TOTAL</b>			

See corresponding Project Data Sheets for each of the Projects implemented under the Project Financing modality.

## Social Development & Civil Society

### Social Development

#### *Micro-projects Youth Skills Training and Community Development*

The construction of the Portsmouth and Mahaut Markets; and the Woodford Hill Fisheries Complex have been successfully completed. Four Youth Skills Training Centres have been constructed with associated training modules implemented. Post implementation evaluation is pending.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT & CIVIL SOCIETY (10 Projects)			
Instrument	Project	Amount/€	Status
<b>(1) SOCIAL/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</b>			
SBX95/PSIP	Skills Train/SME Dev./Com. Facilities	575,710	On-going
7 <sup>th</sup> EDF NIP	Youth Skills & Community Development	.550,000	Completed
SBX96/7/PSIP	Old Mill Cultural Centre Development	202,101	To be launched
SBX96/7/PSIP	Adult Education Institutional Strength.	105,093	To be launched
SBX96/7 PSIP	Social Protection Programme	2,021,010	In preparation
<b>TOTAL (1)</b>		<b>2,903,913.55</b>	

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### Civil Society

#### *Carib Territory District Branch of the DBMC*

An interest bearing Guarantee Fund was established with the National Commercial Bank in order to allow the CTDB to take a loan with NCB for the implementation of a community based income generating project. The loan allowed the CTDB to purchase a truck for both banana trucking (reducing the cost to local farmers) and provision of other trucking services as income generation for local employment. Once the loan has been repaid the GF concept will be extended to other income generation projects undertaken by community based organisations.

#### *Dominica Council on Ageing*

The objective of the programme is to promote the well being of older persons through the implementation of social and recreational activities, educational exchanges, promotion of youth care for the elderly and skills development for the elderly as a means of increasing income generation. The first year of activities have been successfully implemented. Extraordinary delays have occurred in the release of the second tranche resulting in a temporary suspension of activities.

#### *Dominica Association of Disabled Persons*

Under this project the DADP will receive a grant for the construction of their headquarters. The pre-condition to the project - obtaining a land title - was considerably delayed. Meanwhile a Rider extending the duration of the FA was sent to the EC Delegation on 12/02/01 and endorsed on 30/03/01.

The funds will be released further to the EC Delegation's endorsement of a revised WP, which was sent to Barbados on 2/04/01.

***National Development Foundation of Dominica Institutional Strengthening Programme***

Institutional and operational strengthening activities form the main components of the NDFD's programme. The Project Proposal and Financing Agreement has been submitted to the EC Delegation for endorsement as of January 2001. FA and WP received 28<sup>th</sup> March 2001 with conditions for implementation not applicable to the project. NAO queried new conditions on ...

***TA to NGOs***

C&M Services have been selected for consultancy services for Technical Services to Non-Governmental Organisations. Evaluation report and draft contract sent to EC Delegation in 21 November 2000. The EC Delegation endorsed the award of contract on 07/02/01. On 26/03/01 EC Delegation queries price bid - endorsement of Service Contracts delayed.

<b>(2) CIVIL SOCIETY, NGOs</b>			
SBX95/PF	Council on Ageing	40,379	Tranche 2 requested
SBX95/PF	Dominica Association of Disabled People	17,808	Delayed/re-launched
SBX95/PF	Carib Territory DBMC District Branch	25, 462	On-going
SBX95/PSIP	TA to NGOs Institutional Strengthening	100,627	Contract pending
SBX95/96 PF	DAIC Institutional Strengthening	236,633	Delays recruitment
SBX95/PF	NDFD Institutional Strengthening	598,173	Procedures delay
SBX95/PSIP	DAIC Logical Framework Workshop	36,689	Completed
<b>TOTAL (2)</b>		<b>972,609</b>	

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## **Planning**

### *Netherlands Economic Institute Monitoring Team*

The NEI Monitoring Mission undertook their fourth mission to Dominica on

### *Support Services to NAO*

PSIP

#### *Socio-Economic Impact Assessment*

A PSIP contract has been signed with WHITCO Inc for an 18-week consultancy to provide services required for a Socio-Economic Impact Assessment of the restructuring of the Banana Industry. Outputs expected from the consultancy by June 2001 include:

- An in-depth report providing a thorough "Social Impact Analysis" of the restructuring of the Banana Industry based on intensive field research;
- A Social Recovery Strategy based on the findings the analysis
- Detailed Project Profiles for Social Recovery Projects to be implemented under SFA 2001 and beyond.

<b>PLANNING &amp; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (8 Projects)</b>			
<b>Instrument</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount/€</b>	<b>Status</b>
SBX94	Diversification Implementation Unit	...	Closed
SBX94	Evaluation of STABEX 1994 (Cargill)	...	Completed
SBX95/PSIP	EDF/PMCU	500,000	Closure pending
SBX95/PSIP	Economic Management Information Systems	179,591	Ongoing
SBX95/PSIP	Socio-Economic Impact Assessment Study	324,885	Launched 02/01
SBX96/7/PSIP	Integrated Development Planning	363,782	To be launched
SBX96/7/PF	Support Services to the NAO	926,169	On-going
SBX95/96/7 PF	Netherlands Economic Institute Monitors	...	On-going
<b>TOTAL</b>			

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## 5. MILESTONES

### **Special Framework of Assistance**

#### SFA 1999

Overall Annual Work Programme 1999 signed ...  
National Programme for Agricultural Diversification

#### SFA 2000

Financing Agreement 2000 signed ...

#### SFA 2001

Financing Proposal for 2001 submitted ....  
Revised Ten Year Country Strategy

### **8<sup>th</sup> EDF National Indicative Programme**

Eco-Tourism Development Programme (92% of the NIP), document submitted in  
September 2000

### **Stabex Budgetary Support**

Stabex 1995 Second Tranche

Stabex 1996/7 First Tranche

WIAP Consultancies

IDP Consultancy

Strategic Plan for the Ministry of Community Development and Gender Affairs  
submitted leading to the release of funds for the Social Protection Programme

### **9<sup>th</sup> EDF Country Support Strategy**

Draft CSS submitted on May 24<sup>th</sup> in time for the 29<sup>th</sup> May Country Club Meeting

## 4. MISSIONS

### NAO OFFICE MISSIONS

NAO to T&T (Regional programme)

#### **CARIFORUM Meeting Trinidad May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 2001**

#### **Meeting with the Head of Delegation Barbados May 16<sup>th</sup> 2001**

The NAO met with the Head of Delegation and relevant member of his staff to clarify matters of policy and procedure conducive to a more timely and effective discharge of development assistance under EU/ACP development cooperation agreements. An indicative date for the Country Portfolio Review Meeting was set for the week of June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2001, the agenda of which would be jointly developed by the NAO and Head of Delegation.

#### **Heads of Government Meeting St. Vincent & the Grenadines June 1<sup>st</sup> 2001**

The NAO was part of the Dominican delegation at a meeting in Kingston where Prime Ministers of the Windward Islands, regional banana officials and representatives from the European Union met to discuss the restructuring of the Banana Industry. In Kingstown, the group reached agreement on the broad proposals in a new programme for restructuring put forward by WIBDECO, which runs the banana industries in the four countries.

#### **Integrated Planning and Development of Projects Training Workshop using Microsoft Projects 2000.**

April 30<sup>th</sup> - May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2001, Trinidad

This one-week course was attended by Ms. T. Erin Francis, Project Analyst and Mr. E. Henry, Project Accountant. The course aimed at equipping managers with computer skills in the field of Project Management using the Microsoft Projects 2000 software to enhance project preparation, monitoring and reporting skills.

EH to BDS

#### **UNCCD/ACP Consultation on UN Convention to Combat Desertification.**

May 28-29, 2001, Jamaica

NAO Office was represented by Ms. T. Erin Francis, Project Analyst. The consultation sought to recommend ways and means to integrate priority activities under the National Action Plan to combating land degradation in the Caribbean, into the ACP-EU Partnership Country Support Strategies.

## EC DELEGATION MISSIONS

### ⊗ **John Caloghirou, Head of Delegation 27<sup>th</sup> October 2000**

**Present:** Honourable Prime Minister Mr. Pierre Charles; Hon. Minister for Finance and Economic Planning Mr Ambrose George; Minister for Agriculture Mr Lloyd Pascal; Head of the EC Delegation Mr John Caloghirou; EC Rural Development Advisor Mr Edwin Vos; Senior Project Analyst Ruth Houliston.

The Commission agreed in principle to the release the first tranche of Stabex 1996/7 Budgetary Support in support of the following special initiatives:

- Banana Industry Restructuring Consultancy;
- WIAP Legal Drafting Consultancy;
- Integrated Development Planning Consultancy;
- Immediate Social Protection Programme for displaced banana industry farmers/workers.

### ⊗ **Mr. Hans Lancée, EC Tourism and Environment Advisor 31 October 2000**

On 31<sup>st</sup> October 2001, Mr. Hans Lancée, met with programme partners and beneficiaries from the private and public sector to discuss the Eco Tourism Development Programme, with a view to expediting transmission of information through the circuit of approval in Brussels.

### ⊗ **Bonifacius De Jonge, EC Civil Engineering Advisor 30 Nov. – 1 Dec. 2000**

This mission sought to discuss the following projects:

#### *Airport Review Study*

Mr Bonifacius De Jonge, represented the EC Delegation at the tender opening for the review of airport options in Dominica on November 30, 2000, 2:15 p.m. at the Office of the NAO. In attendance were Mr. Reginald Austrie, *Minister of Communications and Works*; Mr. Fevrier Valmond, *Project Officer, Ministry of Communications and Works*; Ms. Yvanette Baron, *Economist/Deputy NAO, Ministry of Planning*; Mr. Edward Lambert, *NAO*; Mr. Luther St.Ville, *Project Analyst, Office of the NAO*.

#### *Sea Defense Project*

A meeting (with the above persons) was held to discuss the status of the Government's request for EU resources to meet the completion of works on the Sea Defense Project. The amount requested stands at EC\$7.251,992.00. Mr. De Jonge informed the meeting of no difficulty in principle with the request, however the NAO must identify the source of additional funding requirements. Existing possibilities were discussed with regard to

the outstanding balances of SAP and SBX 93/94. On receipt of proposal from Ministry of Communication and Works, a formal request would be submitted by NAO to the EU Delegation.

### ***Carib Territory Water Supply Project***

The ToR for the study of the Project were approved by the EC Delegation some time ago. The Ministry is to provide a short list of consultants. The EU Delegation requires that the questionable invoices are certified before additional payments can be made on the payment order. For resolution on these matters, the Ministry of Communication and Works will liaise with the Office of the NAO

### ***Solid Waste***

Mr De Jonge met with Oliver BROWN, Project Manager-*Dominica Solid Waste Cooperation [DSWC]*, Rob DOUGLAS, Project Engineer- *[DSWC]*, John FABIEN, P.S-*Ministry of Health and Social Security*, and Erin FRANCIS, Project Analyst - *Office of the NAO* to discuss the Solid Waste Disposal Project. He confirmed the following: approval for use of the Contingency funds, that no official communication had been received regarding the annulment of the tender and that negotiations with COLAS Guadeloupe could begin as soon as official word was given.

### **⊗ Edwin Vos, Christian Harel & John Ferguson SFA 7-8 December, 2000**

This mission sought to discuss:

### ***Credit Mechanism for Agricultural Diversification***

At a meeting with representatives of the Financial Advisory Committee (FAC), Banana Trust, DBMC, Office of the NAO, Ministry of Agriculture, the technical advisors outlined their concept of the credit mechanism. Edwin Vos was also present.

The duties of FAC were outlined, including the proposed linkages between Lenders, Final Borrowers and the Technical Assistance Grant (TAG). The FAC representatives voiced their concerns at the mechanism for accessing the TAG, as well as the absence of a Guarantee Fund credit mechanism. This matter needs further clarification from the EC Advisor.

### ***Proposed Work Plan for Agricultural Diversification Project.***

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### **⊗ Bonifacius De Jonge, EC Civil Engineering Advisor and Mr Vaa, Assistant Civil Engineering Adviser 26 March – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2001**

This mission sought to discuss the following projects:

*Airport Review Study*

Mr Bonifacius De Jonge, represented the EC Delegation at the first meeting with the Halcrow Team to review the Terms of Reference and Work Plan for the Airport Validation Study. In attendance were Mr. William Millington, *Development Director, Halcrow*; Mr Mandish Singh, *Resident Manager, Halcrow, St Lucia*; Mr. Edward Lambert, *NAO*; Mr. Luther St.Ville, *Project Analyst, Office of the NAO* and Ms Ruth Houliston, *Senior Project Analyst, NAO Office*.

⊗ **Mr Christian Harel**      **29<sup>th</sup> March 2001**

This mission sought to discuss:

***Credit Mechanism for Agricultural Diversification***

At a meeting with representatives of the Financial Advisory Committee (FAC), Banana Trust, DBMC, Office of the NAO, Ministry of Agriculture, the technical advisor further outlined his concept of the credit mechanism.

*Non-Government Organisations*

At a meeting with the Mr. Edward Lambert, *NAO* and Ms Ruth Houliston, *Senior Project Analyst, NAO Office*; a number of NGO projects were discussed. The NAO Office was informed the Rider to re-launch the DADP project had been signed and the implications of the new conditionalities concerning the NDFD Institutional Strengthening Programme were reviewed.

⊗ **Mr .....**      **..... 2001**

This mission sought to discuss:

*Country Support Strategy*

**OTHER MISSIONS**

⊗ **Mr Marcel de Kort, Deputy Coordinator Drugs Project Coordination Office for the Caribbean**  
**January 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> , 2001**

This mission sought to rapidly finalise the Work Plan/Cost Estimate for Drug Demand Reduction Project. Meetings with the Director of the National Drug Prevention Unit and the Project Analyst successfully achieved the preparation of the final document, which was transmitted to the EC Delegation, Barbados on January 10, 2001

⊗ **SFA Monitoring Mission**

1 – 7 March, 2001

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**6. ACCOUNTS**

Disbursements by Instrument

ANNEX

All Projects by Sector

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<b>TOTAL</b>			

<b>TRADE, TOURISM AND THE ENVIRONMENT (6 Projects)</b>			
<b>Instrument</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount/€</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>(1) TRADE</b>			
SBX95/ PSIP	DEXIA Benchmarking of Companies	22,433	On going
SBX95/ PSIP	DEXIA Computerisation	40,732	Completed
<b>TOTAL (1)</b>			
<b>(2) TOURISM</b>			
Env.Budget Line	Integrating Conservation with Eco-Tour.	...	Completed
SBX94/ PF	Eco-tourism Conference	77,710	Completed
6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> EDF NIP	8 <sup>th</sup> EDF NIP Eco -tourism Design (CHL)	90,372	Completed
7 <sup>th</sup> EDF NIP	Tourism Site & HRD Development	500,000	HRD on going
8 <sup>th</sup> EDF NIP	Eco-tourism Development Programme	5,990,000	FP submitted
<b>TOTAL (2)</b>			
<b>TOTAL (1) + (2)</b>			

<b>ENGINEERING, EDUCATION &amp; HEALTH (9 Projects)</b>			
<b>Instrument</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount/€</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>(1) ENGINEERING</b>			
SBX94/ PF	Carib Water Supply Project	...	Phase II pending
SBX95/PSIP	Feeder Roads	561,743	Completed
SBX96/7/PSIP	Feeder Roads	683,290	To be launched
<b>TOTAL (1)</b>			
<b>(2) EDUCATION, YOUTH AFFAIRS &amp; SPORTS</b>			
SBX95/ PSIP	Northern Education Programme	6,063,031	On-going
7 <sup>th</sup> EDF NIP	Scholarship Programme - Multiple	120,000	Completed
8 <sup>th</sup> EDF NIP	Scholarship Programme - HEALTH	250,000	On going
SBX96/7/PSIP	CDCC/Hospitality Training Centre	508,159	To be launched
SBX96/7/PSIP	Youth Enterprise Development	429,586	To be launched
<b>TOTAL (2)</b>			
<b>(3) HEALTH</b>			
SBX95/PSIP	Upgrading Rural Health Facilities	837,851	On-going
SBX95/PSIP	Provision of Equipment PMH	100,126	Completed
7 <sup>th</sup> EDF NIP	Solid Waste Disposal	1,650,000	Phase II: delayed
8 <sup>th</sup> EDF NIP	Drug Demand Reduction	250,000	WP to be approved
SBX96/7/PSIP	Environmental Health Project	59,175	To be launched
SBX96/7/PSIP	Purchase of Vehicle/Central MS	24,252	To be launched
<b>TOTAL (3)</b>			
<b>TOTAL (1) + (2) + (3)</b>			

<b>SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT &amp; CIVIL SOCIETY (10 Projects)</b>			
<b>Instrument</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount/€</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>(1) SOCIAL/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</b>			
SBX95/PSIP	Skills Train/SME Dev./Com. Facilities	575,710	On-going
7 <sup>th</sup> EDF NIP	Youth Skills & Community Development	.550,000	Completed
SBX96/7/PSIP	Old Mill Cultural Centre Development	202,101	To be launched
SBX96/7/PSIP	Adult Education Institutional Strength.	105,093	To be launched
SBX96/7 PSIP	Social Protection Programme	2,021,010	In preparation
<b>TOTAL (1)</b>		2,903,913.55	
<b>(2) CIVIL SOCIETY, NGOs</b>			
SBX95/PF	Council on Ageing	40,379	Tranche 2 requested
SBX95/PF	Dominica Association of Disabled People	17,808	Delayed/re-launched
SBX95/PF	Carib Territory DBMC District Branch	25, 462	On-going
SBX95/PSIP	TA to NGOs Institutional Strengthening	100,627	Contract pending
SBX95/96 PF	DAIC Institutional Strengthening	236,633	Delays recruitment
SBX95/PF	NDFD Institutional Strengthening	598,173	Procedures delay
SBX95/PSIP	DAIC Logical Framework Workshop	36,689	Completed
<b>TOTAL (2)</b>		972,609	
<b>TOTAL (1) + (2)</b>			

<b>PLANNING &amp; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (8 Projects)</b>			
<b>Instrument</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount/€</b>	<b>Status</b>
SBX94	Diversification Implementation Unit	...	Closed
SBX94	Evaluation of STABEX 1994 (Cargill)	...	Completed
SBX95/PSIP	EDF/PMCU	500,000	Closure pending
SBX95/PSIP	Economic Management Information Systems	179,591	Ongoing
SBX95/PSIP	Socio-Economic Impact Assessment Study	324,885	Launched 02/01
SBX96/7/PSIP	Integrated Development Planning	363,782	To be launched
SBX96/7/PF	Support Services to the NAO	926,169	On-going
SBX95/96/7 PF	Netherlands Economic Institute Monitors	...	On-going
<b>TOTAL</b>			

<b>SECTOR</b>	<b>New</b>	<b>On-going</b>	<b>Completed</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>AGRICULTURE &amp; CREDIT</b>	14	4	10	28
<b>TRADE, TOURISM AND THE ENVIRONMENT</b>	2	3	2	7
<b>ENGINEERING, EDUCATION &amp; HEALTH</b>	1	6	2	9
<b>SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT &amp; CIVIL SOCIETY</b>	4	4	2	10
<b>PLANNING &amp; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>	-	6	2	8
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>54</b>

