

# Consultation on the Expansion and Modernization of the port of Saint-Martin

**Closing meeting**  
Friday, April 12 - CCISM  
5pm - 7pm



# A few words of introduction



## The Port Establishment of Saint-Martin

## The Territorial Collectivity of Saint-Martin



PROJET FINANCÉ par le fonds européen de développement régional  
Dans le cadre de REACT-EU : dispositif de relance de l'Union en réponse à la pandémie de COVID-19



# Message of introduction

## Ilaria Casillo & Roger Annicette

Consultation guarantors appointed  
by the National Commission for Public Debate.



# Meeting highlights

- ↪ **Review of public information and participation mechanisms of the preliminary consultation.**
- ↪ **Presentation of Consultation Contributions and Responses from EPSM and the Collectivity**
- ↪ **Time for discussion**



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# Message from the guarantors


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# **A look back at the preliminary consultation**

# The consultation process

 From **Feb. 26 to April 22, 2024**

 **Scope** : Territorial Collectivity  
of Saint-Martin

 Under the guidance of **two**  
**guarantors** appointed by the  
CNDP



**CCISM** (Interprofessional Consular  
Chamber of Saint-Martin)

**You can still submit your contributions until April 22:**

<https://www.portdemarigot.com/extension>

# Public information procedures: guaranteed information before, during and after all meeting times

**22**   
print advertising

**8**   
radio programs  
on the project

**529**   
radio spots broadcast

**1 000**   
flyers distributed

**3**   
Billboards downtown

**35**   
publications  
on social media

**100%**   
debates  
in held in person and  
broadcasted

**5 815 !**   
replay listening

**427**   
visitors  
on the website



# A major impact in the island's media

LePélican  
L'information au quotidien de l'île de Saint-Martin, Antilles

Actualités Annonces légales Archives Vivre à Saint-Martin Lifestyle PELICAN SPORT  
Culture Economie Justice/ Faits divers Politique Education Environnement Plus

**ECONOMIE**

## Extension du port de Galisbay : le programme de la concertation publique

Dans le cadre du projet d'extension du port de Galisbay, une concertation préalable va être ouverte du 26 février au 21 avril. Plusieurs ateliers et conférences sont organisés et toutes les informations sont disponibles sur un site internet.

Juliette Leclercq 19 février 2024



**Les actualités du jour**

- 10:06 Société Incitation au geste de tri : appel à projets
- 10:04 A la une, Politique Air Antilles : Team Gibbs exige des réponses « claires et précises »
- 10:52 Faits divers Incendie la déchèterie : réouverture ce midi
- 10:07 Environnement Tortues marines : une soirée pour tout savoir avec la Réserve Naturelle
- 18:43 A la une, Education, Santé Les collégiens et lycéens évacuent la cité scolaire
- 11:38 A la une, Politique La gare inaugurée attend ses premiers passagers

Dernières actualités

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Albéric Ellis, directeur général de l'établissement portuaire de Saint-Martin

Aménager ses territoires

### Des aménagements clés pour le développement économique

Sébastien Chappat 28 août 2023 10h 12

Sécurité portuaire, éclairage, stockage, équipements de manutention... Les investissements ont été nombreux au sein de l'établissement portuaire

**C**e 26 février, l'autorité portuaire du port de commerce de Galisbay organisait à la CCISM la réunion inaugurale de la concertation préalable dans le cadre du projet d'extension du port de Galisbay qui se tiendra jusqu'au 21 avril prochain.

En amont de la réunion publique ouverte à tous et retransmise sur les réseaux sociaux en présence de Bernadette Davis, 2ème VP de la COM, Albéric Ellis, directeur général du port de Galisbay, s'est entretenu avec la presse afin de présenter les modalités de la concertation publique et le projet d'extension du port de Galisbay. Pour rappel, ce projet de l'extension est porté par l'établissement portuaire de Saint-Martin (EPPSM), communément appelé « Port de Galisbay », La Collectivité à côté la Commission Nationale de

Soualiga Post.com

TOUTE L'ACTUALITÉ DE SAINT-MARTIN & DE SAINT-MARTIN

28-02-2024

## Extension du port Galisbay : les premières interrogations posées lors de la réunion de lancement



Dans le cadre du projet d'extension du port de Galisbay, une concertation publique a été lancée lundi à la CCISM. Celle-ci sera tenue jusqu'au 21 avril avec plusieurs ateliers et conférences. L'objectif de la concertation préalable est de partager, avec les acteurs et les populations concernées par le projet, les enjeux environnementaux, les impacts socio-économiques ainsi que les questions d'aménagement et d'intégration territoriale en vue de former une décision éclairée. Cette phase de dialogue permettra de recueillir l'expression et les propositions des différents publics pour enrichir la décision qui sera prise ultérieurement par le maître d'ouvrage.

France-Antilles

FAITS DIVERS NOS COMMUNES POLITIQUE ECONOMIE CULTURE PLUS

## Croisière Haut de Gamme PONANT

Embarquez vers des Destinations d'Exception à bord de superbes Navires 5\* avec PONANT

Ponant Devis

Accueil - Economie

### Saint-Martin : l'extension du port de Galisbay se poursuit

Derniers commentaires: 0  
Nouveaux commentaires: 0

Gayane 10 à 7 heures

# Public participation procedures: a wide-ranging, phased approach

➔ 9 public meetings

➔ 2 mobile debates

➔ 1 port visit



8 themes  
submitted for debate

## Meeting calendar

### Thematic workshop 1 :

*What are Saint-Martin's overall development prospects for its port?*

27 Feb.

### Thematic workshop 3 :

*How will the port extension help develop tourism in Saint-Martin?*

29 Feb.

### Thematic workshop 5 :

*How does the port extension serve the development of trade in Saint-Martin?*

18 Mar.

### Thematic workshop 7 :

*The alternatives workshop*

21 Mar.

### Thematic workshop 2 :

*Environmental issues*

28 Feb.

### Thematic workshop 4 :

*Impacts on the drinking water plant*

1<sup>st</sup> Mar.

### Thematic workshop 6 :

*Project cost and financing*

19 Mar.

### Thematic workshop 8 :

*Cargo harbors and marinas: how will they fit together in the future?*

22 Mar.

## Different speakers engaged based on discussion topics

# 78

Questions and answers  
to the project management  
during the debates  
in person

# 13

Elected representatives and  
expert speakers  
answered our questions



Workshop 2

## Events that have found their audience

# 139

## participants

during workshops:  
participation  
with a small but very involved,  
qualified audience,

# 400

## participants

during the port visit: the open house was a  
resounding success



*Mobile debate in front of SuperU*



# Alain Richardson



## Territorial Collectivity of Saint-Martin



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# **Restitution of participants' contributions**

## **A project that is not questioned...**

- 1 The project enjoys a broad consensus**
- 2 Expected benefits for the region:  
greater sovereignty, greater competitiveness**

# THE PROJECT RECEIVES WIDE CONSENSUS

**““** *We need to prepare companies, and not just companies, but also the local population, to be ready when the time comes to adapt to this economic flow, which will be of great interest.*

Workshop 1

**““** *This development will create opportunities for various jobs, potentially offering more employment for our eager young people!*

Online

**““** *Renovating, expanding, and enhancing the port will naturally restore sovereignty*

Workshop 1



*Speech by Alain Richardson on behalf of the Collectivity*



# SIGNIFICANT GAINS FOR THE REGION: GREATER SOVEREIGNTY, GREATER COMPETITIVENESS

““ *On the French side, on the Dutch side, one people, one nation, one destiny, yes? But in fact, it turns out that in terms of sovereignty, we're in competition, and we have to accept it.*

Workshop 1

““ *This will mean natural food sovereignty, more products, less waiting time, less delays in supply, more work for the people of Saint-Martin.*

Workshop 1

““ *Companies will be able to be more competitive because they will be able to be re-supplied more quickly, and waiting times, via Guadeloupe or elsewhere, will be reduced, if not virtually eliminated, with the extension of the port.*

Workshop 1

““ *Since I was there for Irma, I know how important it was for us to have a port and airport that remained open. Yes, to the autonomy of the French part, but at what price for future generations?*

Online



# Territorial Collectivity of Saint-Martin

## AXIS 1 :

- **Launching the Galisbay port extension project**
- **Focusing on upscale tourism** and complement the port of Philipsburg's cruise activities in this area.

## **...but which raises questions about:**

- 1 The integration of this extension into the region's overall development (tourism/jobs/infrastructure)**
- 2 Certain environmental impacts of the project and corresponding compensation measures**
- 3 Another cruise facility**
- 4 Financing and future governance**



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**The integration  
of this extension  
into the overall development  
of the area**

# Tourism development aiming to enhance local activities and strengthen hospitality capacities

“ *In terms of accommodation offerings today, we are facing a real deficit and a significant delay. [...] There is a need to develop additional lodging sites, different types of accommodations such as homestays, and bed and breakfasts* ”

Workshop 3

“ *We need to [...] train tourist guides and establish an artisan village to showcase local production* ”

Workshop 3

*How can cruise passengers access the island's tourist and commercial areas? [...] It would be necessary to arrange tender boats for transporting cruise passengers to Marigot.* ”

Workshop 5





## Territorial Collectivity of Saint-Martin

### AXIS 3 :

- **Revitalizing cruise reception** with a larger and more versatile dock
- **Beautifying the port and its surroundings** (greening, lighting enhancement, improving architectural and urban quality,...)
- **Creating new possibilities for cruise passengers and crews to access** Marigot city center and other tourist sites (tender boats, pedestrian and bicycle pathways, taxis and buses,...)

# The extension of the port must serve the development of the region: local employment, road infrastructures and soft mobility

“ We need to focus on developing activities to promote recruitment [...] and enable the hiring of people facing employment challenges.

Workshop 3

“ We should consider offering electric bicycles and promoting low-carbon footprint modes of transportation

Workshop 5



“ We should develop a cycle path to facilitate the connection between the port and the city center

Workshop 5

“ This would be an opportunity to construct another road to alleviate traffic congestion and reduce traffic.

Workshop 1

# Territorial Collectivity of Saint-Martin

## AXIS 2 :

- **Creating a platform three times the size** to benefit from new storage capacity and eventually become an attractive regional hub.

## AXIS 5 :

- Developing around the port a **concerted development zone (ZAC) strictly limited to the establishment of non-polluting businesses, particularly related to logistics activities (shipyard, etc.),** and marine vocational training institutions

## AXIS 6 :

- Improving **road connectivity** between the entrance of Marigot town and Grand Case by constructing a bypass road starting from the port access road.

## AXIS 8 :

- Incorporating into the specifications for the port extension the need to **engage SMEs and create local employment opportunities through insertion clauses.**





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# Concerns expressed about certain environmental impacts

# During the construction phase, particular attention must be paid not only to water, but also to nature

**“** *Following this work, is there not a risk of supply disruption due to water turbidity?*

Workshop 4

**“** *On the Dutch side, there are several seawater desalination plants. Has it been perhaps considered, as they have, to have multiple production points on the island?*

Workshop 4

**“** *Adaptation of the work period throughout the year, i.e. no threshing between March and April. [...] Humpback whales arrive in December, and by February they're already very present [...] by March, it's clearly late.*

Workshop 2



# Saint Martin Port Authority

## AXIS 7 :

- **Committing to preserving the drinking water resource, especially during the construction phase, by minimizing the turbidity of seawater near the dredging site.**
- **To achieve this, coordinating the implementation schedule with that of the drinking water treatment plant extension.**

# ERC measures must be part of an ongoing dialogue to be fully adapted to the territory



*“ I haven't seen any report on the effectiveness of these transplants [of corals], [...] at the moment aren't there any more in-depth studies?*

**Workshop 2**

*“ We need to be very careful with management because if these mooring zones are created but not used, and instead, other seagrass beds are ultimately impacted, then we've lost everything*

**Workshop**



# Saint Martin Port Authority

## AXIS 4 :

- **Mitigating impacts and compensating for them through measures such as creating mooring zones in Grand-Case and Cul-de-Sac.**
- **Continuing consultation on the operation of the Marigot mooring zone (a consulting firm is already appointed to initiate consultation on the next two zones).**



**3**

**What about  
a complementary cruise  
facility in Marigot?**

# Participants express an interest in a different kind of cruise facility, but without discrediting the multi-purpose dock

“ *Moving the project to Marigot Bay would require complete construction of a dock [...]. Staying in Galisbay is a good idea, but it will require rethinking the port area layout to make it more pleasant.*

Workshop 7

“ *If we want to increase the capacity to accommodate larger boats, why not creating another reception area for mega yachts outside of the port?*

Workshop 7





# Saint Martin Port Authority

## AXIS 3 :

- **Launching a feasibility study on the extension of Marina Fort-Louis aimed at defining the size of pleasure boats and small cruise ships. This study will aim to estimate the cost of dredging and the construction of maritime infrastructure based on the draft of the ships to be accommodated.**



## 4

# Questions about governance and project financing

# Preserving the port as a public service: a strong expectation expressed by participants

“ *What worries us all, I think, is that, in the end, we'll be tied hand and foot to a private company that can do whatever it wants with our infrastructures.*

Workshop 6

“ *I'm struggling to understand exactly what levers we have in terms of revenue. [...] I think we need better visibility.*

Workshop 6

“ *And then the shipowner [...] will gradually take over market shares. They will apply lower costs to their ships and operations than they would to others. [...] So, eventually, they will take over everything and you will have a single operator, with consequences for the purchasing power of the people of Saint Martin*

Workshop 6





# Saint Martin Port Authority

## AXIS 9 :

- **Optimizing spending and seeking public funding from the State and Europe.**
- **Engaging a private operator** capable of committing to this project and its long-term operation given the substantial investments required.
- **Drawing up specifications** (selection of an operator) including **all guarantees to ensure that the extension remains a public project** controlled by the Collectivity.

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**Time for  
discussion**

**What's next?**

## Territorial collectivity of Saint-Martin

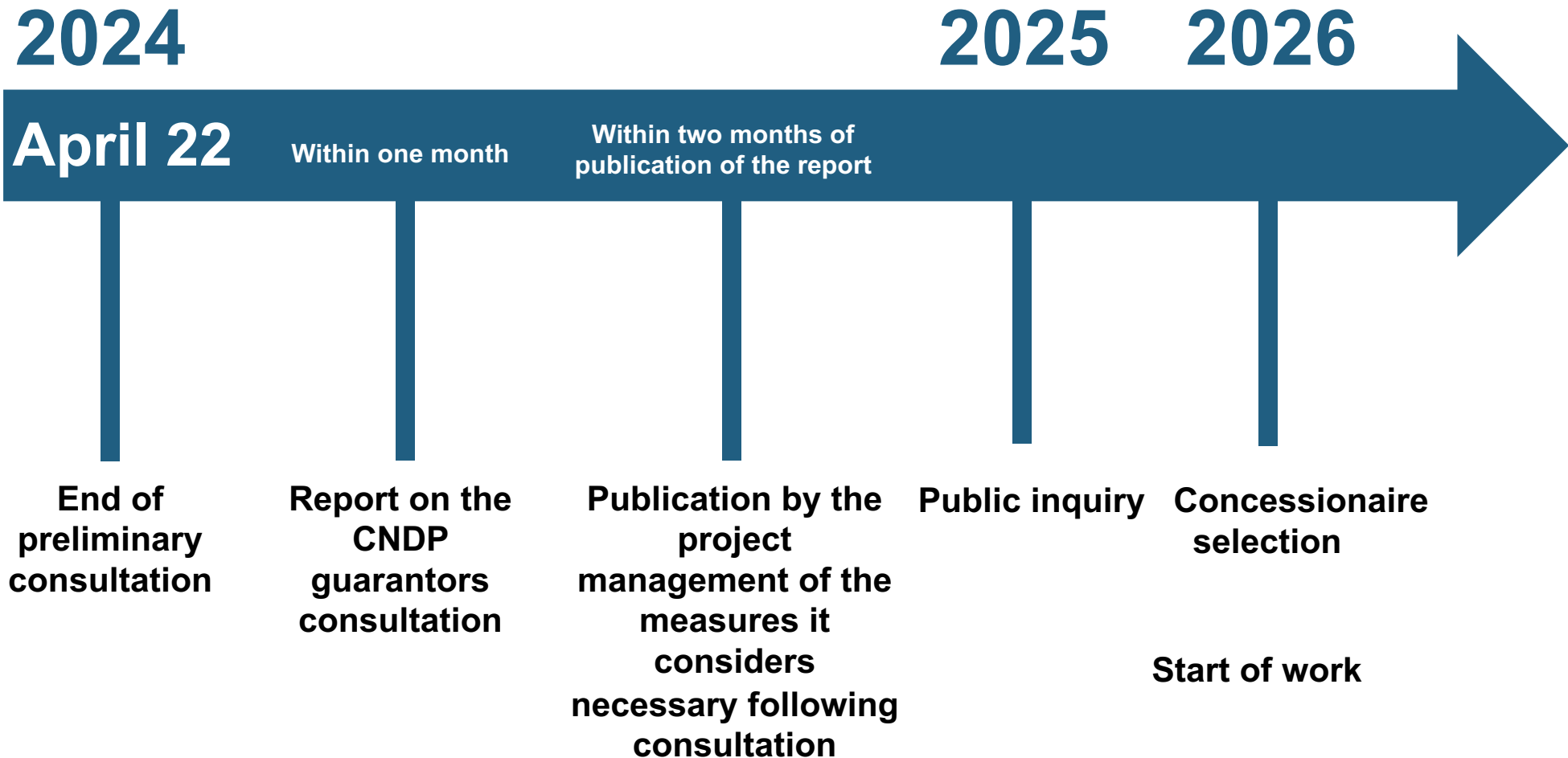
### AXIS 10 :

- **Continuing the dialogue with stakeholders and the public on certain aspects of the project that require further clarification or elaboration.**

More specifically on :

- The development and beautification of the port area ;
- the creation of the bypass road and access roads as part of a broader approach to mobility (truck traffic, modes of transport for cruise passengers, overall improvement of traffic and public transport);
- The protection of drinking water production, yachting facilities (mooring areas and associated services);
- drawing up specifications for the selection of a private concessionaire and determining the role to be played by local companies during the construction phase

# Timetable for the continuation of the project and the public debate



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# Conclusion





Thank you for your attention!

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