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Financial Statements (With Independent Auditors Report) For the year ended in December 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT

To the board of Directors of

Caribbean Export Development Agency

Haiti-Dominican Republic Bi-national Cooperation Programme Trade & Private Sector component, under the 11th European Development Fund (EDF), implemented by Caribben Export under the delegation agreement FED 2018/399-379

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Caribbean Export Development Agency, Haiti-Dominican Republic Bi-national Cooperation Programme Trade & Private Sector component, under the 11th European Development Fund (EDF), implemented by Caribbean Export under the delegation agreement FED 2018/399-379, which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31st, 2022, and the statements of activities, income and expenditure report and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of, the financial position of Caribbean Export Development Agency, Haiti-Dominican Republic Bi-national Cooperation Programme Trade & Private Sector component, under the 11th European Development Fund (EDF), implemented by Caribbean Export under the delegation agreement FED 2018/399-379, at December 31st, 2022, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

Basis of Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements" section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Dominican Republic, and we have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.



Management is also responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by Management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of Management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, then we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the proyect to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Company to express an opinion on the financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the Company's audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.
- We communicate with Management, regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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- We also provide Management with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence and where applicable, related safeguards.
- From the matters communicated with Management, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters.

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STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION December 31, 2022 and 2021 (Values expressed in EUR)

	Notes	2022	<u>2021</u>
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash	3	1,640,125	681,816
Accounts receivable	4	814	12,519
Deferred expenses Total current assets		3,632	3,411
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Total assets		1,644,571	697,746
LIABILITY AND NET ASSETS Current liabilities			
Accounts payable	5	128,081	169,462
Total current liabilities	5	128,081	169,462
Non current liabilities			
Deferred Income	6	1,515,796	527,740
Total noncurrent liabilities		1,515,796	527,740
Total Liabilities		1,643,877	697,202
Net Assets			
General fund		694	544
Total Liabilities and Net Assets		1,644,571	697,746

Approved by the Board of Directors on:

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Signed on its behalf by:

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STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME For the year ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 (Values expressed in EUR)

	Notes	2022	2021
Revenue			
Funding revenue Interest income on short term deposits Total revenue	6	1,207,023 <u>150</u> 1,207,173	673,382 <u>129</u> 673,511
Expenses per component	7		
Initiatives to support Trade Formalization Quality and Private Sector Development Public Institutional Support and Dialogue Administration/Programme implementation Administrative/Management fee Total expenses	8	$(1,408) \\ (676,828) \\ (100,877) \\ (257,458) \\ (170,452) \\ (1,207,023) $	(392,357) (28,385) (252,640)
Total expenses		(1,207,025)	(073,382)
Surplus for the year		150	129

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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS For the year ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 (Values expressed in EUR)

	2022	<u>2021</u>
Cash from operating activities:		
Surplus for the year	150	129
Adjustment for non-cash expenses: Deferred Income	988,056	(659,915)
Net changes in operating assets and current liabilities: Accounts receivable Accounts payable Deferred expenses Net increase (decrease) in operating activities	11,705 (41,381) (221) 958,309	- (29,477) <u>(292</u>) <u>(689,555</u>)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	958,309	(689,555)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	681,816	1,371,371
Cash at the end of the year	1,640,125	681,816

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(Haiti-Dominican Republic Bi-national Cooperation Programme Trade & Private Sector component, under the 11th European Development Fund (EDF), implemented by Caribbean Export under the delegation agreement FED 2018/399-379) NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 (Values expressed in EUR)

1. Project overview

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Caribbean Export is the only regional trade and investment promotion agency in the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) group. They were established in 1996 by an Inter-Governmental Agreement as the trade promotion Agency of the 15 Member States of CARIFORUM.

Then in July 2005 they assumed an investment promotion mandate after the 14th CARIFORUM Council of Ministers meeting. They have also established collaborative links with the French Caribbean Outermost Regions (FCORs), as well as, with the English and Dutch Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs).

Caribbean Export has evolved over the past 26 years from an Implementing Management Unit of the CARICOM Regional Trade Development Programme (CRTDP) as established in 1988, to the CARICOM Export Development Project (CEDP), which in 1996 became the Caribbean Export Development Agency.

The 11th EDF Haiti-DR Bi-National Cooperation Programme Trade and Private Sector Component, under the Delegation Agreement FED2018/399-379 is to: Strengthen the economic and commercial cooperation between Haiti and the Dominican Republic in a sustainable manner by supporting initiatives that can reduce the current imbalances in the long term and reduce poverty levels.

The implementation period of this Delegation Agreement, will commence from May 7th 2018, as indicated in article 2, paragraphs 2.1 and 2.2 of the Special Conditions of such signed Agreement for a period of 45 months. An addendum of an additional one year extension for the implementation of the program was signed between the parties in September 2021. Therefore, the implementation period was extended to 57 months. The total project cost is estimated at EUR 5,765,306, with a maximum contribution of EUR 5,650,000 to be provided by the European Union from 11th EDF Caribbean Regional Indicative Programme Agreement. The programme will be implemented by the Caribbean Export Development Agency through its Sub-Regional Office in the Dominican Republic using its own rules and procedures via a delegation agreement.

This Trade and Private Sector component is executed by Caribbean Export through its Subregional Office in the Dominican Republic, supported by a Programme Office in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

The Agency carries out numerous work programme activities within the context of Bi-National programmes such as study tours, export promotion activities to meet the objectives as follows:

- The promotion of a more balanced and formal binational trade between Haiti and the Dominican Republic.
- The quality of goods produced in both countries and the competitivity of enterprises is enhanced with special attention to three (3) value chains: Cocoa/Chocolate; Essential Oils/Cosmetics; and Handicraft/Fashion/Accessories/Jewellery.
- The institutional cooperation, between the Ministries working in trade related issues and the Customs Administrations, as well as the public-private and private-private dialogue is reinforced.

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2. Basis of presentation and principles of accounting policies

Basis of accounting

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The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). Accounting policies have been consistently applied in the financial statements of Caribbean Export Development Agency.

The financial statements have been prepared to reasonable values from their historic cost, except by certain assets and liabilities that are presented to their reasonable value with other method.

Functional currency and presentation

The financial statements are presented in Euro (EUR), curency used by the Organization for the presentation of their financial statements, as established in the delegation agreement signed with the European Union.

Transactions in foreign currencies

Since May 2018, the contributions for the development of the Program are received and registered in Euros by the Organization, this being the functional currency of the Program. However, part of the funds are sporadically converted and transferred to other accounts of the Organization in pesos (RD\$) in the DR, as well as in dollars (US\$) in Haiti, to facilitate local payments related to the implementation of the Program. The transactions in these different currencies are converted to the functional currency for reporting purposes, using the exchange rate equivalent to the funds transferred from the Euros account to each of the aforementioned bank accounts, to cover the transactions of a particular period. In the year 2022, the Organization will not recognize gains or losses from exchange, resulting from conversion.

Cash and cash equivalents

The Organization considers as cash all the funds deposited in cashier and the banks, as well as small investments in securities with an expiration of less or equal to three months, counted from the acquisition date.

Accounts payable

It is a present obligation of legal character or implied to the date of the financial statements of the Organization, which can be determined reliably and as a result of past events, to its expiration and to cancel it, the Organization expects to rid themselves of resources that include or have included benefits.

Revenue recognition

Revenues are recognized at the time of the transaction. These revenues are generated by cash transfers. The income is recognized as the projects advance, they are not recognized as income until used for the purposes defined. In this case, the contribution will remain in a liability account toward the donor.

Advances from European Union

European Union transfers cash to executing agencies, the transfer is recorded as an advance and the programme expenditure is recorded when incurred.

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2. Basis of presentations - cont.

Advances for travel expenses.

The advances for travel expenses consist in pay out to staff members or contractors for travel related activities.

Deferred income

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The Agency recognizes deferred revenues when the advances are received from the European Union and recognizes revenue when the expenses related to the program are recorded. Unspent amounts are classified in the deferred revenue liabilities section of the statement of financial position.

Expenses and components

The Agency classify their expenses in four components, The classification allows the Agency to have a better segregation of their expenditures. The components are also subdivide in subcomponents and they proceed to elaborate the budget based on the subcomponents. The four components are the following:

1. Initiatives to support Trade Formalization (TF)

2. Quality and Private Sector Development (QP)

3. Public Institutional Support and Dialogue (IS)

4. Administration/Programme implementation (AD)

- Administrative Fee (*)

(*) The budget includes an Administrative fee up the 7% of the total eligible direct costs, which does not need to be justified with accounting documentation, as established in the Delegation Agreement signed with the European Union.

3. Cash

As of December 31st, 2022 and 2021, a detail of cash is as following:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Banreservas	1,634,842	678,831
Banque Nationale de Credit BNC	4,963	2,665
Petty cash	320	320
	1,640,125	681,816

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4. Accounts receivable

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Accounts receivable consists of the following:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Head Office-Barbados (a)	-	12,343
A/R of the Agency's own funds (Counterpart) (b)	183	176
A/R Other - Bi-National (c)	631	
	814	12,519

(a) Corresponding to an outstanding Debit Note for the 10th EDF Regional Program under EDF agreement FED/2011/260-647 that was handled at Head Office-Barbados. During 2022, reimbursement was made by the Head Office - Barbados.

(b) Corresponding to bank charges for the transfer received from the EU, whose expenditure is not elegible to be covered by the Program funds, according to the Delegation Agreement.

(c) Corresponding to account receivable from Banreservas for errors in overpayment when processing two wire transfers. Reimbursement were received in January and February 2023.

5. Accounts payable

Accounts payable consists of the following:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Accounts payable reimbursements (a)	103,180	127,320
Accounts payable trade (b)	14,685	30,166
Accounts payable others	10,216	11,976
	128,081	169,462

(a) Between the start of the implementation period of the FED2O18/399-379 agreement in May 2018 and the date of receipt of the first financing in November 2018, as well as during the 1st semester of 2019, the Caribbean Export Agency made payments for Binational Program expenses. As of December 31st, 2022 and 2021, accounts payable of EUR103,180 and EUR127,320, respectively, correspond to balances in favor of the Caribbean Export Agency and it is expected that at the end of each year this account payable will be reduced by a proportion of 2% of the global expenses as established in the regulatory agreement with the European Union.

In addition, considering that as established in the Delegation Agreement, the maximum amount to be contributed as counterpart by Caribbean Export is EUR115,306 and that a counterpart amount of EUR72,841 has already been recognized for the years 2018 to 2022, the excess amount of this value that has been paid in advance by Caribbean Export could be reimbursed from the Program funds granted by the European Union at any time, at its best convenience, only leaving in the advance account payable the remaining committed counterpart sum of EUR42,465. As of December 31, 2022, the Caribbean Export Development Agency will be able to deduct from the European Union Programme funds up to EUR60,715, as part of reimbursement for the Account payable for counterpart overpaid amount.

(b) Corresponds to accounts payable to suppliers for services or purchases for the development of the objectives of the binational program.

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6. Deferred income

Deferred operating income is recognized at the date of the statement of financial position. Funds relating to program implementation are included as deferred income and are credited to the statement of comprehensive income in the same year as the relevant expenses are incurred.

The programme is funded by the European Union with a counterpart contribution from the implemented Agency. The first pre-financing was EUR1,520,197 received in november 2018, the second pre-financing was EUR1,393,865 received in September 2020 and during the year 2021 no funds were received from the European Union. In May 2022, a third pre-financing of EUR2,170,938 was received from the European Union for Programme implementation. The total amount of European Union contributions at December 2022 reached the sum of EUR5,085,000.

From the start of the program until 2019 EUR942,398 has been recognized as the 98% of programme expenses covered by the EU funds, and the remaining 2% corresponding to EUR19,233 are expenses assumed by the agency according to the EDF agreement 2018/399-379.

During the year 2020 EUR784,009 has been recognized as the 98% of programme expenses covered by the EU funds, and the remaining 2% corresponding to EUR16,000 are expenses assumed by the agency according to the EDF agreement 2018/399-379.

During the year 2021 EUR659,915 has been recognized as the 98% of programme expenses covered by the EU funds, and the remaining 2% corresponding to EUR13,468 are expenses assumed by the agency according to the EDF agreement 2018/399-379.

During the year 2022 EUR1,182,882 has been recognized as the 98% of programme expenses covered by the EU funds, and the remaining 2% corresponding to EUR24,141 are expenses assumed by the agency according to the EDF agreement 2018/399-379.

The balance of EUR1,515,796 remains in deferred operating income on the statement of financial position at December 31st, 2022. There is not unfulfilled conditions or contingencies attached to this amount.

7. Expenses per component

A detail of the expenses per component as of December 31st, 2022 and 2021, is as follows:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	
Initiatives to support Trade Formalization			
Studies, surveys and needs analysis	1,408		
Total, component	1,408		

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7. Expenses per component - cont.

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	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Quality and Private Sector Development		
Technical Support		
Salary of Deputy Programme Manager (DPM)	89,255	89,255
Salary of Senior Advisor DR	71,380	71,350
Salary of Senior Advisor Haiti	71,380	71,380
Salary of Project Expert DR	-	21,310
Salary of Project Expert Haiti	29,373	13,084
Cooperation in Quality	13,164	8,864
Quality and IP certifications	-	30
Investment Promotion	76,002	3,151
Support to BDS Services Provided by BSO	65,301	4,335
Purchase of equipment to support the Binational value	,	
chain implementation	2,247	_
Implementation of strategy of Haiti enter in DR Market	16,589	9,102
Promotion, Public relations and visibility	11,492	-
Monitoring and audit of programme	7,164	14,885
Total sub component	453,347	306,746
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Programme assistance to Cacao/Chocolate value chain		
Technical Assistance (short term)	49,151	13,540
Training and workshops	19,187	12,167
Technical Working Groups	5,730	-
Trade missions and best practice missions	67,440	7,851
Purchase of equipment	-	20,196
Total sub component	141,508	53,754
Programme of assistance to the Essential Oils/Cosmetic		
Value Chain		
Purchase of equipment	36,405	-
Technical Working Groups	7,511	7,832
Total sub component	43,916	7,832
Programme of assistance to the		
Handicraft/fashion/accessories/ jewellery Value Chain		
Technical Assistance (short term)	18,065	6,300
Training and workshops	19,992	17,725
Total sub component	38,057	24,025
Total, component	676,828	392,357
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7. Expenses per component - cont.

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Public Institutional Support and Dialogue		
Support to Trade and Industry Ministries		
Purchase of equipment	11,076	-
Training and workshops	9,000	13,171
Technical Working Groups	1,274	1,997
Total sub component	21,350	15,168
Support to Customs Administrations		
Technical Working Groups	918	699
Total sub component	918	699
Support to Public-Private / Private-Private Dialogue		
Technical Assistance (short term)	19,293	1,694
Training and workshops	26,864	523
Technical Working Groups	32,452	10,301
Total sub component	78,609	12,518
Total, component	100,877	28,385
Administration/Programme implementation		
Organizational Structuring- Haiti Office		
Operations Advisor Haiti	47,499	47,499
Administrative and Financial Assistant HT	23,768	35,565
Chauffer HT	3,516	3,114
Vehicle gas, maintenance and insurance Haiti	1,358	2,447
Office rent and maintenance HT	49,208	43,465
Communications HT	19,234	16,521
Utilities HT	1,391	1,138
Office Equipment & materials: Purchase and Installation	2,393	241
Offices supplies HT and equipment maintenance	604	2,711
Total sub component	148,971	152,701
Organizational Structuring- Dominican Republic Office		
Financial Officer DR	41,485	41,515
Office rent and maintenance DR	40,797	35,852
Communications DR	2,992	2,286
Other costs operations	15,000	15,000
Utilities DR	7,275	4,467
Office supplies DR and equipment maintenance	938	819
Total sub component	108,487	99,939
Total, component	257,458	252,640

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7. Expenses per component - cont.

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Direct cost	1,036,571	673,382
Administrative/management fee	170,452	
Total direct cost and administrative/ management fee	1,207,023	673,382

8. Administrative/Management fee

During the year 2022 was verified that the amount of EUR170,452 deducted by the implemented Agency as administrative fee, corresponds to the 7% of the audited eligible direct costs from the beginning of the Programme in May 2018 up to December 2021, for a total amount of EUR2,435,022. Such payment for administrative fee does not need to be justified with accounting documentation, as established in the Delegation Agreement for the implementation of this Programme. Total expenses in 2022 EUR1,207,023 and in 2021 remains EUR673,382 (see note 7).