

BARBADOS

ACP Region: The Caribbean
Population: 270,000
Official Language: English
Capital: Bridgetown

National authority responsible for culture: Ministry of Education, Youth and Culture.

Culture policy: being developed.

Principal public cultural bodies:

- Barbados Arts Council. Created in 1957, its mandate is to encourage all forms of artistic expression and advise and assist the Government. Over the years, its action has been focused on visual arts.
- National Cultural Foundation. Created in 1983. <http://www.ncf.bb>

Some professional organisations:

- Performing Rights Society Ltd.

Some events:

- Barbados Festival of African and Caribbean Film
- Barbados Jazz festival
- Barbados Song Contest
- Community Voices
- Congaline Music Festival
- Cropover Festival
- Holders Opera Season
- National Independence Festival of Creative Arts (NIFCA)

COOPERATION WITH THE EC

Cultural cooperation: Nothing on national EDF funds Regional funds of the 7th EDF financed a cultural Cariforo centre.

Regional cooperation: EC/Cariforum Programme

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