

## COOK ISLANDS

**ACP Region:** Pacific  
**Population:** 21,000 (15 islands)  
**Official Language:** English and Polynesian  
**Capital:** Avarua (Rarotonga island)

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**Principal public cultural bodies:**

- National Arts Council
- Cultural and Historic Places Trust
- National Museum
- Cook Islands National Arts Theatre (CINAT)

**COOPERATION WITH THE EC**

**Cultural cooperation:** Nothing carried out. Culture is not included in the spheres of cooperation of the 9<sup>th</sup> EDF.

**Other programmes that may interest cultural participants:** The 9<sup>th</sup> EDF NIP in principle reserves 15% for non-state actors for capacity building actions and for revenue-generating projects.

**Regional cooperation:** EC/Pacific Programme

**EC Delegation:** DEC to Fiji