

HAITI

ACP Region:	Caribbean
Population:	7.5 million
Official Language:	Creole, French
Capital:	Port-au-Prince

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Some events:

- Festival Twoubadou
- Voodoo beat
- Voodoo Ritual Music

COOPERATION WITH THE EC

The political situation prevented 9th EDF from being scheduled as usual.

Cultural cooperation: The 7th EDF resulted in financing of a Dominican/Haitian art exhibit in Brussels (€75,000) and a study of the Eldorado Forum project(€30,000) in 1996, supporting the Haitian government in working out a master plan for culture (€350,000) in 1997, and financing a *Programme de Soutien aux Initiatives Culturelles* (€750,000), decision taken in 1998. The 8th EDF financed a feasibility study for a support programme for the cultural sector in 1999. This programme, for which €4.4 million had been allowed, did not materialise.

Other programmes that may interest cultural participants: The decentralised cooperation budget allocated a €59,000 subsidy to the *Fondation Connaissance et Liberté* to organise, in 2005 and 2006, democratic debates in the form of verbal jousting between young people. A new call for proposals was launched in 2006, with a view to support, in particular, actions to reinforce civil society.

Participation of the actors in political dialogue:

A permanent committee bringing together the representative of non-state actors from all sectors was set up with a view to participating in the programming process for the 10th EDF. The cultural actors are invited to participate in this process.

Regional cooperation: EC/Cariforum Programme

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