

- Reduce time taken for clearance of goods and lowering costs for border compliance,
- Improve documentary compliance through simplification, standardisation, rationalisation (reducing paperwork) and harmonise of clearance processes, procedures and documentation by digitalisation while allowing for interoperability with other systems
- Contribute to sustainable transport logistics and support to meet global carbon reduction requirements
- Enable information sharing between trade actors through a single platform as outlined in trade agreements
- Support the country's single electronic window.



EPA AND CSME STANDBY FACILITY

The project was approved for implementation by the EPA and CSME Standby Facility Steering Committee in 2020. The EPA and CSME Standby Facility is a EUR 8.75 million programme financed by the European Development Fund (EDF) being managed by CDB to support projects in Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, the Commonwealth of Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, St Kitts and Nevis, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago (CARIFORUM). It is intended to build capacity in the region and better position businesses to trade within CARIFORUM and the European Union.

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THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BARBADOS PORT COMMUNITY SYSTEM (PCS) PROJECT

A EUR253,418 project to increase the efficiency of trade across borders through digitalisation at the Port of Bridgetown



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ABOUT

The Establishment of a Barbados Port Community System (PCS) Project is a technology focused intervention to design and build a secure, intelligent, paperless, digital solution for use at the Port of Bridgetown. The system, called a Port Community System or PCS, will reside online and be accessible to public and private stakeholders processing cargo at the port. This includes logisticians, freight forwarders, terminal and warehouse operators, agents, shippers, customs and other state agencies, entrepreneurs and the wider public.

The addition of a more highly competitive port in the Eastern Caribbean will aid in creating further economic opportunities for both exporters and importers. It will improve efficiency at all stages of the process of manifesting, through vessel discharge and loading, customs clearance, port health formalities and delivery in and out of the terminal. This project will support and complement on-going trade facilitation and competitiveness enhancing reforms being implemented to address transport and logistics constraints.

PROJECT BENEFITS

The PCS will integrate processes for the delivery and clearing of cargo containers, minimising delays associated with clearance. It will also create a more efficient payment process, enable the electronic processing of cargo and storage of data. Additionally, once implemented the PCS will position the Port of Bridgetown more competitively and demonstrate the country's actions to fulfil commitments outlined in several international agreements.

A well-functioning and efficient port supported by a robust PCS will better facilitate trade and reduce the costs associated with shipping and business. It will also impact trade within CARICOM and CARIFORUM by enabling firms to more seamlessly access the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME) and opportunities available in other agreements including the Economic Partnership Agreement which supports trade with Europe.

The project will:

- Increase efficiency which will enable enhanced trade competitiveness
- Reduce the cost of imports and goods to local consumers
- Provide easy and efficient electronic data interchange among state agencies and clients of the port
- Create the ability to re-use and centralise customs declarations for speedier dispatch
- Enable the electronic handling of all information regarding clearance of containerised, general and bulk cargo
- Provide real time access to information for control, tracking and tracing through the logistics chain
- Accommodate the electronic processing of dangerous goods
- Improve administration, recording, monitoring, reporting, analysis of data using the platform.

