

# CARIBSAN

THE CARIBBEAN COOPERATION  
FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT  
INSPIRED BY NATURAL HERITAGE

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# CARIBSAN: Context

## Research Projects in Guadeloupe & Martinique (ATTENTIVE, 2013-2017)

Wastewater treatment using **constructed wetlands** adapted to tropical conditions  
(**INRAE & Water Offices**)

Search a local plant : Heliconia  
Testing the full-scale technique



### Treatment Wetlands in tropical climate

→ Technology particularly adapted to tropical and insular context:

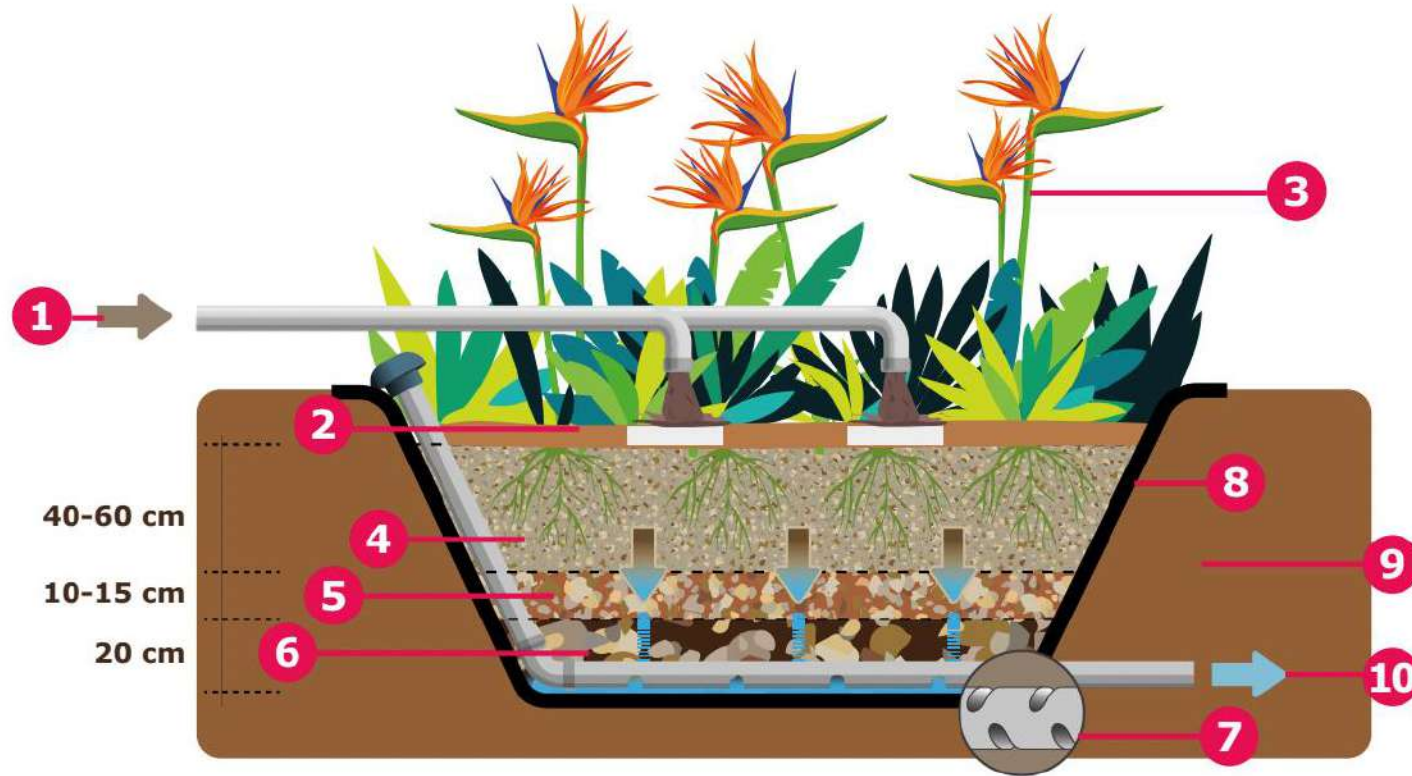
- ✓ Robustness & climate-resilient
- ✓ Modularity
- ✓ Simple maintenance & economic
- ✓ High pollution treatment rate



# Constructed Wetland

## A Nature-based solution

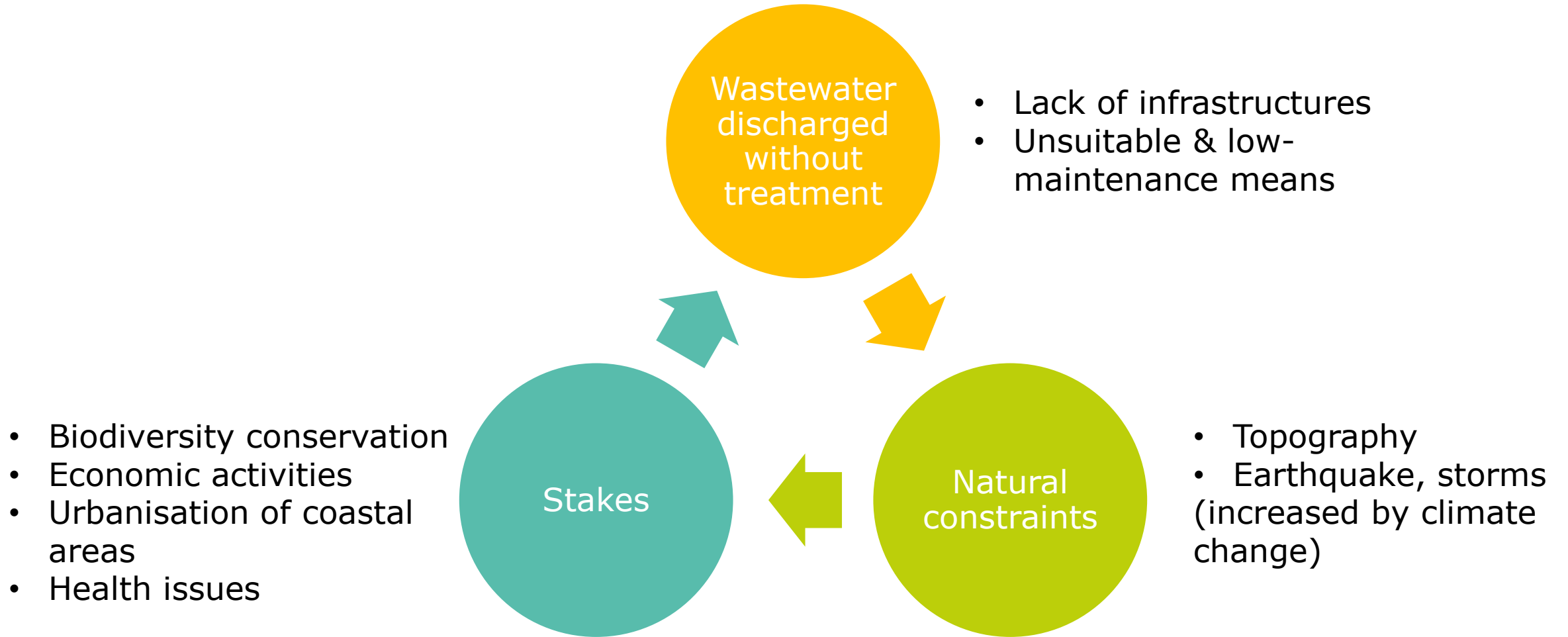
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PHYTOPURIFICATION



- 1- influent (raw wastewater screened)
- 2- surface organic deposit (sludge)
- 3- the stems pierce the organic deposit and prevent from clogging
- 4- filtering layer
- 5- transition layer
- 6- drainage layer
- 7- drainage system
- 8- waterproof liner
- 9- original soil
- 10- effluent (treated wastewater)

# CARIBSAN: a shared Caribbean context

Caribbean territories are fragile ecosystems where wastewater treatment is insufficient



→ Reduce the impact of wastewater is crucial

# CARIBSAN

## = CARIBBEAN SANITATION NATURE

→ Promote constructed wetlands for wastewater treatment in the Caribbean



# CARIBSAN objectives



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- Enhance **Caribbean cooperation** among actors on sanitation
- **Promote treatment wetlands** for wastewater treatment
- **Disseminate knowledge** on this technique



## INTERREG Programme (European Union)

**Objective #7** «Protect and enhance the Caribbean natural heritage through the implementation of joint strategies and tools”



## UN Development Programme

**Sustainable Development Goal #6** “Clean water and sanitation for all” by 2030

# CARIBSAN project

## DURATION

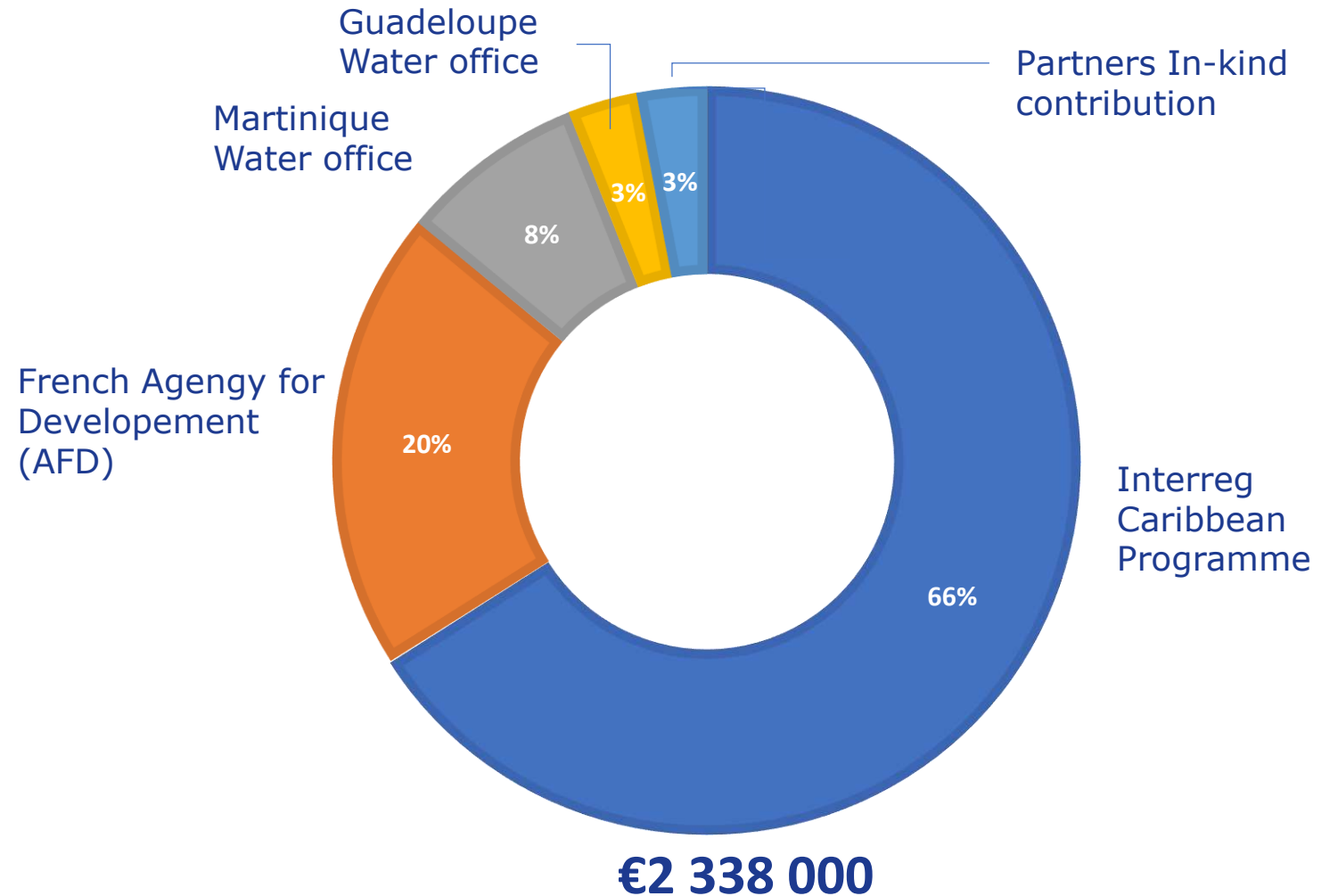


### Phase 1

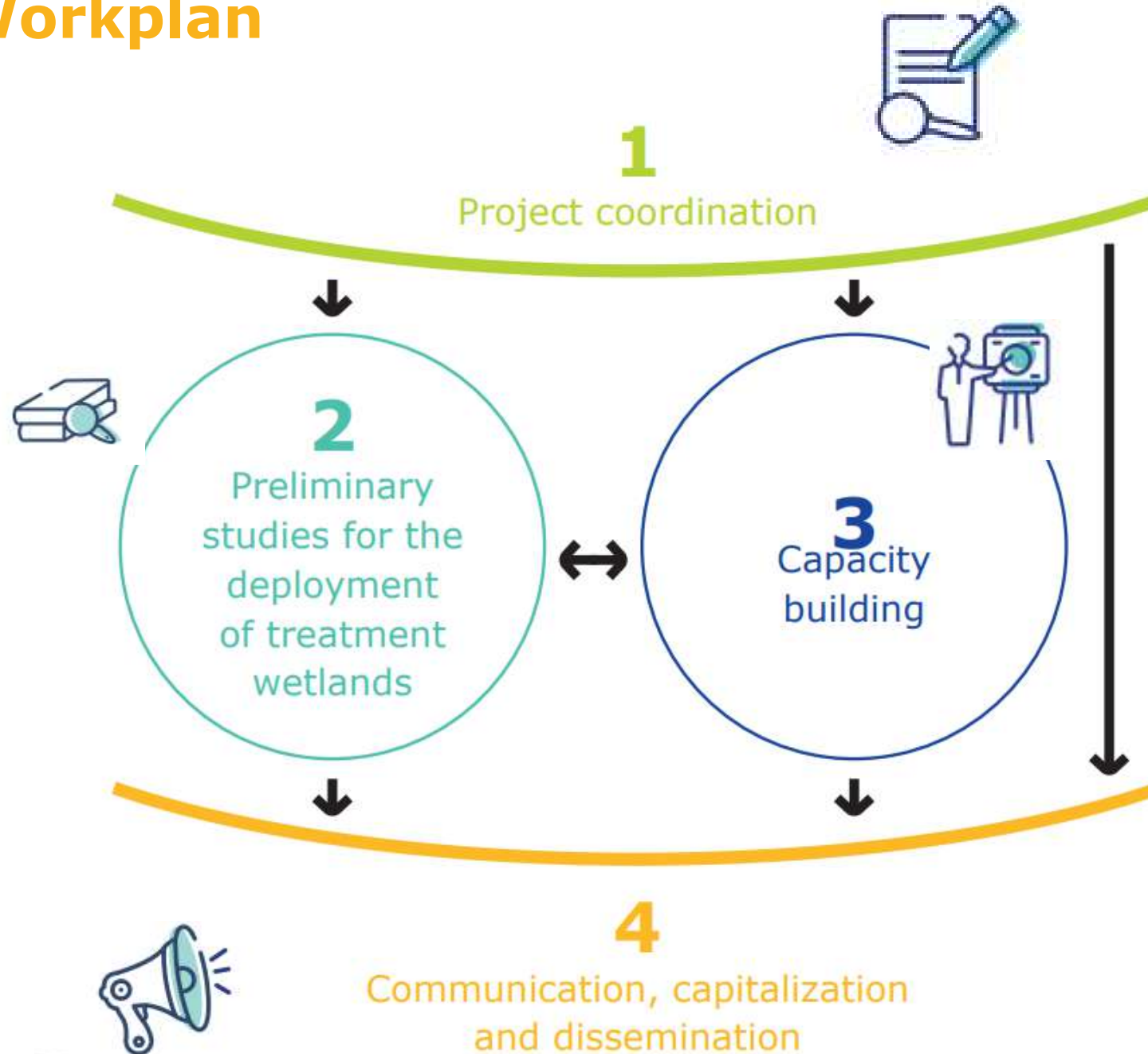
September 2021 to June 2023

→ Next phase for building  
Treatment wetlands  
(2023 - 2025)

## FUNDING

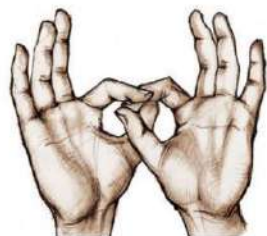


# CARIBSAN Workplan





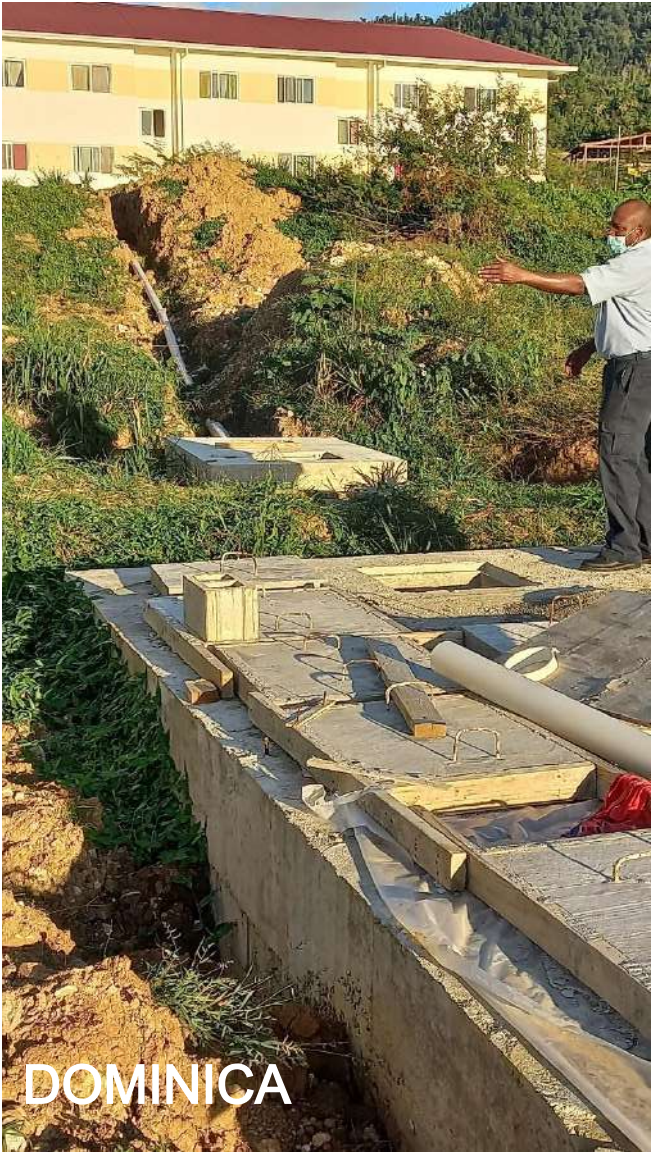
# CARIBSAN : Project coordination



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in French sign language*



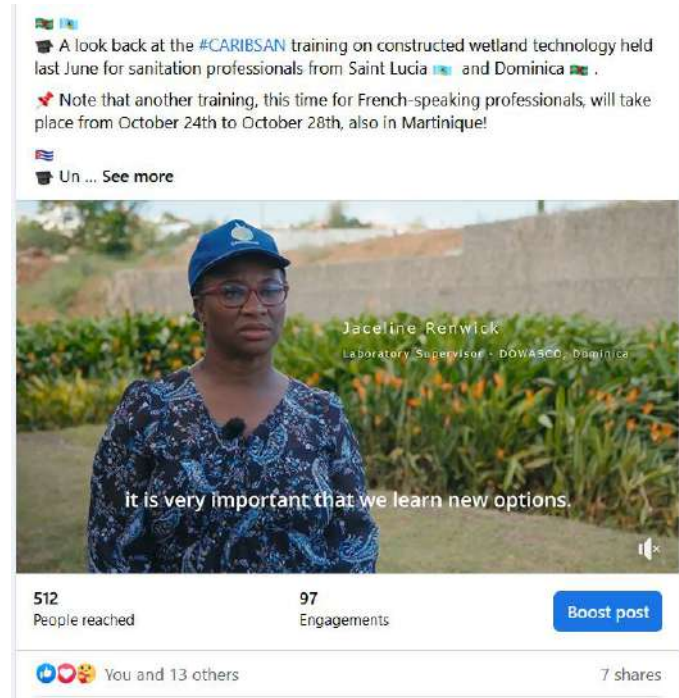
# CARIBSAN : Preliminary studies



# CARIBSAN : Capacity building



# CARIBSAN : Communication



# CARIBSAN : Cooperation



# What's next ?

**2 training session in April & May 2023**

**During 1 week in Martinique with field visits (1 in french, 1 in spanish)**

**Preliminary studies**

**Characterization of waste water in St Lucia, Commonwealth of Dominica**



**CARIBSAN**

**Caribbean conference in June 13 & 14th, Martinique**

**Presentation of results of Phase 1 and Kick-off meeting for CARIBSAN 2**

**CARIBSAN 2**

**Starting in July, 2023 > 2025**

- **Building Constructed wetlands**
- **Modelling tool – replicable for different territories**

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