

Annexe: Status of the 12 criteria

No.	Criterion	Current situation	Completion date
1	Clean-up population register	<p><u>Phase 1 General assessment against requirements of Elections Act</u> In phase 1 an assessment was conducted of whether members of the public are complying with the requirements laid down by the Elections Act. Researchers visited homes one by one to check whether the individuals registered in the PIVA (Personal Information Service for the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba) genuinely live on the island and are in possession of a valid ID and/or residence permit.</p> <p>With phase 1 completed, the electoral register is now considered sufficiently reliable.</p> <p><u>Phase 2 – In-depth study</u> In January 2020 researchers conducted an in-depth study to determine whether all current population records, including source documents, were complete and accurate.</p> <p>The PIVA now needs to be corrected on the basis of the study’s findings. This is being done by specialists from the Netherlands. A start was made in March 2020, but owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, these specialists had to return to the Netherlands. In light of the current measures this phase will be delayed for an unknown length of time.</p>	<p>Phase 1 complete.</p> <p>Phase 2 complete by 31 December 2020.</p>
2	Manage administrative processes	<p>Around half of the public body’s 17 administrative processes are operational. Progress on the Land Registry will have to wait until the entry into force of the amended Act, making a handover impossible for the time being. The same goes for the Tax and Customs Administration of the Caribbean Netherlands (BCN).</p> <p>Agreements have been made with the Land Registry with the aim of clearing backlogs. BCN has agreed that it will take over the collection and recovery of local taxes once all tax ordinances have</p>	<p>September 2020 (with exception of Land Registry and Tax Administration, which are subject to a later completion date)</p>

		been modernised (completion by 31 December 2020).	
3	Amend inaccurate or outdated ordinances	<p>Good progress is being made on updating St Eustatius's outdated non-financial ordinances. The following ordinances have now been completed and published:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organisational structure ordinance - Financial management ordinance 2020 (<i>Verordening financieel beheer 2020</i>) - Motor vehicle tax island order 2020 (<i>Eilandsbesluit motorrijtuigenbelasting 2020</i>) - Island order amending rates at which taxi pricing is calculated (<i>Eilandsbesluit wijziging taxitarieven</i>) - Protocol for accountant's declaration re. annual accounts and standards framework. - Island ordinance amending the 2019 ordinance on passport fees (<i>Legesverordening</i>) in St Eustatius - Island ordinance on childcare in St Eustatius (<i>Basis Eilandsverordening Kinderopvang St. Eustatius</i>) - Childcare order (St Eustatius) 2020 (<i>Besluit Kinderopvang Sint Eustatius 2020</i>) - St Eustatius Court of Audit - Referendum ordinance (St Eustatius) 2020 (<i>Referendumverordening Sint Eustatius 2020</i>) - Ordinance revoking outdated rules & regulations in St Eustatius (clean-up of 30 rules/regulations) - Student and school pupil housing allowance ordinance (St Eustatius) 2020 (<i>Verordening huisvestingstoelage scholieren Sint Eustatius 2020</i>) 	October 2020

		<p>Draft legislation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spatial planning ordinance - Island ordinance on historic buildings and sites (St Eustatius) 2020 <i>(Monumenteneilandsverordening Sint Eustatius 2020)</i> - Island order establishing the St Eustatius Historic Buildings and Sites Council 2020 <i>(Eilandsbesluit Monumentenraad Sint Eustatius 2020)</i> <p>The Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations is currently working on the following regulations/legislation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rules of procedure for the meetings and activities of the Island Council of the public body of St Eustatius 2020 (incl. appended revised version of the Presidium Ordinance 2012 <i>(Presidiumverordening 2012)</i>) - Code of conduct on the integrity of the Island Council of the public body of St Eustatius 2020 - Flag ordinance and flag regulations - Environmental management (St Eustatius) ordinance 2020 <i>(Verordening Milieubeheer Sint Eustatius 2020)</i> - Nature conservation (St Eustatius) ordinance 2020 <i>(Verordening Natuurbeheer Sint Eustatius 2020)</i> (consolidating at least the following existing legislation: Marine environment ordinance (1996), Protection of flora and fauna ordinance (1997) and Lobster ordinance (1966)). - Road traffic ordinance (St Eustatius) 2020 <i>(Wegenverkeersverordening Sint Eustatius 2020)</i> 	
4	<p>Reorganise the civil-service organisation and equip it with correct procedures and work instructions</p>	<p>Following the approval of the new organisational structure on 1 September 2019, the procedure for internal candidates to apply for step-up vacancies has now been completed. The public body is currently working to fill a number of open vacancies, including several key positions. A number of advisory positions are expected to be filled before the summer. At that point the professionalisation of the civil-service organisation can enter the next phase. A change manager has been appointed to guide the further implementation of the process in a</p>	September 2020

		structured manner. The description of procedures and work instructions will be completed before the elections.	
5	Describe policy frameworks of the public body	<p>The work processes of the Executive Council have been described. Since last quarter the public body, including the Executive Council, has been working with the new decision-making formats. The delivery procedure is being followed consistently so as to enable the Executive Council to prepare decisions in good time.</p> <p>In addition, an inventory of missing or outdated policy frameworks has been drawn up.</p>	<p>Exec. Council policy frameworks: completed</p> <p>Other policy frameworks for the public body: January 2021</p>
6	Put supervisory and enforcement instruments in order	<p>Updating offences and sanction measures will be part of the process of amending the ordinances concerned. Once all ordinances have been put in order, the necessary foundations will be in place. The instruments will then need to be implemented at organisational level.</p>	February 2021
7	Equip the civil-service organisation to perform supervisory and enforcement duties	<p>On 31 March 2020 waste management supervisors were appointed. A plan of action has been drawn up to tackle the issue of car wrecks, containers and other waste. Special Police Officers (BAVPOLs) will receive assistance and training in hotel, restaurant and supermarket inspections from the Dutch Caribbean Police Force.</p>	December 2020
8	Introduce a multiannual training programme for civil servants and politicians	<p>In order to ensure a lasting impact, a multiannual training programme for civil servants has been introduced. In the first quarter of 2020 the training programme for the civil-service organisation was rolled out further, with 15 different courses for managers, supervisors, project managers, policy advisers and management support staff, and general computer training and other specialist courses. These activities were suspended or postponed in the second quarter of 2020, when measures relating to COVID-19 were imposed. If possible, training courses will resume again in an online format.</p> <p>In addition, a training and mentoring programme is being set up for aspiring politicians. In cooperation with the Association of Netherlands Municipalities (VNG) and the Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy (NIMD), officials</p>	<p>Now introduced. Completion of programme: 2023</p>

		<p>will use the next few months to consider what form the various training programmes should take. The various options explored will take account of COVID-19 restrictions.</p> <p>The first training days will be arranged after politicians announce their candidacy, the aim being to prepare them to take up their role as members of the Island Council.</p> <p>The training days for aspiring politicians will be tailored to the needs that are expressed and observed. After the elections, training will also be offered to elected politicians. The needs of participants will be assessed prior to every training occasion, so that they can get the opportunity to continually improve their performance in specific areas.</p>	
9	Digitise and centralise financial processes	Digitisation of the financial administration was completed by 1 April 2020. Centralisation is still an ongoing process. In accordance with a set procedure, close coordination and other change management processes are taking place. IT management is still being set up. An audit by the Central Government Audit Service (ADR) of the set-up and management of access to the financial management system is being prepared.	1 October 2020
10	Set up a planning and control cycle in accordance with the FINBES	<p>All efforts are focused on ensuring that the second monitoring report is submitted on time. It is expected that in May-June the (draft) annual accounts for 2017 and 2018 can be finalised. Parallel to this, the 2019 annual accounts are being drawn up. The budget preparations for 2021 have begun.</p> <p>The aim is for all levels of the planning and control cycle to be set up and operational in accordance with FINBES by 1 October 2020.</p>	1 October 2020
11	Implement activities set out in the plan of action for the improvement of financial management	The public body has made great progress on the improvement of financial management.	Up to 2021
12	Set up court of audit function	The St Eustatius Court of Audit will initially be set up and (for up to two years) staffed by experts from the Rotterdam Court of Audit. The temporary members of the Court were sworn in by the Government Commissioner on 14 May 2020.	Completed