



# St. Eustatius 2017 – 2021



## Road construction

A total of **4.1 kms** of roads has been constructed.

- The **investments** for Cherry Tree, Jeems Road, Smoke Alley, Mansion Road, White Hook and the roundabout amount to **\$7.2 million**.
- The construction of **14 other roads** has already been **scheduled**, among which is the Airport Boulevard.



## Reconstruction following hurricane Irma

- A sum of **€43 million** has been made available to St. Eustatius in the purview of reconstruction.
- A total of **€10.4 million** has been made available for the **cliff wall** near **Fort Oranje**.



## Enhancement of liveability

- With effect from 1 January 2019, the **statutory minimum wage** has been **raised** by **7%**.
- **Family allowances** have been **raised from \$42** in 2017 **to \$87** in 2021.
- The Dutch Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment has allocated a structural sum of **€9.8 million** to the **improvement** of **childcare facilities**, which sum will be **raised** to **€14 million** in 2021.



## Water purification

Currently, the annual production of clean drinking water totals **40,000 m<sup>3</sup>**.

- Over the past year, **three projects** have been carried out to improve access to and the reliability of the drinking water supply: **replacement and expansion** of the **main conveyor pipeline**, **expansion** of the **water storage capacity** from 1.000 m<sup>3</sup> to 4.000 m<sup>3</sup>, and **expansion** of the **production capacity**.
- Currently, **45%** of the **residents** of St Eustatius are **connected** to the drinking water grid (850 connections). This represents an **increase** of **120** connections vis-à-vis last year.



## Improvement of Internet connection

Internet speed has become **20% faster**.

- EUTEL BV has **reduced** its **Internet** rates by **\$10** for its subscribers. This **reduction** will **hold good** for the **next 5 years**.
- The Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy has **reduced** the **fixed connection charges** for **electricity** users to \$0.
- Furthermore, a grant scheme has been introduced for the use of wired Internet with a monthly connection fee of \$25.



## Non-specific allowances

- The non-specific allowance has increased from **\$10,827,820** in 2017 to **\$13,634,334** in 2020.