



Decision List Nr. 25/2023

Executive Council Meeting of September 12th, 2023

1097/2023	Subject:	Business license request
	Summary:	Application submitted for a sole proprietorship business license to sell fish.
	Decision:	In agreement with advice

1126/2023	Subject:	Special Olympics Games & Caribbean Sports Week
	Summary:	Saba has received an invitation to participate in the Special Olympics Kingdom Games in Bonaire this November. After seeing the response to participation in the Special Olympics NL last summer, the Ministry of VWS wanted to provide a similar opportunity in the “off-years” of the Special Olympics NL (they occur every other year) so this will be the first Special Olympics Kingdom Games. The invitation has been extended to all of the islands: St. Maarten, Statia, Curacao, Aruba, and of course Bonaire where the games will be held. There will be various events such as swimming, athletics, baseball, beach volleyball, and bocce. The week after the Special Olympics Kingdom Games is the 2023 Caribbean Sports Week. The main goal of the event is to transfer knowledge, expand networks, create collaborations & partnerships and position the Caribbean as an ideal hub to South, Central and North America. The Caribbean Sports Week will be November 6 th -10 th . This will be the 2 nd annual Caribbean Sports Week.
	Decision:	In agreement with advice

1131/2023	Subject:	Permission to paint mural at Fort Bay
	Summary:	The Saba Conservation Foundation requests permission to paint a mural on the wall above the dive shops at the harbor. The primary objective is to celebrate and highlight the unique beauty of the island and raise awareness for conservation efforts.
	Decision:	In agreement

1143/2023	Subject:	Assistance with removal of old structure
	Summary:	Request submitted for the removal of an old structure in The Level that could be a potential threat to properties during a storm
	Decision:	Plan to be made to dismantle and remove it

1148/2023	Subject:	Tax reform plans CN
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	Summary:	The Saba Business Association addressed a letter to the Executive Council expressing concerns regarding the changes to the tax system as of January 24, 2024.
	Decision:	Meeting to be scheduled

1157/2023	Subject:	Overleg met het College Financieel Toezicht
	Summary:	The CFT provided the Executive Council with Keypoints discussed during their meeting on Saba on June 26, 2023
	Decision:	Duly noted

1158/2023	Subject:	Low income subsidy update
	Summary:	Saba Electric Company provided an update on the use of the energy low-income subsidy.
	Decision:	Duly noted

1164/2023	Subject:	Uitbetaling tweede deel bijzondere uitkering Middelen BES(t) \$ Kids 2023
	Summary:	SZW informs the Executive Council that the Steering Committee for BES(t) 4 Kids made \$607,300 available for Saba for the execution of the activities within the framework of the program for 2024. The second payment in the amount of \$151,825 will be deposited. All funds must for 2023 must be used by December 31, 2024.
	Decision:	Duly noted

1165/2023	Subject:	Ontvangstbevestiging bijzondere uitkering sociale kanstrajecten jongeren 18544
	Summary:	Ministry of Education (DUO) confirms receipt of the application submitted by the Public Entity for special benefit allowance for the SKJ 2024
	Decision:	Duly noted

1166/2023	Subject:	Besluit van 3 februari 2011, houdende regels ter uitvoering van de Wet Sociale Kanstrajecten Jongeren, BES, gepubliceerd in het Staatsblad, jaargang 2011, nummer 46
	Summary:	Ministry of Education (DUO) informs the Executive Council that the application for special benefits allowance for SKJ 2024 must be submitted before August 1 st , 2023
	Decision:	Duly noted

1167/2023	Subject:	Beleidswijziging inzake de signalering van veelvermissers in het register paspoortsignaleren art. 24 onder b. paspoortwet
	Summary:	BZK informs the Executive Council that the decision was made on July 13, 2023 to change the policy regarding the identification of persons with multiple missing travel documents in the Passport

		Alert Register and that the identification of these persons will be terminated.
	Decision:	Duly noted

1168/2023	Subject:	Nader onderzoek zelfevaluatie reisdocumenten 2022
	Summary:	BZK informs the Executive Council that the Government Service for Identity Data (RvIG) evaluated the Census Office for further investigation into the Self Evaluation Travel Documents 2022. This was carried out on all three islands. The cooperation received was appreciated and the results will be sent via the contact person.
	Decision:	Duly noted

1187/2023	Subject:	Additional designated hunting sites
	Summary:	<p>Over the past weeks, the government hunter and designated hunters have been active in the three hunting zones that were prioritized for intensified hunting. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Well's Bay and up to the back of Troy Hill. The Ladder Bay area will be added at a later point in time. • the areas of the Round Hill, Crispeen, Tara Ground, and part of the Bottom Mountain. • the areas of the Johnny's Ground, the Flat of the Nut Trees, the Schooner Bush and Banana Gut. <p>Hunting has been very successful over the past weeks. In June and July, a combined total of 460 goats was shot. Now that hunting is progressing, it is time to add more areas to the list of intensified hunting.</p> <p>Based upon input from the hunters and the people active in the reforestation project (including SCF), the following additional areas are proposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ladder Bay area and Paris Hill - Fort Bay and Landfill area - Spring Bay and Kelby's Ridge <p>It is advised to have a policy in place to give other hunters the possibility to continue hunting in their own areas, also if these are designated hunting areas. It is proposed to inform hunters (excluding the government and designated hunters) who want to hunt in the designated areas that hunting is allowed one day a week. The hunters need to inform the Public Entity at least 24 hrs in advance.</p>
	Decision:	Duly noted

1188/2023	Subject:	Clean Energy Islands
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	Summary:	<p>Saba has the possibility to participate in an EU program called Clean Energy Islands. Through this program, the EU commits to support 30 EU islands to achieve 100% sustainable energy by 2030. A small amount of funding will be made available in the form of technical assistance aimed on maximising implementation of projects contributing to 100% renewable energy sources. Although the amount of funding available through this specific program is small (it won't be possible to fill the gap for the RE project with this funding), being selected as one of the 30 islands, will provide more opportunities for funding for Saba and we will also be part of a network, sharing ideas and best practices for sustainable energy. Important to note, is that even though the EU is committed to supporting the selected islands to become 100% energy sustainable by 2030, signing the trajectory agreement does not legally bind the island to achieve 100% renewable energy by 2030, it represents a commitment of an island to develop crucial and impactful projects, identified in the agreement and to find optimal ways to deliver these projects. Saba Electric Company has been consulted about the participation in this program and they have agreed it can be beneficial for us and have provided project ideas for the programming. A proposal for the application is being put together. The deadline to submit applications is October 6th.</p>
	Decision:	In agreement

The Executive Council of the Public Entity Saba