



# Follow-up to apology for slavery past

## Follow-up steps taken to date



### Progress meetings

To ensure a careful process, with active involvement from descendants and other stakeholders in all the phases of the process, two progress meetings were held in the past six months: in St. Maarten on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of October 2023 and in The Hague on the 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2024.



### Dialogue sessions in European Netherlands

Over a period of 18 days, we spoke with 270 descendants throughout the country and online about commemorating the slavery past and about their ideas for social initiatives. The results of the dialogue sessions were compiled into a final report.

## 1. European Netherlands

### Free change of name

Temporary scheme to allow descendants to change their names. This may lead to the launch of a permanent scheme.

€ 14,9 million

### Anti-discrimination policy

Broad public communication on fighting discrimination and racism, and on further increasing the findability and visibility of anti-discrimination agencies.

€ 1,7 million

### Knowledge synthesis

Knowledge synthesis and an exploratory study into how multiple parties can promote a social norm over a number of years aimed at preventing discrimination and racism.

€ 3,8 million

### Learning network for municipalities

Support for municipalities in identifying the impact of the slavery past in their own local context.

€ 1,1 million

### Heritage

Investments in the conservation and further development of museums and archives, and the protection of cultural heritage.

€ 4,5 million



### Multi-year research programme

Impulse to research into the complex impact of the slavery past on the present.

€ 1,7 million

### Knowledge centre

The national slavery museum includes a knowledge centre with a Kingdom-wide reach and options for digital access to the museum.

€ 3 million

### Health and wellbeing

Interventions to counteract the impact of slavery on the health and wellbeing of descendants.

€ 1,7 million

### Education

Giving the slavery past a structural place in special, primary and secondary education, viewed from a wide perspective.

€ 0,8 million



### Scheme for social initiatives

From the 16<sup>th</sup> of February to the 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2024, the scheme for social initiatives was the subject of an Internet consultation in the European Netherlands. The outcomes will be taken on board in the further elaboration into a final scheme.

Available  
**€ 33,3 million**



## 2. Caribbean region of the Kingdom

### Policy reinforcements

Available € 33,3 million

The islands will draw up recovery agendas based on priorities per (island) country and the promises already made.

### Scheme for social initiatives

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From the 1<sup>st</sup> of March to the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2024, the scheme for social initiatives was the subject of an Internet consultation in the Caribbean region of the Kingdom. The [outcomes] will be taken on board in the further elaboration into a final scheme.

## 3. Suriname

Funds have been made available for Suriname consisting of €33.3 million for policy reinforcements and €33.3 million for social initiatives.

Suriname intends to set up a platform on which a number of representatives of the groups most involved will have a seat, and to conduct a targeted dialogue about the allocation of the available amounts.



### Memorial Committee

In the coming period, the government will continue the dialogue with the NiNsee and other organisations engaged in commemoration in the Kingdom and Suriname with the aim to set up a Memorial Committee.



### National Slavery Museum

The government supports the initiative of the Amsterdam municipal authorities to set up a National Slavery Museum in Amsterdam.



### Memorial Year

By now, around 200 projects have been supported in the European Netherlands and the Caribbean region of the Kingdom. These include projects relating to visual arts, heritage, performing arts and literature, but also podcasts, dialogues, safe space sessions, workshops, commemorative events and celebrations.

An amount of €1.6 million remains for projects of the Cultural Participation Fund, for which applications can still be submitted up to and including the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2024. The fund will appoint scouts to support initiators in both parts of the Kingdom in submitting project applications.

The Slavery Past Memorial Year will end on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2024, but there will be no end to commemoration or to attention for the slavery past.