



# Translation of: Forwarding of adopted third budget amendment 2025 Sint Eustatius

Original title: Doorgeleiding vastgestelde derde begrotingswijziging 2025 Sint Eustatius

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Dear Mr. Van Marum,

On December 22, 2025, the Board of financial supervision of Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba (Cft) received the third budget amendment (BW) 2025 adopted by the Island Council of the Public Entity Sint Eustatius on December 22, 2025. The Island Council did not submit any amendments to the BW. In accordance with Article 21 in conjunction with Article 19 of the Act on Finances of the Public Entities Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba (*Wet financiën openbare lichamen Bonaire, Sint Eustatius en Saba* - FinBES Act), the Cft hereby forwards you the documents for decision-making (Annexes 2 through 5).

## **Recommendation**

The Cft recommends you approve the adopted third BW 2025.

## **Explanatory statement**

On December 10, 2025, the Cft issued a positive advice regarding the third draft budget amendment.<sup>1</sup> With a USD 1.5 million surplus for 2025 in its entirety, the central budgetary standard set forth in the FinBES Act is complied with. The Public Entity clearly and carefully explains the proposed amendments.

By means of the third OBW 2025, Sint Eustatius amends its budget based on the actual figures and the most recent estimates. The amendments have little effect on the budgetary balance; both the income and the expenses increase. On the income side, the indexation of the free allowance (+USD 1.3 million) is incorporated, whilst the estimated harbor revenues are adjusted downward by USD 0.4 million. On the expenses side, the personnel expenses increase by USD 0.6 million, mainly due to higher salary and premium expenses.

The other expenses only change to a limited extent, and consist of technical corrections within the regular budget. Furthermore, USD 1.0 million in investment expenses is postponed to 2026, which means the cash expenditure takes place later in time and the execution of projects is postponed to later years.

Trusting to have provided you with sufficient information.

Sincerely,

The Chair of the Board of financial supervision of Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba

[signature]

Ms. L.M.C. Ongerling, MA

A copy of this letter was sent to:

The Island Council of the Public Entity Sint Eustatius  
The Executive Council of the Public Entity Sint Eustatius  
The Head of Finance of the Public Entity Sint Eustatius

## **Annex 1: Endnotes**

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<sup>1</sup> Cft, reference Cft 202500144, Advice pertaining to the third draft budget amendment 2025 of Sint Eustatius, dated December 10, 2025.