



Fact sheet

Internet consultation subsidy scheme for social initiatives

The Dutch government's response to the 'Chains of the Past' report on the 19th of December 2022 included a subsidy scheme. The purpose of the scheme is to support social initiatives aimed at raising awareness, recognising, commemorating or addressing the impact of the transatlantic slave trade. A one-off sum of €100 million has been set aside for this scheme.

The available sum of €100 million has been divided into three parts: €33.3 million for the European Netherlands, €33.3 million for the Caribbean part of the Kingdom, and €33.3 million for Suriname.

This internet consultation relates to the scheme for the **European Netherlands**. Separate tailor-made schemes will be established for the Caribbean part of the Kingdom and for Suriname. The core principles in the scheme for the European Netherlands can also be used for the other schemes.



How has the subsidy scheme been realised?

Various advisers from the involved communities were consulted in order to identify suitable core principles. There was also a dialogue with 1200 descendants – spread across the European Netherlands and consisting of various age groups.



What is the purpose of the scheme?

The scheme is intended for social initiatives that serve one or more of the following goals:

- a. To combat the impact that the slavery past still has in today's society;
 - b. To process the slavery past;
 - c. To increase knowledge and awareness of the slavery past;
 - d. To acknowledge and commemorate the slavery past.
- The scheme will pay particular attention to supporting the grass roots organisations of descendants and involved communities. They can be offered a subsidy in order to further professionalise and strengthen their organisations.

Larger initiatives that cooperate with grass roots organisations, or projects involving grass roots organisations, will be given a higher ranking when prioritising the award of subsidies.

- In addition, the scheme is aimed at social initiatives that try to reinforce the communities of the descendants of enslaved people, and to celebrate and enhance their resilience;
- But the scheme also covers larger projects that play an important role in improving knowledge, awareness and recognition of the slavery past, and commemorating and addressing its lasting impact.



How to respond?

> read a detailed explanation about the scheme [here](#).



When can subsidy applications be submitted?

European Netherlands

2024		1 st of July 2024 <i>The scheme for the European Netherlands will come into effect</i>					2025	
jun	jul	aug	sep	oct	nov	dec	jan	
1 st of June <i>The scheme will be published in the Government Gazette</i>	The 1 st of July to 1 st September 2024 first time slot for applications <i>* There are six time slots for submitting applications. The following time slots are currently known.</i>		The first slot will be evaluated in September and October 2024.		The 1 st of November 2024 to the 1 st of January 2025 – second time slot for applications			

Scheme for social initiatives Caribbean part of the Kingdom and Suriname

The scheme for the Caribbean part of the Kingdom is expected to be announced in the summer of 2024. The scheme for Suriname will be published at a later time, although the aim is to do this during 2024.