

#### 4.3.2 Changes from direct to indirect management mode due to exceptional circumstances

In case implementation originally foreseen through direct management cannot take place due to circumstances outside of the Commission's control, the Authorising Officer reserves the possibility to consider identifying alternative modality in indirect management to one or more pillar assessed entities that offer similar technical competences and/or capacities and/or experience to those of the entities originally foreseen in direct management, using the following criteria:

- Technical expertise and experience working in the areas of environment and/or agriculture/fisheries sectors and in policy and legislative work.
- Proven project implementation capacity in the geographical areas of the Action (Caribbean OCTs);
- For the selected entities, the fact of being established in at least one Caribbean OCT and of having experience in managing EU-funded programmes and projects would represent a plus in their evaluation.

#### 4.4 Scope of geographical eligibility for procurement and grants

The geographical eligibility in terms of place of establishment for participating in procurement and grant award procedures and in terms of origin of supplies purchased as established in the basic act and set out in the relevant contractual documents shall apply.

The Commission's authorising officer responsible may extend the geographical eligibility on the basis of urgency or of unavailability of services in the markets of the countries or territories concerned, or in other duly substantiated cases where application of the eligibility rules would make the realisation of this Action impossible or exceedingly difficult (Article 28(10) NDICI-Global Europe Regulation, which applies to OCTs according to the DOAG).

#### 4.5 Indicative Budget

<b>Indicative Budget components</b>	<b>EU contribution (amount in EUR) 2024</b>	<b>EU contribution (amount in EUR) 2025</b>
<b>Implementation modalities</b> – cf. section 4.3		
<b>Sustainable management of Caribbean OCT's natural capital</b> , composed of		
Grants (direct management)– cf. section 4.3.1	12 898 735	7 951 265
<b>Evaluation</b> – cf. section 5.2	0	150 000
<b>Audit</b> – cf. section 5.3		
<b>Totals by year</b>	12 898 735	8 101 265
<b>Totals</b>	21 000 000	

#### 4.6 Organisational Set-up and Responsibilities

The decision-making body of the programme is the Steering Committee. It is comprised of representatives of:

- The 7 Caribbean OCTs.
- Implementing partners.