

# ELAN celebrates its 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary!



*Some students of the Elan Immersion program during their 1st visit of the University of the Antilles*



*Teachers from Martinique leaving for Barbados in Feb. 2020*



*OECS focal points visit of the Schoelcher nursery school*



*Information session on ELAN at the Lycée de Bellevue, Martinique*

## Student mobility

Growing rapidly, thanks to the mobility grant scheme and travel allowance

During the 2019-2020 academic year, the ELAN program made it possible to support more than forty students in their mobility exchange journey within the Caribbean Basin, thanks to a grant of 700 euros per month and a flat-rate travel allowance of approximately 80% of a round trip ticket. See details on pages 4 and 5

## Exchange of practices between teachers

Sharing of good practices and strengthening of teachers' language skills

Language, educational and cultural exchange workshops for teachers for renewed practices and revitalized educators! See pages 2 and 3. These meetings were also an opportunity to establish lasting partnerships between our institutions.

## Missions

For common research themes and a better understanding of our education systems

Elan made it possible for five INSPE instructors to participate in a study mission in Barbados and to send 14 Master's students to Saint Lucia for an Immersion and comparative research project. See page 3

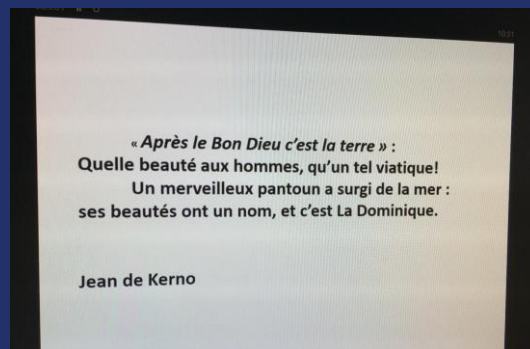
Many missions are under preparation with partner universities.



## FLE WORKSHOP WITH INSPE - APRIL 2019

The first edition of FLE (French as a Foreign Language) workshop for primary school teachers took place in April 2019 with a group of 5 teachers from Dominica, accompanied by their Language Inspector, Charlene White-Christian.

A second edition was planned during the "Printemps des Poètes" in March 2020, this time with approximately thirty teachers, mainly from the OECS. It was postponed due to the Covid-19 virus. These workshops, which are integrated into the INSPE Master's curriculum include FLE courses, various workshops for educational exchanges, the discovery of the education system and a cultural immersion in French and Creole-speaking environments with visits and access to many educational resources.



## IMPROVING EXCHANGES WITHIN THE CARIBBEAN ENVIRONMENT: ELAN, A PRECIOUS HELP!

Visit [www.elan-interreg.org](http://www.elan-interreg.org) for more information on the ELAN project and follow us on Facebook and Twitter (@Elaninterreg). Discover the dedicated spaces for the different audiences: students, internes on vocational training, young professionals, teachers, academic staff and members of the university community! Consult our regional map of the training and study offers in the zone of cooperation (*designed in partnership with the services of the CTM - Collectivité Territoriale de Martinique and those of the Campus France Agency*). Communication tools such as flyers, posters and kakemonos with ELAN's visual identity were also produced.



### 3 language, educational and cultural exchange workshops at the UWI Cave Hill Campus (Barbados)

Nearly 80 primary and secondary school teachers from the *Académie de Martinique* participated in workshops organized over a period of 14 days at the UWI Barbados Centre for English Language Learning, directed by Dr. Stacy Denny.

These workshops, which facilitate linguistic and cultural immersion, are also an opportunity to exchange on the pedagogical approaches of teaching English and in English.

As learners, the teachers revisited their methods, questioned the levers of motivation of their pupils and exchanged with colleagues and the team from Barbados.

In addition to the conception of "mini lessons"-teaching resources which will be shared with the entire educational community-the teachers who participated in the workshops also took part in the animation of education sessions within the framework of the *Parcours Anglais + Caravane*, which trailed through the entire education community in Martinique. *Parcours Anglais+*, illustrates the academic will to strengthen skills in English, as a language of communication from nursery (3 years), to high school.

These meetings encourage institutional partnerships, reciprocal visits and shared projects.

### Going further...

« Une école de la confiance » « Une école de la bienveillance »  
The ELAN programme: a school of trust and benevolence?

- Identify and describe one pedagogical posture, gesture or strategy used by UWI instructors to build **learners' self-confidence**.
- To what extent could they be **transferred** into your language lesson?

« *We are all teachers, learners and doers* »

Richard Bach, *Illusions*

« *The Elan programme with UWI is linguistically magic. It is a Yes I can programme* » - Josiane RAMVILLE, Inspectrice Pédagogique Régionale d'Anglais - Académie de Martinique

## University missions

For common research themes and a better understanding of our education systems

### MISSIONS TO BARBADOS & SAINT LUCIA

In September 2019, five instructors from the l'INSPE (*Institut national supérieur du Professorat et de l'Education* - division of the University of the Antilles), carried out a mission to Saint Lucia and Barbados, with the objectives of:

- Preparing for the arrival of 14 master's students in Saint Lucia for a 2-week mission during the *Toussaint* vacation, in order for students to conduct studies and collect comparative data on the education system and on pedagogical approaches thanks to meetings at the Alliance Française, to observe classes and to have numerous exchanges with the Ministry of Education, the OECS Commission and the Teacher's College;
- Strengthening the ties of cooperation with the various Faculties of UWI Cave Hill and in particular with the "School of Education" directed by Dr. Joel Warrican



Meeting at the Alliance Française Castries - Saint Lucia



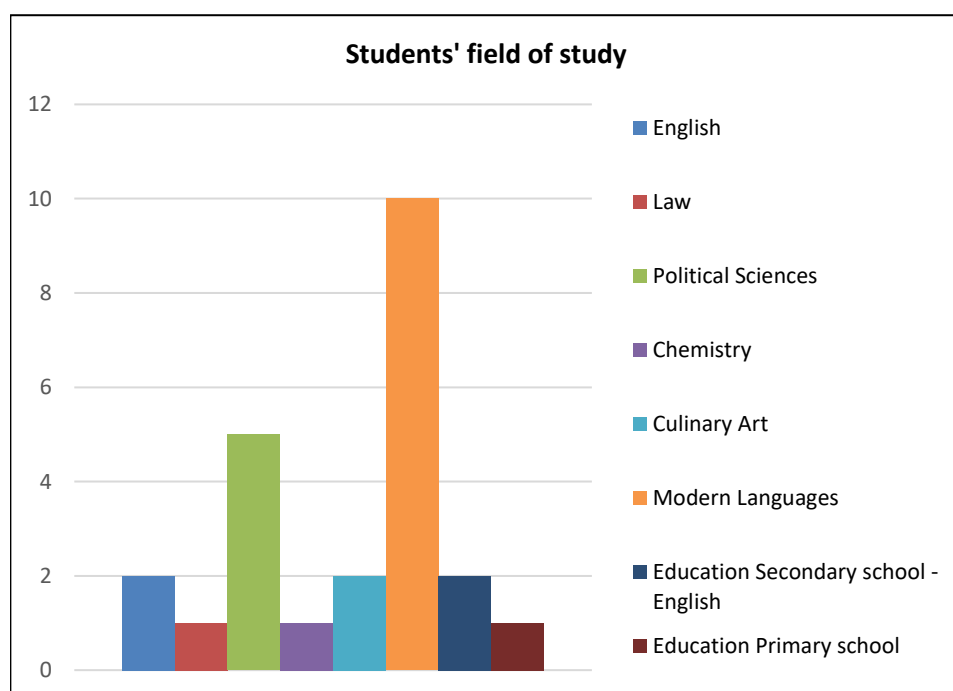
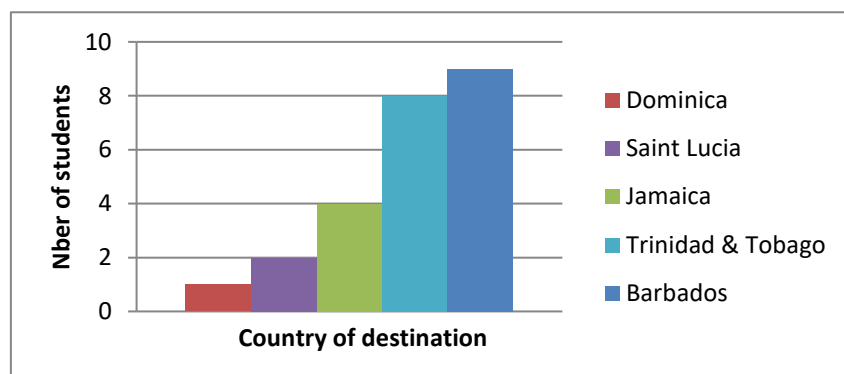
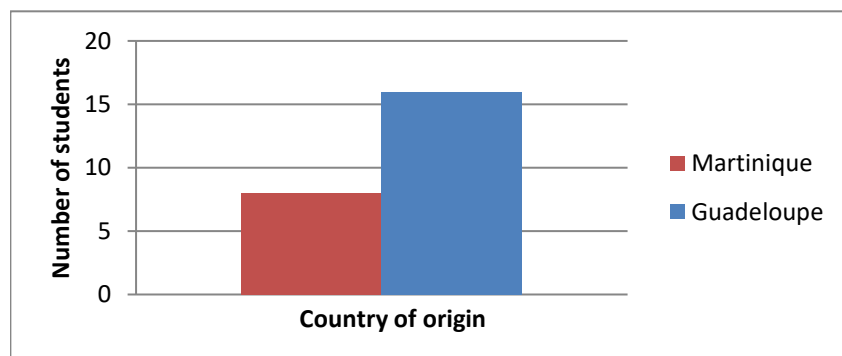
Visit of the Caribbean Examination Council (CXC), Barbados by the INSPE instructors

## ELAN STUDENT MOBILITY PROGRAM

**Outbound Mobility from the French Antilles** managed by the GIP-FCIP of the *Académie de Martinique*, corresponding to a credit consummation rate of:

12% of the allocated budget for study mobility (408 000 euros)

24% of the allocated budget for internship mobility (102 000 euros)



Between September 2019 and March 2020: 24 mobility grants were awarded to students with an average age of **22 years, out of which there was a majority of females (88%)**

**6** for semester study exchanges which lasted an average of 4 months (\*)

**4** for long-term studies of students from UWI Jamaica (*filière intégrée* FIFCA - Political Science joint degree)

**14** for internship mobility, lasting an average of 45 days

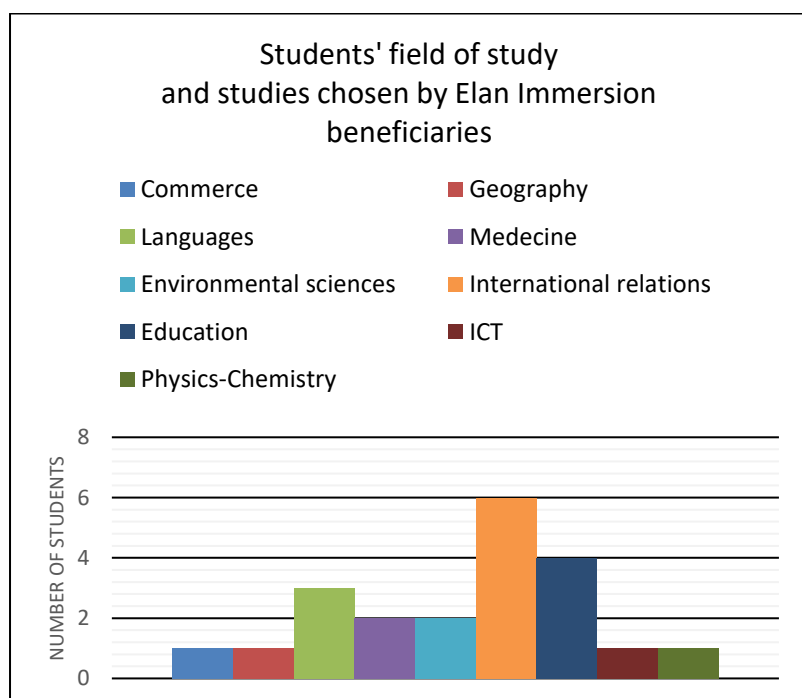
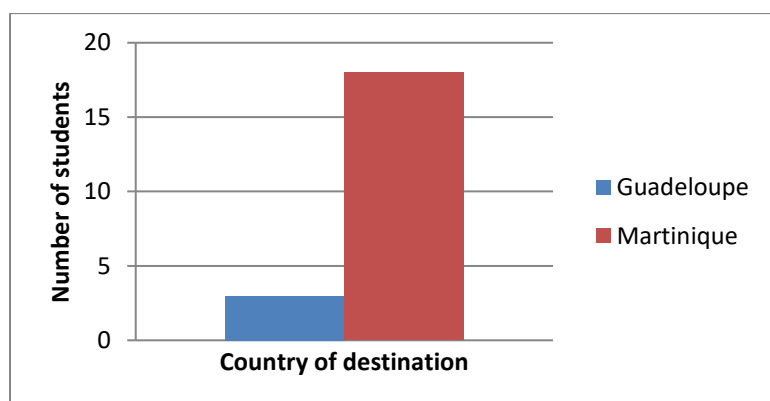
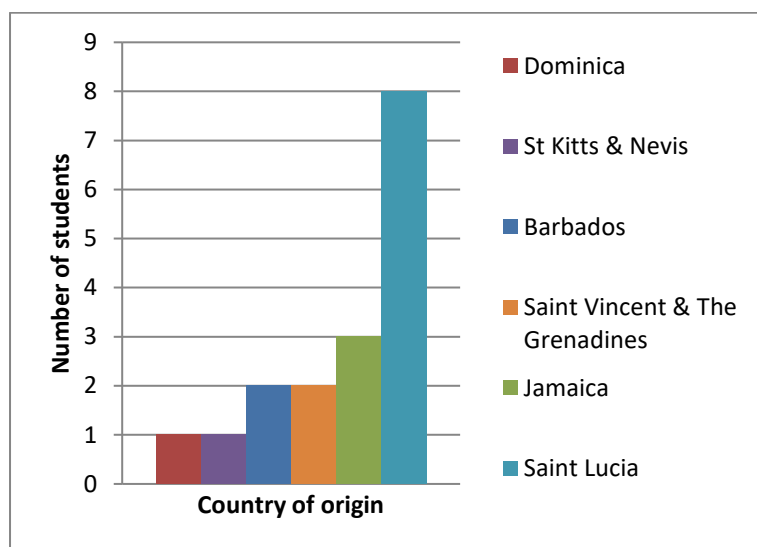
(\*) Testimonial of Kacy MEDDY, student from the University des Antilles - Guadeloupe, on his semester exchange at Barbados is available on our web site: [www.elan-interreg.org](http://www.elan-interreg.org)

## ELAN STUDENT MOBILITY PROGRAM

**Inbound mobility to the French Antilles** managed by the Campus France agency, corresponding to a credit consummation rate of:

12% of the allocated budget for study and internship mobility (600 000 euros)

Internship mobility, which is not very common in the universities of the region, represents an innovative field under construction.



Between September 2019 and March 2020: 21 mobility grants were awarded to students with an average age of 23 years, out of which there was a majority of females (86%)

2 for semester study exchanges which lasted an average of 4 months

7 for long-term studies at the University of the Antilles (out of which 3 were from *filière intégrée* FIFCA - Political Science joint degree)

12 for a 5-month mobility under the « Elan Immersion » program (\*)

(\*) A linguistic reinforcement program for a dozen young people from the OECS, entirely covered by ELAN. The program commenced at the Alliances Françaises, followed by an immersion mobility from January 2020 and intensive classes at ICEFI - Caribbean Institute for Francophone and Intercultural Studies, in order to reach the required level of French (B2) which allows access to higher education and further studies, in particular at the University of the Antilles.



Group of 12 students from the Immersion Program on Campus during the visit of the ELAN Focal points from Grenada & Saint Lucia

## OTHER ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN

- Awarding Clotilde LAVAL, a High School student (from Lycée Schoelcher - Martinique) a scholarship for scientific excellence under the SPISE program, initiated by the Caribbean Science Foundation (Cave Hill Campus in Barbados);



- Covering the cost of a trip to Martinique for a group of high school students accompanied by their teachers from St. Kitts & Nevis and Dominica, in order to participate in an International Conference on Sustainable Tourism, following the model of the United Nations meetings;



- Support for the very beautiful Twinning Ceremony in Gros-Ilet (Saint Lucia), of a dozen institutions from the *Académie de Martinique* with their Saint Lucian partners. This event was initiated by the Consulate General of Saint Lucia in Martinique, in the presence of the Prime Minister and several members of the Government.
- Financial support of up to 3,000 euros, given to a secondary school in Saint Lucia, in order to allow for 33 students and a group of teachers to come to Martinique as part of an institutional partnership. Several other school exchange projects had to be postponed due to the health crisis;
- Financial contribution towards the 2nd edition of the Symposium and the Youth Forum, organized by "Universities Caribbean" on the main challenges facing the region;
- Financial support given to four colleagues from Haiti (Quisqueya University) for a mission to Martinique, to receive training in the university libraries of the two campuses (Martinique and Guadeloupe);
- Contribution given towards the training project in intercultural engineering at Quisqueya University.

## ADMINISTRATIVE & FINANCIAL ASPECTS

- 2 payment requests made to date, on the ERDF part for a cumulative amount of € 178K (invoices paid by GIP-FCIP and Campus France);
- The disbursement of the partial contribution in cash from the INSPE Martinique, and the Collectivité Territoriale de Martinique;
- The receipt of the advance of 20% of the ERDF from the Managing Authority

## SUPPORT FROM THE INTERREG VOLUNTEERS



*The ELAN team: the Project coordinator, Ghislaine Moetus-Schüller (first on the right); Urdine Darius, project manager, recruited by the partner Campus France (second from the left) and three volunteers: Audrey Joseph (second from the right), Laura Hartong (third from the left), Cinthia Jérémy (first left).*

The "Interreg Volunteer Youth" (IVY) program offers young people between the ages of 18 and 30 years, the opportunity to volunteer within the framework of regional or transnational cooperation projects funded by INTERREG. This unique opportunity can last up to 6 months. As such, Audrey, Laura and Cinthia will work with us until May 2020 before making room for new volunteers.

## & A NETWORK OF FOCAL POINTS FROM THE OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE OECS



4-day mission to Martinique funded by ELAN: work meetings, visits, meetings with OECS students on mobility and participation in the FORMEO fair on education, training and orientation, in the presence of the President of the CTM & the Executive Advisor in charge of education and the DAREIC (\*)

(\*) Academic delegate in charge of European and International relations and cooperation at the Rectorate of Martinique

## PERSPECTIVES

- ✚ Commence activities co-financed by the EDF upon receipt of the 40% advance paid by the Managing Authority to the OECS Commission;
- ✚ Finalise the signing of the Partnership Agreement;
- ✚ Continue the activities of the ELAN Program, after the slowdown caused by the COVID-19 health crisis. Fortunately, there was no major financial impact on the project. However, this crisis led to the postponement of some activities and the anticipated interruption of mainly outbound mobility, as the majority of students of the University of the Antilles (Guadeloupe and Martinique) opted to return home. Inbound mobility has for the most part been maintained;
- ✚ Resume school exchanges and reciprocal visits of partner institutions, with financial support aimed at promoting the reception of classes in Martinique, the implementation of class projects during virtual exchanges and the invitation of delegations from the region to participate in strategic partnership projects developed within the framework of ERASMUS +;
- ✚ Develop internship mobility for vocational high school and university students;
- ✚ Launch the reciprocal mobility component concerning vocational training interns with the support of Executive Advisers and the dedicated CTM team;
- ✚ Launch secure platforms for institutional partnerships and the regional internship bank;
- ✚ Intensify communication actions thanks to multi-channel communication tools designed under the direction of Campus France and made available to partners;
- ✚ Prepare the Regional Virtual Fair for Higher Education and Training, planned for early December 2020 and coordinated by Campus France.

The ELAN project, after a start-up phase, continues to be carried out at a sustained pace, thanks to the investment of all partners, the involvement of a team of "enthusiasts" and the support of the Lead Partner and of the Joint Secretariat. The budget and activity plan for year 1 has been achieved overall and we hope to reach our objectives for the next two years with the support of all stakeholders.

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**ECHANGES LINGUISTIQUES ET APPRENTISSAGE NOVATEUR** par la mobilité

**LINGUISTIC EXCHANGES AND INNOVATIVE LEARNING** Through Mobility

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Some souvenir photos of the actions carried out within the framework of ELAN



Arrival of the 1st group of students of the Immersion program from Saint Lucia and Dominica at the University of the Antilles - Meeting with Régine ROUVEL of the BRI and INTERREG volunteers



Meeting of Immersion students with their Buddies - ELAN Ambassadors, at the university restaurant, then in the Forum area in the presence of the ELAN team



Visit of OECS ELAN Focal points to the Schoelcher nursery school - Exchanges with the team following the observation of English classes



Group of teachers from Martinique who took part in the linguistic, pedagogical and cultural exchange workshop in Barbados, UWI, Cave Hill Campus in February 2020 with the Team of the Centre for English Language Learning



Presentation of the mobility scheme, at the start of the academic year in September 2019, at the Fouillole Campus, Guadeloupe, in the presence of Mr. Fred RENO, ELAN delegate for the UA