



State of Law Enforcement Sint Maarten 2025

The Citizen's Perspective Within Law Enforcement








The Law Enforcement Council

The Law Enforcement Council (Council) is tasked with the general inspection of the effectiveness, quality and management of the judicial organizations, and the judicial cooperation between the BES islands, Sint Maarten and Curacao.

Citizen's perspective



Several key factors detailed in State 2025:

-  Crisis situation in the prison
-  Notification via article 32 Kingdom Act Law Enforcement Council
-  Cooperation within the Kingdom
-  Prison reform program
-  Establishment Victim Support Services

Key messages

State 2025:

- Ensure compliance with and guarantee human rights
- Strengthen cooperation within the Kingdom
- Secure sustainable reform within the justice system
- Realize care facilities for Forensic care and PIJ
- Monitor the follow-up of recommendations
- Provide attention to integrity within the justice system

Key risks



Data protection



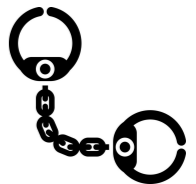
Capacity shortage



Detention situation



Youth issues



Cross-border crime

Inspections 2025



New inspections: 3

Ongoing:

- Inter-regional legal assistance requests
- Screening of justice personnel
- Forensic care

Review inspections: 4

Ongoing: 3

- Treatment of inmates, social rehabilitation and isolation cells
- Security for public officials
- Protection and security of persons and objects

Completed:

- Crime Fund

New inspections

• Forensic care



Focus: the care and treatment of people with mental and/or behavioral disorders within the criminal justice system, as well as the monitoring of the CPT's recommendations on this matter in Curaçao, Sint Maarten, and the Caribbean Netherlands.

Status: Monitoring

• Inter-regional legal assistance



Focus: the manner in which requests for inter-regional legal assistance are handled in the Caribbean Netherlands, Sint Maarten and Curaçao.

Status: Drafted

• Screening justice personnel



Focus: the extent to which job applicants and employees are screened or re-screened in accordance with the law.

Status: Formalized

Review inspections

• Protection and security of persons and objects

Year report: 2016

Recommendations: 5

Compliance 2025: 50%

Status: Formalized



• Security for public officials

Year report: 2013

Recommendations: 3

Compliance 2025: 33%

Status: Formalized



• Crime Fund

Year report: 2019

Recommendations: 6

Year 1st review: 2021

Year 2nd review: 2022

Compliance 2025: 25%

Status: Publicized



• Treatment of inmates, social rehabilitation and monitoring isolation cells

Year report: 2017

Recommendations: 7

Compliance 2025: 21,4 %

Status: Formalized

