

2021 REVIEW

A summary of the Bonaire Chamber of Commerce and Industry's accomplishments for 2021.



DURING 2021 THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAS OFFERED YOU THE FOLLOWING ASSISTANCE:

COVID-19 RELATED

- Maintained a support desk in order to provide advice concerning the COVID-19 support measures issued by the European Netherlands and other institutions. In so doing we have answered a total of 418 emails.
- Regularly consulted with local government and Dutch Ministries regarding, among other things, the COVID-19 measures.
- Provided advice and communication regarding the Alivio allowance granted by the Public Entity Bonaire (OLB) for the support of entrepreneurs who could not make use of the national measures.
- Organized an online seminar about the importance of vaccination for entrepreneurs.
- Made a professional contribution to a Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) conducted by the World Bank into the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic for Bonaire.
- Participated in the COVID-19 advisory group, consisting of the most important government institutions, regarding the effects and consequences of COVID-19 on the economy.
- Provided advice within the Central Dialogue (CD) and collaborated in drafting various letters that were sent to the appropriate Dutch Ministries with regard to COVID-19 and the desired support for Bonaire.
- Created the online awareness campaign entitled ABO to help motivate the public to comply with COVID-19 measures.



NON COVID-19 RELATED

- Introduced a new online Commercial Register with increased possibilities for entrepreneurs to be able to do business with the Chamber of Commerce from anywhere and at any time.
- Processed 696 new registrations in the Commercial Register.
- Reached an agreement with the Public Entity of Bonaire to shorten the time frame for acquiring a settlement permit from eight weeks to six working days.
- Participated in various consultation initiatives, such as the Central Dialogue, Blue Destination steering group, Island Crime Control Platform, Master Plan 2030 and Tourism Recovery Plan, thus continuously representing the interests of entrepreneurs.
- Successfully hosted a Bonaire Arts Exhibition with more than 40 enthusiastic artists and 250 visitors.
- Conducted research into and developed a plan for a Business Incubator, which will enable starting entrepreneurs to set up and run viable businesses more quickly.
- Organized various campaigns in order to raise awareness for the Blue Destination initiative and continued the Blue Destination certification for entrepreneurs.
- Organized a successful Business Tour for Kids as part of the “Buki di Pret”.



NON COVID-19 RELATED continued

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- Further expanded the Chamber of Commerce Academy with a training curriculum for entrepreneurs.
- Strengthened contacts with various stakeholders who are relevant to the activities of the Chamber of Commerce such as OLB, R&O (Space and Development Directorate), SZW (Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment), Plenchi di Trabou, BCN (Tax Office Caribbean Netherlands) and IND (Immigration and Naturalization Service).
- Answered a total of 2,011 requests for information and customer calls with questions about starting a business and /or establishing one on Bonaire.
- Organized information meetings about “MijnCN” and income tax returns in collaboration with BCN.
- Encouraged entrepreneurship in schools by conducting information sessions at various schools.
- Organized an online information session about the Compensation Fund and the database “Camera in Beeld”.
- Organized a campaign in connection with International Women’s day in order to promote female entrepreneurs.
- Contributed to the Kralendijk Agreement, which will serve as the basis for combating poverty on Bonaire.
- Maintained the Chamber of Commerce website and its social media. The website had 21,800 page views and social media had more than 2,420 followers and thus continued to be an important source of information for entrepreneurs during 2021.

