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A summary of the performance of the Chamber of Commerce & Industry Bonaire during 2024.

- ◆ The Chamber processed a total of 769 new registrations and 395 deregistrations in the trade register;
- ◆ The Chamber of Commerce also participated in 2024 in consultation platforms such as the Central Dialogue, the Working Group on Payment Traffic in the Caribbean Netherlands, and discussions with various interest groups;
- ◆ The KvK website and our social media channels are an important source of information for many entrepreneurs; **Website, Facebook & LinkedIn**
- ◆ The Board of the Chamber of Commerce visited various stakeholders and ministries in the Netherlands throughout 2024 to discuss relevant issues for Bonaire;
- ◆ The KvK Bonaire received a visit from the Ministry of Economic Affairs & Climate. Together with the Chamber, various entrepreneurs were visited to gain better insight into the business climate on Bonaire. Companies visited included Punta Blanku Farm, Kralendijk Ink, and Daboussi Motors; **Read more**
- ◆ Promotion of various events, **Galileo, RVO SIB-subsidie & Cyber Resiliency**



- ◆ Minimum Wage; **Read more** The focus was on the increase in the minimum wage, with the aim of raising awareness among entrepreneurs about this legislative change through various sessions; **Read more**
- ◆ Isidel Park (Innovation Academy): An entrepreneurial competition was organized for local entrepreneurs to qualify for operating three kiosks (booths) in Isidel Beach Park. Participants had to present an innovative product to be eligible for a kiosk. Three winners were selected, who received intensive guidance from the Center for Entrepreneurship and a start-up capital of \$5,000 from BOG (Bonaire Holding Maatschappij); **Read more**
- ◆ As part of a one-stop-shop, a helpdesk was established in collaboration with Qredits for entrepreneurship at the KvK Bonaire, where entrepreneurs can receive support in an accessible way during walk-in mornings; **Read more**
- ◆ International Women’s Day: A free masterclass was organized for female entrepreneurs, “Self-Development & Motivation,” delivered by Flora Wijnand; **Read more**
- ◆ Global Money Week: A session was held at the MBO on how to manage money. This work-shop was provided to MBO business administration students. The theme for GMW 2024 was “Protect Your Money, Secure Your Future.”; **Read more**



KVK ACADEMY 2024 SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED!





- ◆ For start-up entrepreneurs, the Center for Entrepreneurship provided a workshop, “Cash Flows,” conducted by Roosje van der Hoek; **Read more**
- ◆ New Legislation ‘IAB BES’: The new law came into effect, offering support from the Environmental Information Point in collaboration with the OLB. The law is aimed at better protecting Bonaire’s environment and nature; **Read more**
- ◆ Trade Mission to Colombia: Conducted in collaboration with the Cabinet of Special Envoy, Holland House Colombia, and the Chambers of Commerce of Saba & Statia. This was a great success, with more than 25 entrepreneurs participating. A report is currently being prepared by Grant Thornton to map out import and export opportunities with Colombia; **Read more**
- ◆ From the Center for Entrepreneurship, a video series was launched: “What KvK Does,” showcasing start-up entrepreneurs and the services provided by the KvK, as well as the pro-cess of starting a business; **Read more**
- ◆ The KvK Bonaire also committed to the education of future professionals. A workshop was held with the study association “Fiscalibus” from Nijmegen; **Read more**
- ◆ In collaboration with the Tax Authority, sessions were also held to assist with online income tax filings; **Read more**

- ◆ Tax Month: A month of various sessions for entrepreneurs in collaboration with HBN Law. Topics included taxation on profits and revenues for SMEs and freelancers, taxation on income for BV's, NV's, and DGA's, and indirect taxes & formal tax law (SMEs/BVs/NVs); **Read more**
- ◆ The subject "Entrepreneurial Behavior" has been taught to all MBO students on Bonaire since the 2021-2022 school year. This year, the KvK provided various sessions again; **Read more**
- ◆ In collaboration with BOIP, a webinar on intellectual property for entrepreneurs was held to raise awareness about brand protection and how to achieve it; **Read more**
- ◆ The KvK Bonaire also participated in Buki di Pret again last year to raise awareness of entrepreneurship among children. "Start young to learn well." Several children presented about their businesses; **Read more**
- ◆ In collaboration with the RDI and Customs, an information session on importing permitted electronic devices into the Caribbean Netherlands was held; **Read more**
- ◆ Start of the trade mission to Panama: Organized in collaboration with the Cabinet of Special Envoy, Holland House Panama, the Chambers of Commerce of Saba & Statia, and the Embassy of Panama; **Read more**



Opbrengstbelasting

- Woonplaats van de entiteit in de BES
- Gebaseerd op alle feiten en omstandigheden
- Rechtelijke leiding

Alle lichamen die in de BES een woonplaats hebben worden voor de Opbrengstbelasting geacht in Europees Nederland gevestigd te zijn tenzij:

1. Omzet < USD 80,000 en activa < USD 200,000
2. Assets < 50% "passieve beleggingen"
3. Ten minste 3 lokale werknemers en vastgoed ter waarde > USD 50,000

Woonplaatsbeschikking!!!!



- ◆ Visit to the ProColombia trade event: To promote trade and logistics opportunities between the BES islands and Colombia; **Read more**
- ◆ In collaboration with HBN Law, an information session was held on Prinsjesdag, focusing on tax plans for 2025; **Read more**
- ◆ In partnership with the NGO, the KvK Bonaire launched a curriculum aimed at strengthening the capacity of foundations and associations on Bonaire; **Read more**
- ◆ Information session on tax debts: Organized in collaboration with HBN Law, covering obligations around information provision and liability for tax debts; **Read more**
- ◆ Information session “Effective & Efficient Recruitment”: Focused on the HRM sector, sharing insights into new recruitment strategies and practical tips to improve the hiring process; **Read more**
- ◆ WAW Event “Unshakeably Confident”: Organized by the Center for Entrepreneurship for startups. A successful event hosted by Mingli Chung of Ki Connect (Aruba) and Roosje van der Hoek of LOF BV (Bonaire); **Read more**

- ◆ The KvK Bonaire organized a meeting for the construction sector about the delays in building permits; [Read more](#)
- ◆ KvK Academy; [Read more](#)
- ◆ The Chamber provided the Entrepreneurship Workshop at the Judicial Institution of the Car-ibbean Netherlands (JICN) as part of the reintegration program;





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