A Martinique price basket, an appeal and a garden plot



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Martinique needs AI purchasing tools that can explain a local price comparison, public services that residents can challenge in person, and environmental advice tied to the field where a sample was taken. These are three different tests of the same regional rule: a reviewer should be able to trace a consequential answer to its source.

The decision before local leaders

This paper proposes two starting points for Martinique. Before either begins, the service owner should agree on an existing comparison service, a way to challenge an error and the conditions for ending the trial.

Reprice a school kitchen’s recurring basket from invoices and compare the assistant’s supplier ranking.

Proposed lead. Participating school catering buyer

What to measure. Record price per usable quantity, delivery charges and ranking changes after staff review.

Try to retrieve a garden sample using two nearby addresses and a partial plot description.

Proposed lead. Participating programme records lead

What to measure. Count wrong-plot matches and unresolved requests that reach a qualified reviewer.

Local evidence in context

Indicator	Value	Observation	Source
Municipal population	360,630	1 Jan 2023	INSEE census

The year and geographic coverage belong to each observation. These figures describe the jurisdiction as a whole. Collect service-level figures before setting a cost target, staff requirement or digital access threshold.

Economic and social needs

Compare the foods households actually buy

INSEE found that in 2022 food products were about 40% dearer in Martinique than in metropolitan France. An assistant used to compare school meal tenders could miss local pack sizes, delivery charges or seasonal substitutions. Before recommending a supplier, buyers should build a basket from actual orders and check each item manually. A cheap quoted unit price says little if the kitchen has to order twice as many units.

Policy response. Run the proposed comparison on previous orders. Record where local substitutions or transport change the ranking.

INSEE, Food prices in Martinique and metropolitan France, 2022

Test a correction after the first booking

INSEE reports that in 2026 Martinique had 133 residents aged 65 or above for every 100 under 20. A service aimed at older residents should account for the person who makes the booking and the person who needs to change it. A relative may help with a call, but that is not standing permission to receive personal records or choose another appointment without the resident’s agreement.

Policy response. Test changing and cancelling appointments by telephone. Record how staff check the authority of a helper and confirm the resident’s choice.

INSEE, Martinique demographic review, ageing index 2016–26

Public institutions and environmental needs

Separate a territorial decision from a state decision

The Collectivité territoriale de Martinique describes a governance system that includes the territorial authority and the prefect, who represents the French state. A shared public information tool could erase that distinction when it answers in a single institutional voice. For each type of request in a pilot, identify the office able to issue the decision and the office that can reconsider it. Test the referral with an actual staff member.

Policy response. Print the issuing body on draft decisions and require a reviewer to verify the referral address before release.

Collectivité territoriale de Martinique, Doing business in Martinique, governance overview

Respect the boundary of a soil sample

Martinique's regional health agency describes the Jardins familiaux programme for households concerned about chlordecone in their gardens. An AI assistant might retrieve a result from a neighbouring plot and present it as advice about the caller's garden. Two nearby plots can carry different sampling histories. A local pilot should help staff retrieve the correct record and leave interpretation and the next sampling decision to the programme team.

Policy response. Match each result to its sample reference and date. Send unmatched plots to the programme team for advice.

ARS Martinique, Jardins familiaux programme (Jafa)

How the policy would change a decision

Give the drafting tool a staged note stating that a patient has no known allergy to a specified medication. Compare the original wording with the generated letter. Repeat with urgency and referral reason. The person signing needs the source note alongside the draft.

- Document which staff may use the tool, how long the supplier may hold notes and whether it may use them to develop another model.
- Where the clinic serves patients in more than one language, test mixed-language consultations that the tool claims to handle. Log changes to the clinical meaning.
- Maintain access records and a working manual referral process. Give clinicians a way to correct a letter after dispatch and notify its recipient.

The clinical lead should examine the paired notes and drafts, including errors that staff missed on first reading. Withhold release if a test reverses a clinical fact and the review process misses it. Use manual letters while the defect is repaired, then repeat that case and similar referrals before resuming.

Source: CAIA jurisdiction guide for Martinique. The worked example illustrates the proposal.

Ask guides and visitors to follow the directions

Ask residents and guides to try the route instructions in French and Martinican Creole. Include visitors who cannot read a detailed map or download a large file. Check the destination they identify, not just whether a translation sounds fluent.

The local pilot connects to Tourism, retail and small businesses. Review R03 · R05 in the regional risk register.

Implementation and public review

Stage	Evidence or decision	Proposed responsibility
Before the trial	Define a completed case and sample the current process. Include people who use the phone, desk or an offline route.	Participating school catering buyer
During shadow testing	Record price per usable quantity, delivery charges and ranking changes after staff review. Compare the same cases through both routes and record every override.	Participating school catering buyer
At the local decision	Count wrong-plot matches and unresolved requests that reach a qualified reviewer. Record whether the result justifies a live trial and identify the person who can stop it.	Participating programme records lead
After six months	Publish results by channel, the correction time, unresolved complaints and the decision to continue, revise or stop.	Local service owner

What partners can share

Neighbouring volcano islands could test what each tool does when a hazard notice expires. Exchange test results, while authorities responsible in Martinique retain the decision about local restrictions.

Record the local approval, correction route and stop authority before exchanging results. Other jurisdictions can reuse the method and run their own tests. Regional recommendation 5.

Where to draw the boundary

An office adopting this proposal would still need to check its own powers, contracts and data permissions. Organisations named as possible reviewers or leads have not been appointed by this publication. Publish any accepted role and its date with the local trial record.

A 90-day plan for the first service

Reprice a school kitchen’s recurring basket from invoices and compare the assistant’s supplier ranking.

Proposed pilot lead. Participating school catering buyer

A catering buyer compares quantities that cannot be used alike

Failure to test. A school purchasing tool ranks a supplier using package size while ignoring usable quantity or a delivery cost.

Evidence to retain. Keep actual invoices, a comparable cost calculation and the buyer’s reasons for any changed order.

Pause condition. The ranking could change an order before a buyer resolves the unit or price mismatch.

When	Proposed action and evidence
Days 1–30	Participating school catering buyer agrees the eligible cases, existing service measures, staffed alternative and authorised decision owner. Record reviewers and a cost estimate in local currency for staff time, testing, access and recovery. Identify the funding source and who would approve it.
Days 31–60	Run the original and proposed routes on the same sample. Record price per usable quantity, delivery charges and ranking changes after staff review. Report counted errors and eligible cases by channel and language where lawful, plus the time from error report to correction.
Days 61–90	Witness the fallback, correction and restart before asking the accountable officer for a decision. Pause on the condition above. Record affected cases, unresolved issues, costs and the date for the next check.
Six months after live launch	Publish a lawful comparison with the baseline, including corrections, open complaints and the decision to continue, change or end the use.

Sponsorship, funding and the proposed lead’s acceptance require a recorded local decision. Share test methods with Caribbean partners using the local data permissions.

Sector guide · INSEE, Food prices in Martinique and metropolitan France, 2022 · Local evidence and sources · Regional high-impact use rules · Local risk scenario

Sources and method

The committee used published local evidence to select the four priorities and compared them with the Caribbean AI Framework's requirements for access, data, skills, oversight and adoption. Recommendations and stories are editorial proposals. This edition reports no results from a completed local pilot.

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