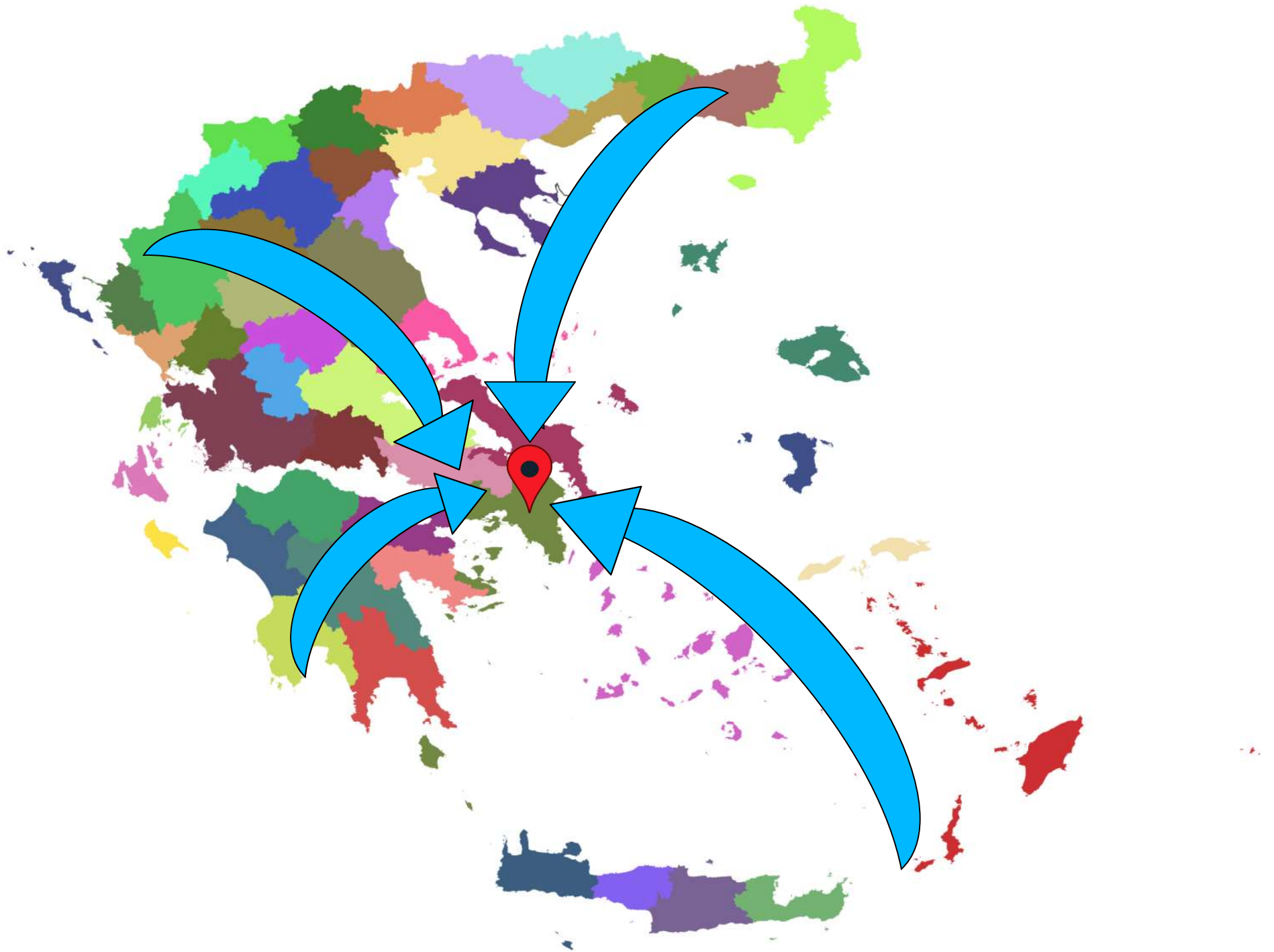




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Return Coordination Office (RCO)



Consulates/Readmission Office

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Tasks of Consulates/Readmission Office

Identification and acquisition of ETC's for apprehended illegal migrants (Readmission Applications – PAK, GEO, SOP's Bangladesh, JWF Afghanistan, Identification Interviews, Screening)

Judicial Cases (Determination of the feasibility or not of the return of migrants with Judicial return decisions/ communication with the relevant authorities)

Cooperation with IOM for the acceleration of the identification/acquisition of ETC's for cases of voluntarily return

Cooperation with Pre-removal Detention Centers for Identification Purposes

Challenges

Non-cooperative diplomatic representatives (no issuance of ETC's for forced returns, no official answer for the outcome of the interviews)

Non-compliance with the deadlines (significant delay from the submission of the readmission application/interview to the receipt of the answer)

Large number of apprehended migrants (In Attica and in all other regions)

Lack of National Database (Difficulties in tracking the status of apprehended migrants in regions outside Attica)

Challenge Management

Consular engagement and development of personal contact (courtesy, operational and escalation visits)

Readmission Case Management System (RCMS), participation in the pilot phase

Creation of National Database

New forms for reports and statistics

Tasks of Operational/Return Office

Organization of returns (*By road* – bordering countries, *By air* – Commercial flights DEPU/DEPA, JRO's, CRO's, National Charter Flights)

Cooperation with IOM for the acceleration of the repatriation for cases of voluntarily return

Organization of trainings for Escort Officers

Cooperation with Pre-removal Detention Centers for Return Purposes

Challenges

Non-cooperative third countries (non-acceptance of verified returnees, delay in providing landing clearance etc)

Non-cooperative airlines (non-acceptance of DEPU for security reasons or acceptance of a limited number of DEPU per flight)

Last minute asylum applications (Claiming asylum even before boarding)

Challenge Management

Establishment of Pre-removal detention center at the airport

Engagement of airlines and development of personal contacts

Employment of resources provided by FRONTEX
(FAR- for JRO's and Scheduled flights etc)

Trainings for Escort Officers

What is expected from a Guest Officer

- Identification of possible bottlenecks
- Support and cooperation for Consular engagement and/or Return Operations:
 - Sharing experience and best practices
 - Sharing any special knowledge and know-how for specific nationalities
 - Exchange of models/procedures followed by their service
 - Any other suggestion/proposal that may be adapted to our daily work

Final thoughts

The non-disclosed part contains detailed information regarding the modus operandi of law enforcement officials when performing forced returns. Disclosing such information would expose the working methods applied during forced returns, thus obstructing the efforts made by the EU and its Member States to ensure the return of Third-Country nationals subject to a return decision. If this were to happen, public security would be affected. In light of the above, the text is not disclosed pursuant to the exception laid down in the first indent of Article 4(1)(a) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 relating to the protection of the public interest as regards **public security**.

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