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**INFORMATION**

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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Working Party on Integration, Migration and Expulsion (Expulsion)

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Subject: Working Party on Integration, Migration and Expulsion (Expulsion) on 20  
December 2023

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Delegations will find in the annex two presentations delivered by FRONTEX and by the incoming Belgian Presidency during the meeting of the Working Party on Integration, Migration and Expulsion (IMEX Expulsion) on 20 December 2023.

**INCOMING BELGIAN PRESIDENCY  
OF THE COUNCIL   
OF THE EUROPEAN UNION 2024**

**Working Party on Integration,  
Migration and Expulsion  
IMEX (Expulsion)**

**1 January – 30 June 2024**

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# Priorities of the Belgian Presidency (1/2)

## « Two-phase » presidency:

- ✓ First weeks/months : finalisation of the remaining legislative files to ensure final adoption before the end of the legislative term
- ✓ Second half of the Presidency : focus on the operationalization of the agreed reforms and holding of forward-looking discussions on specific policy areas

## Priorities of the Belgian Presidency (2/2)

- **Asylum:** finalisation of the Pact, Ukraine (future of TPD), convergence
- **Return:** follow-up of current discussions (roadmap, future of return policy), Article 25a Visa Code
- **Legal migration:** finalisation of the remaining files, general approach on the Talent Pool proposal
- **Frontiers:** finalisation of the SBC, evaluation of EBCG regulation
- **Visa:** finalisation/general approach on the revision of the visa suspension mechanism, future of visa policy
- **External dimension:** follow-up of current discussions
- **Smuggling package, Schengen governance**

# Priorities of the WP IMEX (Expulsion)

## *Policy discussions:*

- Future of **return policy**
- **Article 25a** Visa Code
- **Voluntary return** and **reintegration**

## *Technical discussions:*

- Article 25a Visa Code, Frontex's mandate, liaison officers, SIS return, readmission agreements negotiations, Schengen cycle (return), statistics, implementation of the Pact

# Meeting calendar

## IMEX Expulsion

16 January

8 February

12 March

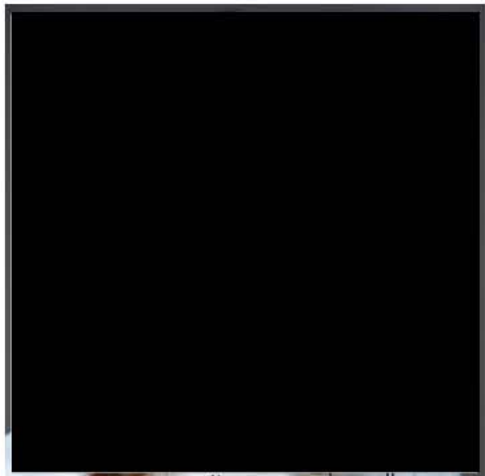
23 April

7 June

## Experts conference on voluntary return and reintegration (Antwerp)

19 & 20 March

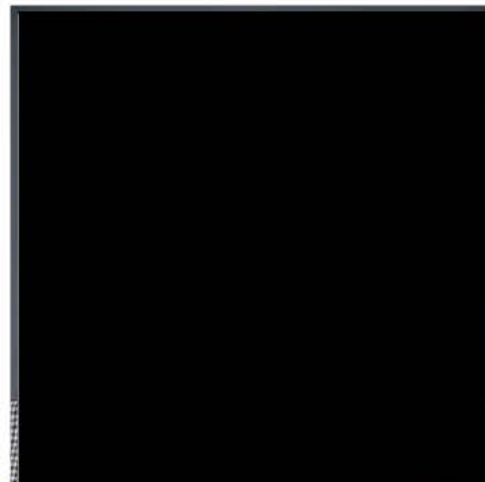
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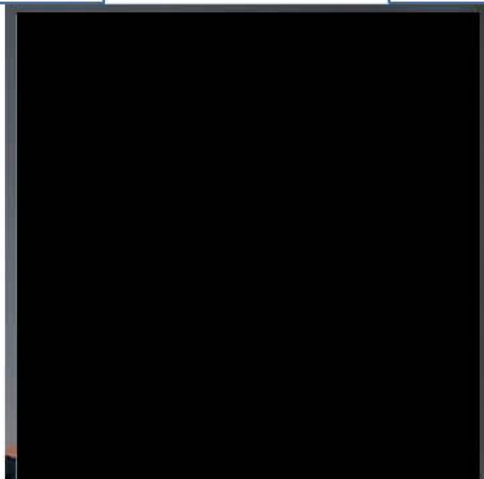
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# INCOMING BELGIAN PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION 2024

Thank you for your attention!



# FRONTEX



EUROPEAN BORDER AND COAST GUARD AGENCY

## Working Party on Integration, Migration and Expulsion IMEX

20 December 2023

# FRONTEX



EUROPEAN BORDER AND COAST GUARD AGENCY

## General update on Frontex return and reintegration activities

## INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON RETURNS - update

Identification and documentation activities

EURLO deployments

CWGs and ad-hoc meetings/workshops

Sensitisation events

TAP4RRR

IT solutions and Best Practices on identification

## DEPLOYMENT OF RETURN SPECIALISTS and MS ORIENTED ACTIVITIES

Return Mobility Programme

(Alternatives to) detention

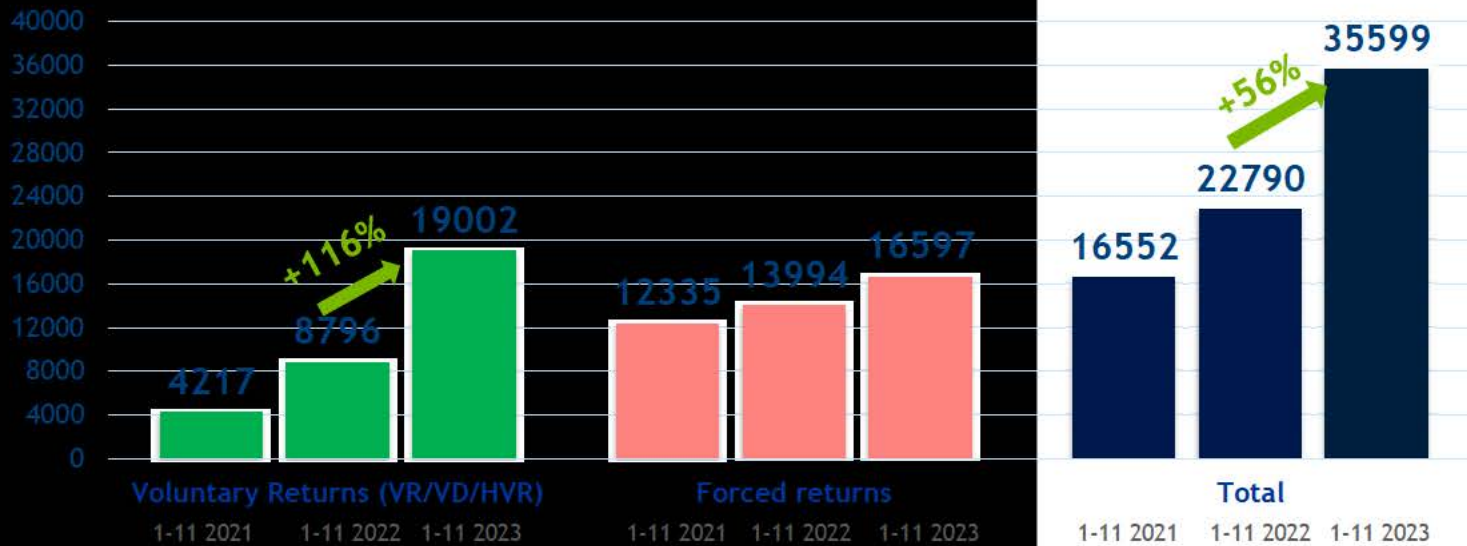
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Returnees with criminal background

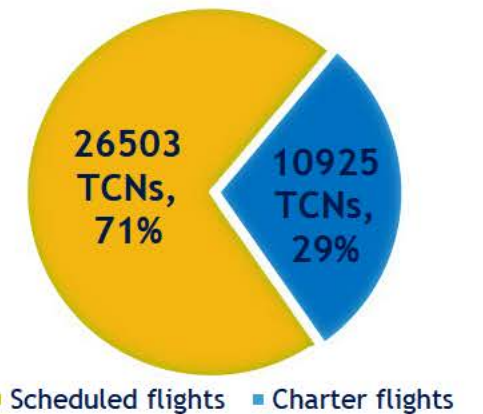
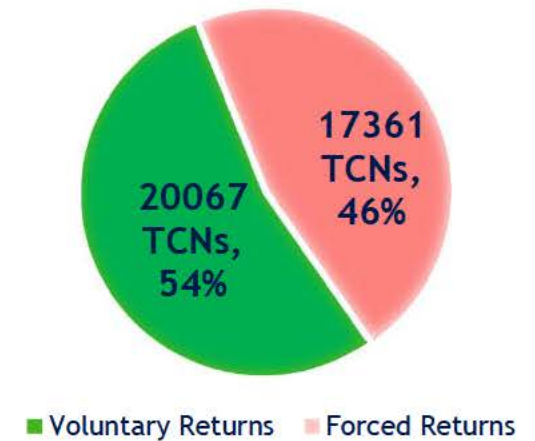
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# Increasing numbers of returns supported by Frontex

## Third-country nationals returned by voluntary and forced returns



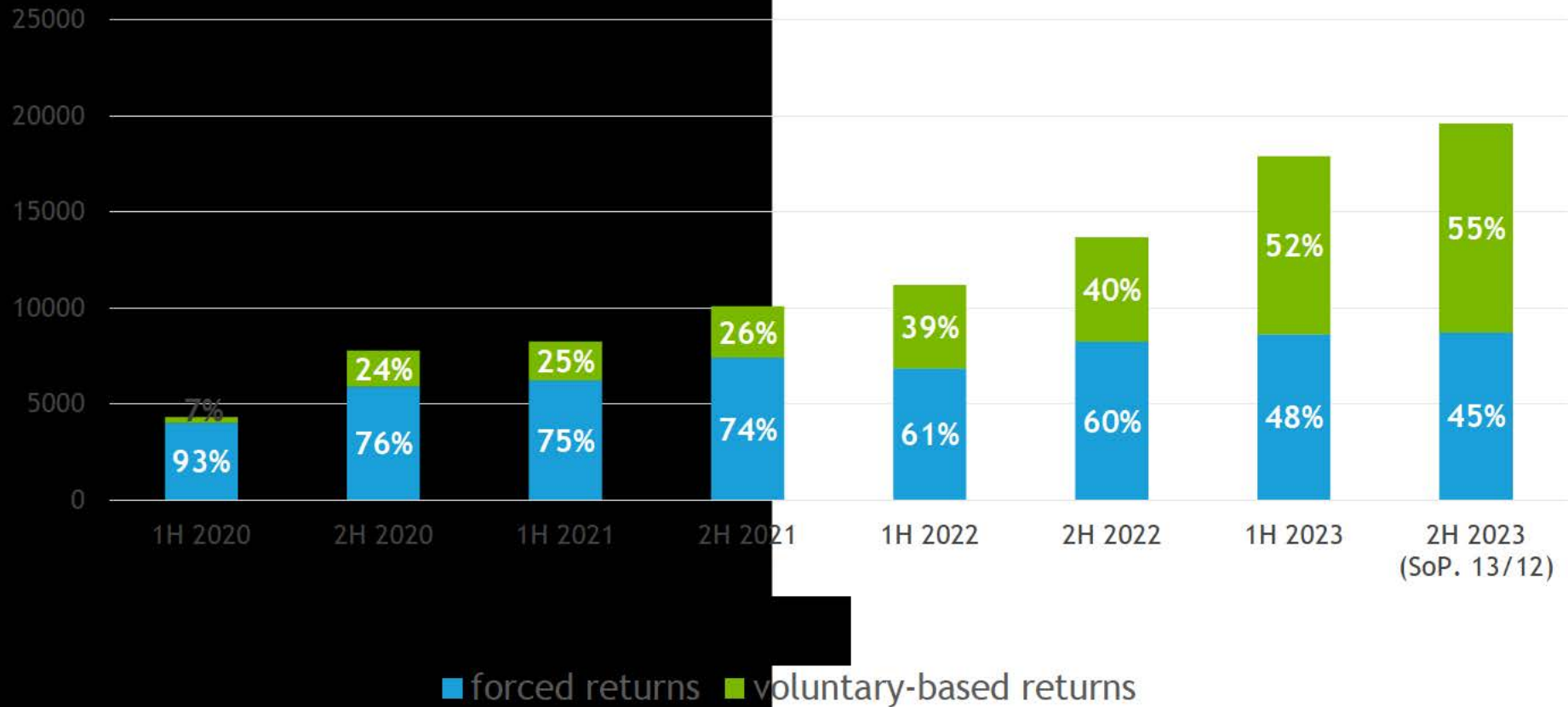
## Returns in 2023



Frontex organised return operations:

- 5<sup>th</sup> Frontex organised RO: 25 November 2023
- [REDACTED]
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- JRS Charter Package

## Increasing share of Frontex coordinated voluntary-based returns per semester



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# Deployment of Frontex Return Escort and Support Officers in 2023 (SoP December)



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8 return teams

6 Member States

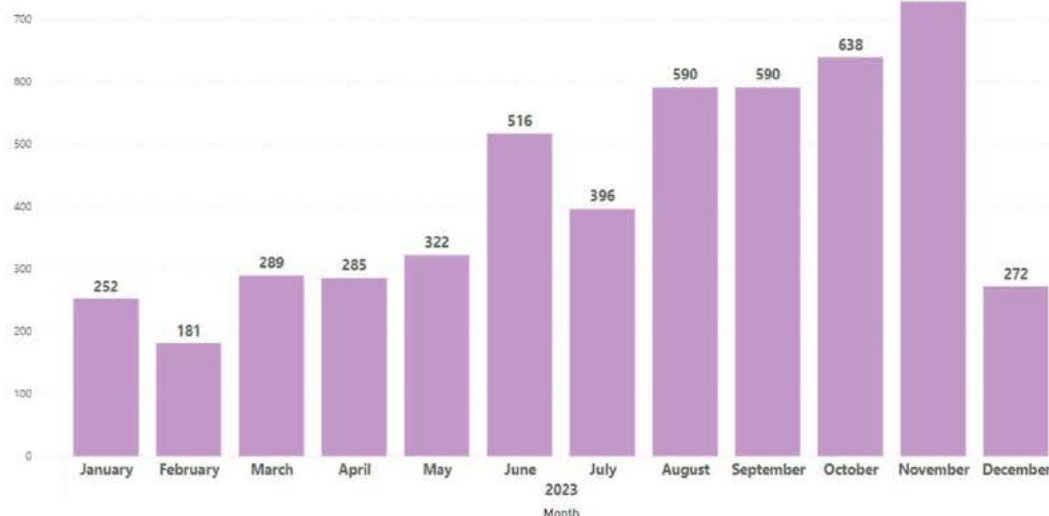


# JOINT REINTEGRATION SERVICES - OVERALL STATISTICS

- 5683 active cases have been inserted into RIAT since 1 April 2022, 1936 cases are finalized (1829 more cases since last report)
- Total number of TCN: 7132 (6057 adults and 1075 minors) (2213 persons more since last report)

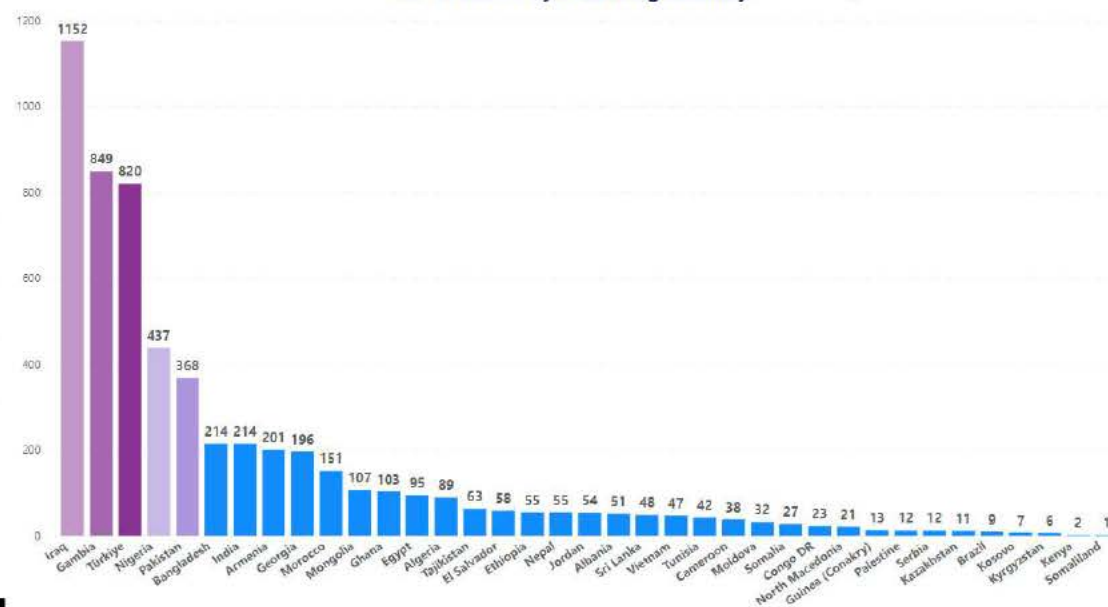
Number of reintegration cases monthly 2023

SOP 15/12/2023



No of cases by receiving country

SOP 15/12/2023

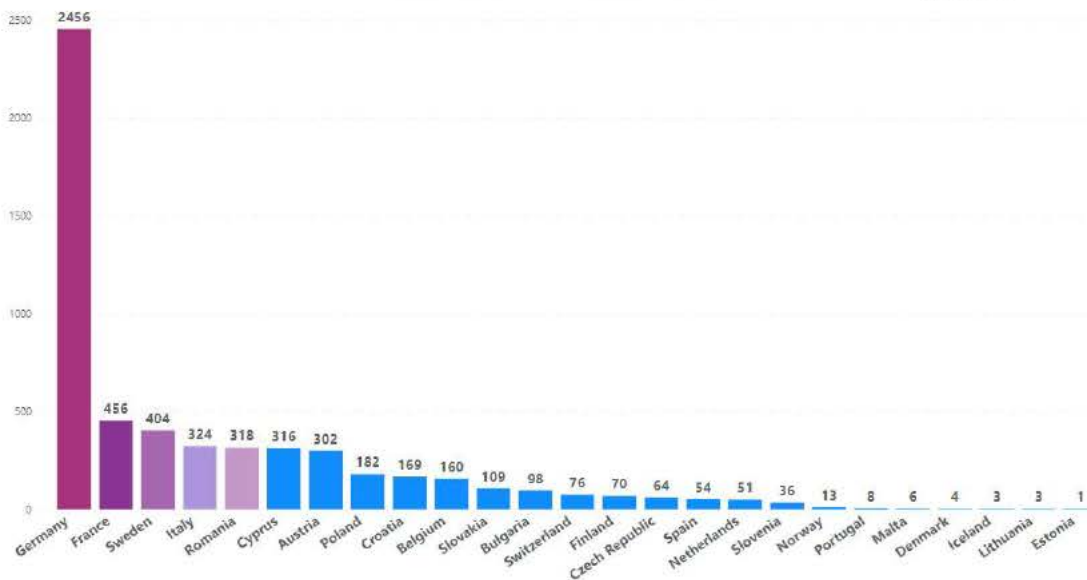


# JOINT REINTEGRATION SERVICES - MEMBER STATES

## Caseload by Member States

No of cases by sending country

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**Onboarded**  
26 Member States (25 active)

**Ongoing discussions:**  
HUN, LUX, ITA, ESP,  
GRC, LIH, IRL, NOR, LTV

### Onboarding of the Member States

- Partially onboarded
- Fully onboarded
- Ongoing discussions





## HIGH LEVEL ROUND TABLE ON RETURNS 28 Nov 2023 - outcomes

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Mixed Return Operations as a possible solution to increase (cost)effectiveness of charter flights to certain Third Countries of Return

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Use of the post arrival package on return charter flights

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HLRT Joint REACT initiative

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Revision of the return data policy



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