Delegations will find in the annex two presentations delivered during the meeting of the Working Party on Integration, Migration and Expulsion on 16 January 2024.
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IMEX

16 January 2024
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
- HLRT-Joint REACT
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Toolbox for Children in Return

- **Good Practices on Returning Children with Families**
- **INFORMATIVE BOOKS** for children, parents and guardians and migration officers
- **WORKSHOP** “Communicating with Children and Families in Return”
- **TRAINING** “Families and Children in Return” (FACIR)
Increasing numbers of returns supported by Frontex

Third-country nationals returned by voluntary and forced returns

RETURNS IN 2023

Voluntary Returns
Forced Returns

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* Returns by air only

- Scheduled flights
- Charter flights

Voluntary Returns: 18144 TCNs, 46%
Forced Returns: 21096 TCNs, 54%

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27910 TCNs, 71%
11325 TCNs, 29%
Increasing share of Frontex coordinated voluntary-based returns per semester
Deployment of Frontex Return Escort and Support Officers in 2023 (SoP December)

- **62 FRESO**
- **8 return teams**
- **6 Member States**
JOINT REINTEGRATION SERVICES - OVERALL STATISTICS

- 6,041 active cases have been inserted into RIAT since 1 April 2022, 2,400 cases are finalized (350 more cases since last report)
- Total number of TCN: 7,570 (6,444 adults and 1,126 minors) (440 persons more since last report)
JOINT REINTEGRATION SERVICES - MEMBER STATES

Number of cases by sending country

- Grand total: 6041
- Germany: 2551
- France: 4584
- Sweden: 393
- Romania: 339
- Cyprus: 336
- Italy: 315
- Austria: 220
- Poland: 175
- Croatia: 164
- Belgium: 141
- Bulgaria: 108
- Spain: 87
- Norway: 80
- Denmark: 70
- Portugal: 55
- Malta: 43
- Iceland: 3
- Lithuania: 3
- Estonia: 1
Annual qualitative and quantitative return data exercise per Art 25a of the Visa Code

**OCT–DEC 2023**
- Preparatory work with COM and MS on content of the questionnaire

**DEC 2023 – JAN 2024**
- Technical preparations for confirming MS reporters and creating IRMA 2.0.

**15 JAN 2024**
- Launch of the exercise and validation of annual statistical data for 2023

**15 JAN – 26 FEB**
- Completion of the questionnaire

**MID–MARCH**
- Submission of qualitative and quantitative data for 2023 to COM

**MAY 2024**
- Visualization of qualitative and quantitative data in dashboards
Mixed Return Operations as a possible solution to increase (cost)effectiveness of charter flights to certain Third Countries of Return

Use of the post arrival package on return charter flights

• HLRT Joint REACT initiative

• Revision of the return data policy
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Agency`s objectives in return (2024 onwards)
Overall principles

- The Agency to become a MS partner in implementing operational activities (not just a supplier)
- Shared responsibility in implementing activities and assessing efforts vs. value
- Possible budget limitations in 2024
Agency’s objectives in return (2024 onwards) - Pre-return

Pre-return capacity

- Increased support by deploying RS delivering hands-on capacity and propose solutions in return and reintegration counselling, third country cooperation and return IT systems.

Best Practices

- Continued sharing of information and good practices between MS (and where relevant with TC) through the Mobility Programme, Good Practices Documents (e.g. Detention and Alternatives to Detention, Identification and Documentation, Criminals) and other tools (e.g. CWG, training, Toolbox for Children in Return).

TC engagement

- Continued assistance to MS related to identification and documentation and efficient TC engagement for return purposes.
- Collection, coordination and implementation of actions in/with TC to improve effective returns (including TAP4RRR).
- Maintain EURLO deployments in key Third Countries for returns and implement FRELO deployments.
Agency’s objectives in return (2024 onwards) - Implementation of returns

- **Returns**
  - Continue to promote voluntary returns
  - Continue support to forced returns with the same/more intensity
  - Invest in flexible and effective solutions to implement effective returns
  - Promote expanding the number of forced-return monitors in return operations

- **FRESO**
  - Promote flexibility of the Standing Corps return profiles deployed in host MS
  - Deploy FRESOs in key EU locations to support returns

- **Projects**
  - Evaluate and follow up on the pilot project of Frontex organised return operations
  - Consider mixed-charter flights if required by Member States
  - Boost operational return monitoring
Frontex assisted returns: how-to?

Scheduled Flight
- ✓ default method (depending on risk assessment)
- ✓ Faster process (incl. higher turnover in detention centers)
- ✓ cost versus benefit (including for last minute cancellations)

Charter Flights
- ✓ high number of TCNs ready for return
- ✓ when return by schedule flights is not possible

70% Voluntary Returns
- 75%
- 25%

30% Forced Returns
- 97%
- 3%

Charter Flights
- 30%

Forced Returns
- 97%
- 3%
Agency’s objectives in return (2024 onwards) - Post return

**JRS**
- Further expand the quality and the geographical and service scope of the Joint Reintegration Services
- Continue to support all relevant MS Institutions in the onboarding to the JRS
- Increase the outreach and visibility

**Innovation**
- Further develop innovative projects and activities in the area of reintegration
- Foster cooperation with third countries on reintegration services

**Counselling**
- Implement the activities under the Work Plan 2022-2024 on Return and Reintegration Counselling
- Continue the provision of return and reintegration counselling training for SC and MS
- Improve the linkage between return counselling and reintegration assistance
Agency’s objectives in return (2024 onwards) - Digitalisation

**RECAMAS**
- Publication of updated reference module V1.3.
- Data model definition for interconnections between IRMA 2.0. and national return case management systems
- Initiating FX RECAMAS start package - basic system sample for further development

**IRMA 2.0.**
- Delivery and operationalizing of IRMA 2 operational, financial and encryption module
- IRMA 2.0. content and function interlinkage
- Initiating new projects supplementing IRMA 2.0. new requirements, e.g. module for return data collection

**Other projects & activities**
- Return data warehouse pilot → business case for solution
- Mobile App for reintegration (RAPP)
- Reintegrate Now - initiation and start on development
Thank you for your attention!

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