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To:	Working Party on Integration, Migration and Expulsion (IMEX Expulsion)
Subject:	IMEX Expulsion meeting on 16.01.2024 - PPT presentations

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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General update on Frontex return and reintegration activities

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON RETURNS - update

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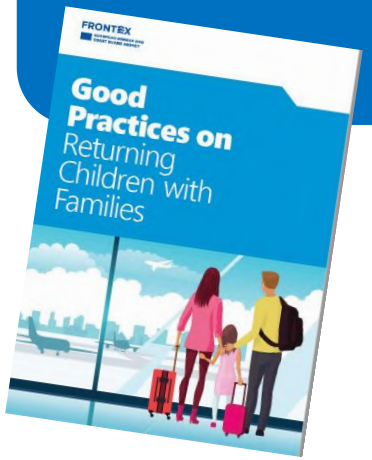
Toolbox for Children in Return

Good Practices on Returning Children with Families

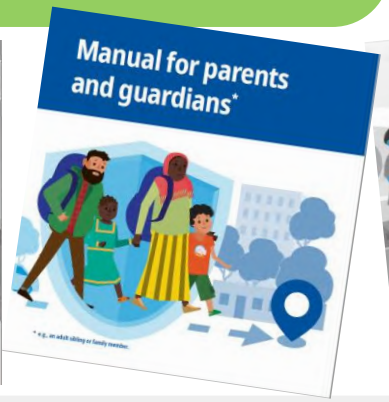


INFORMATIVE BOOKS

for children, parents and guardians and migration officers

WORKSHOP

"Communicating with Children and Families in Return"

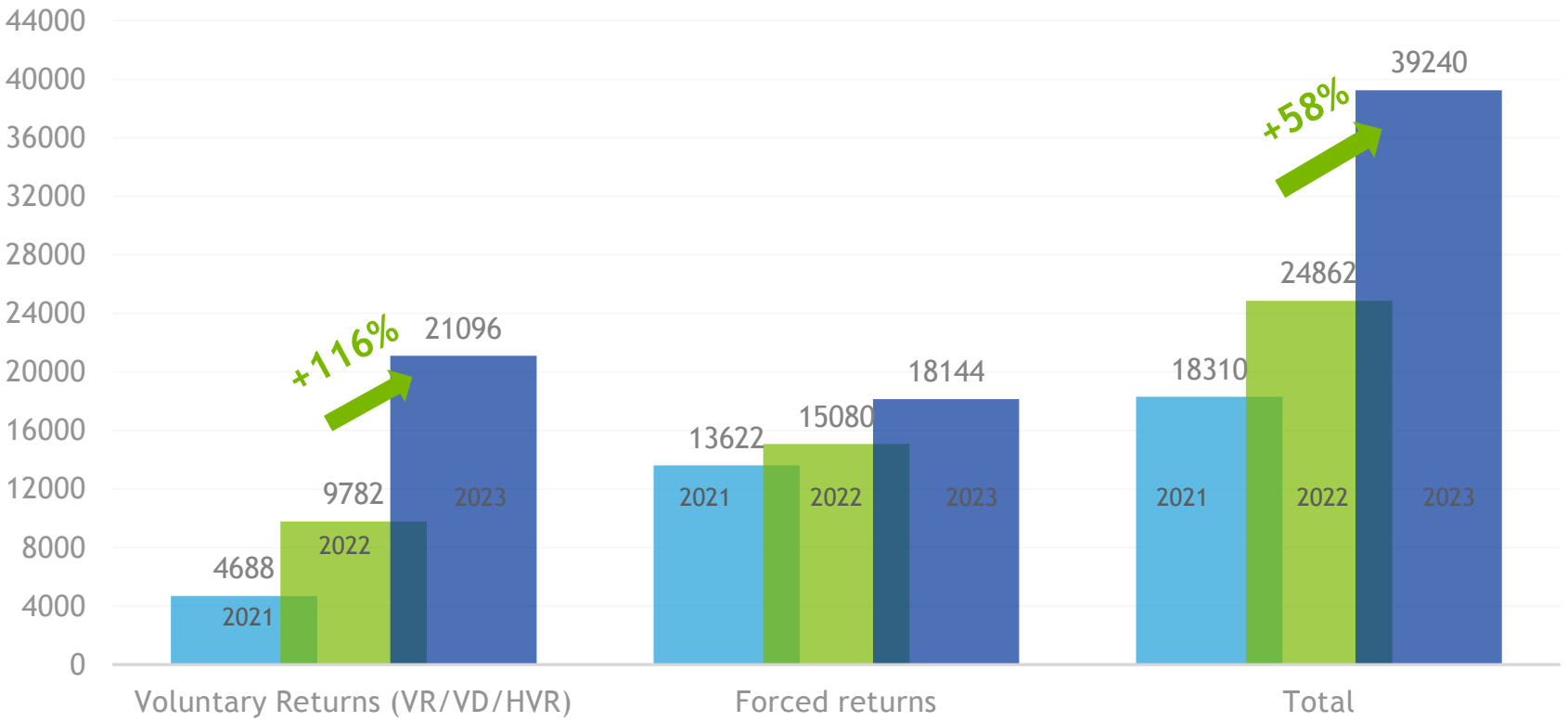


TRAINING

"Families and Children in Return" (FACIR)

Increasing numbers of returns supported by Frontex

Third-country nationals returned by voluntary and forced returns



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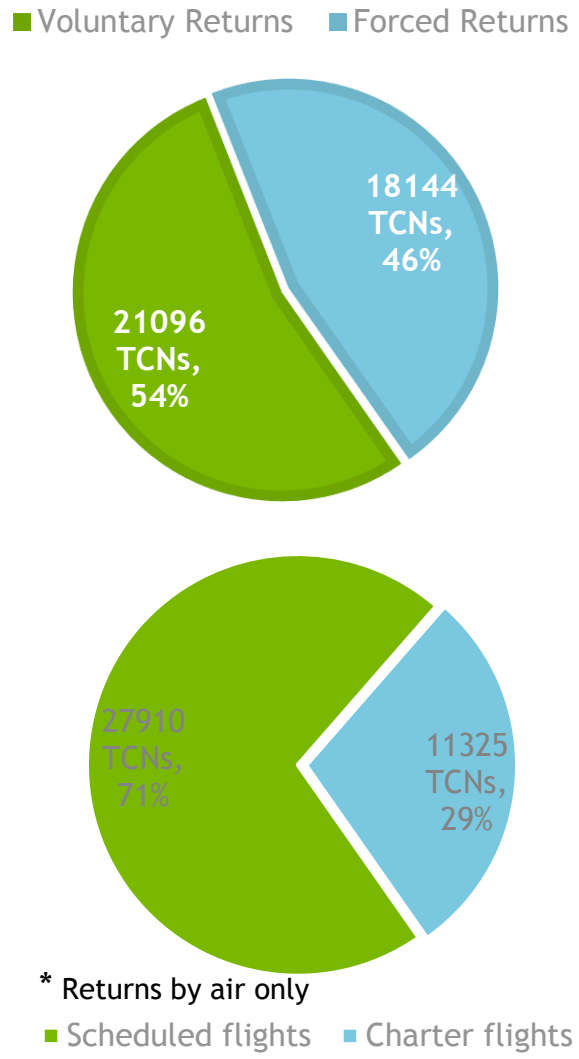
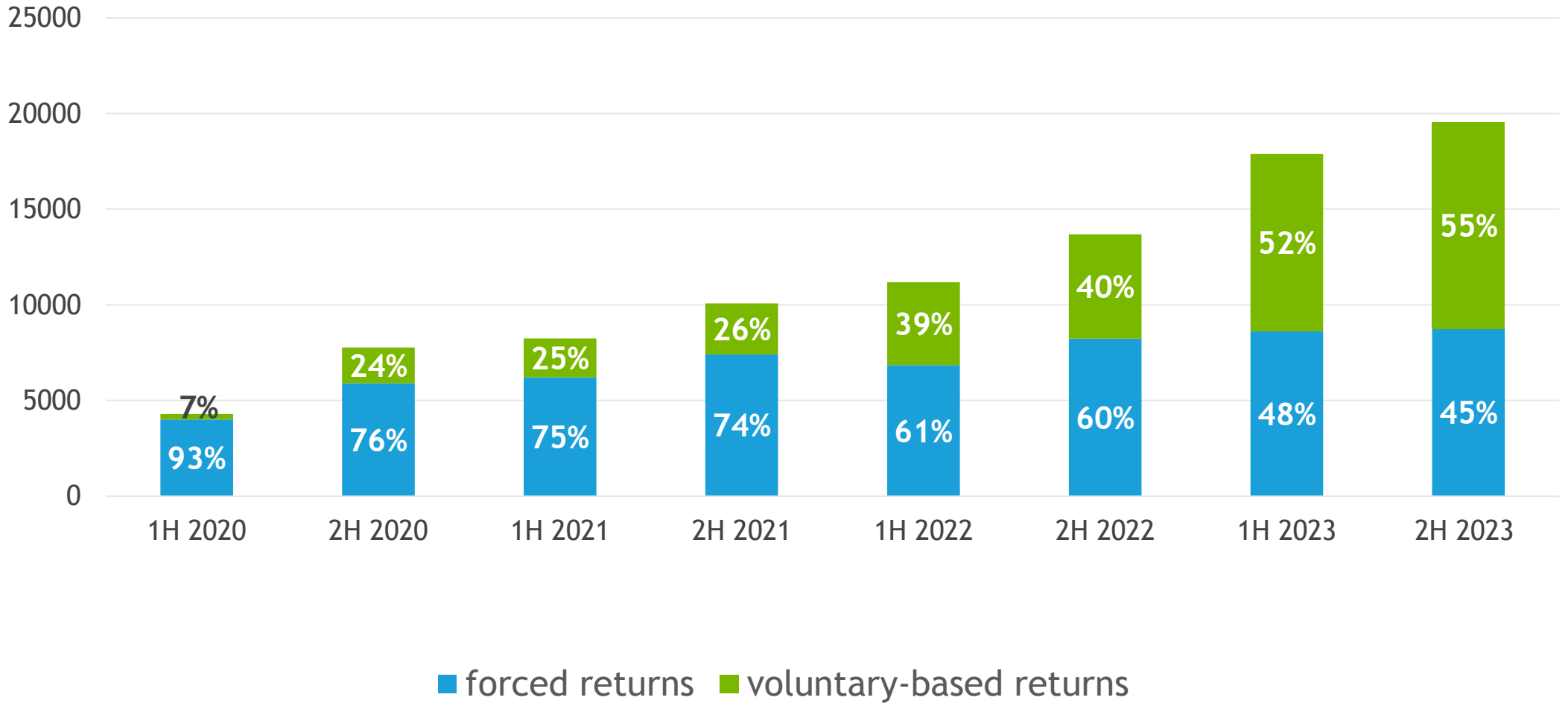


Increasing share of Frontex coordinated voluntary-based returns per semester



Deployment of Frontex Return Escort and Support Officers in 2023

(SoP December)

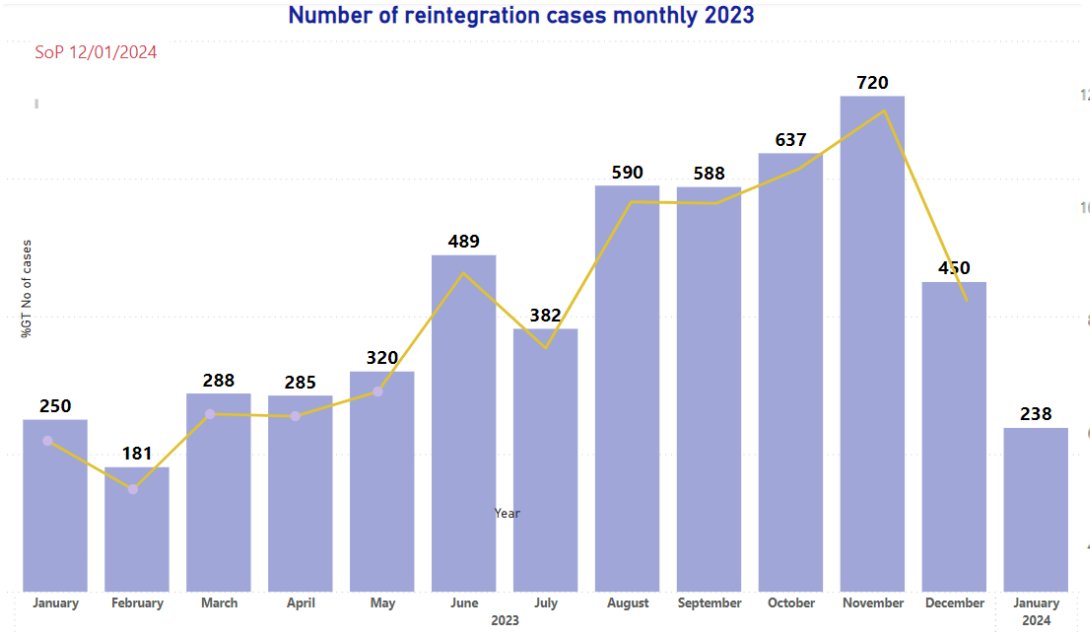
62 FRESO

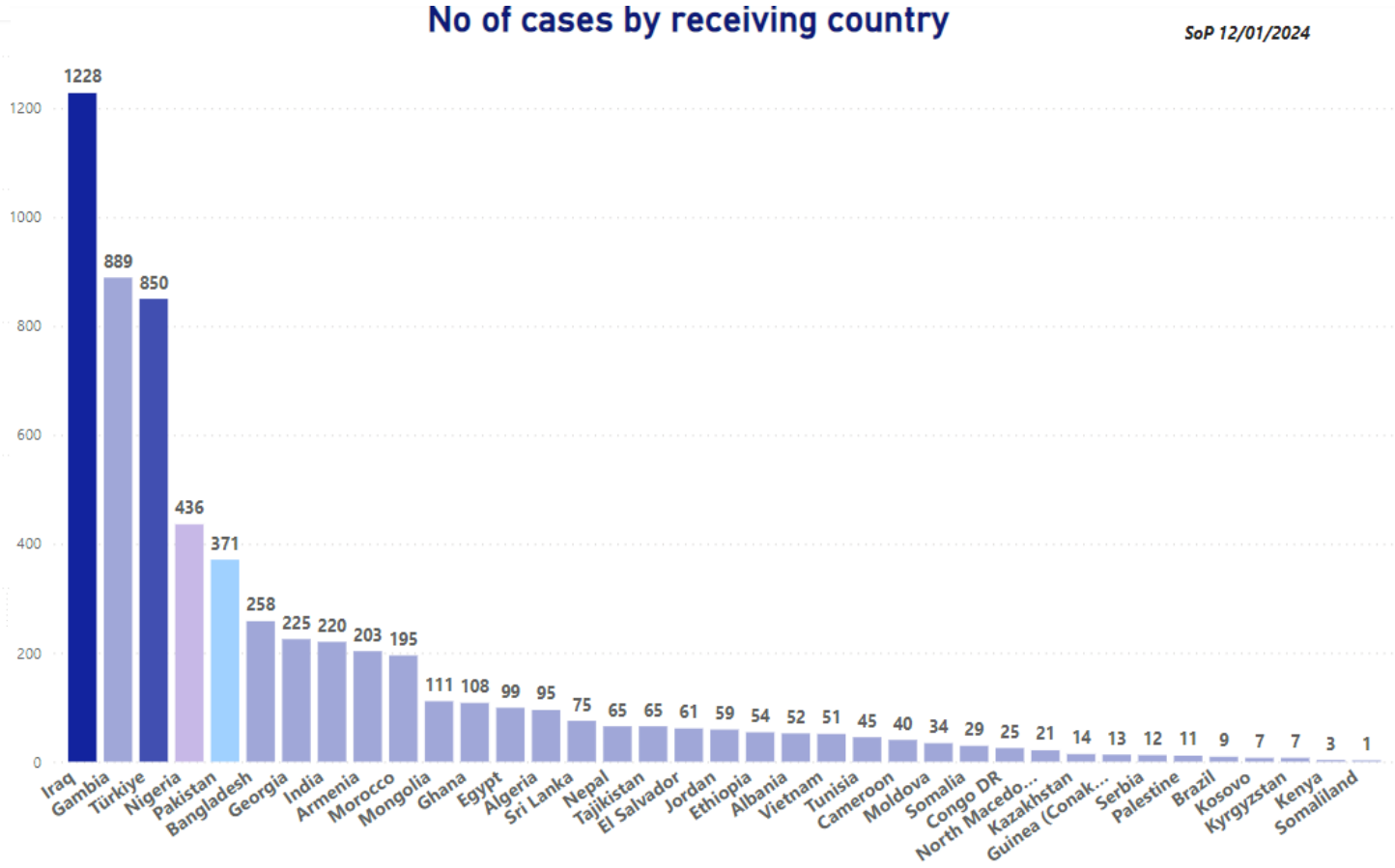
8 return teams

6 Member States

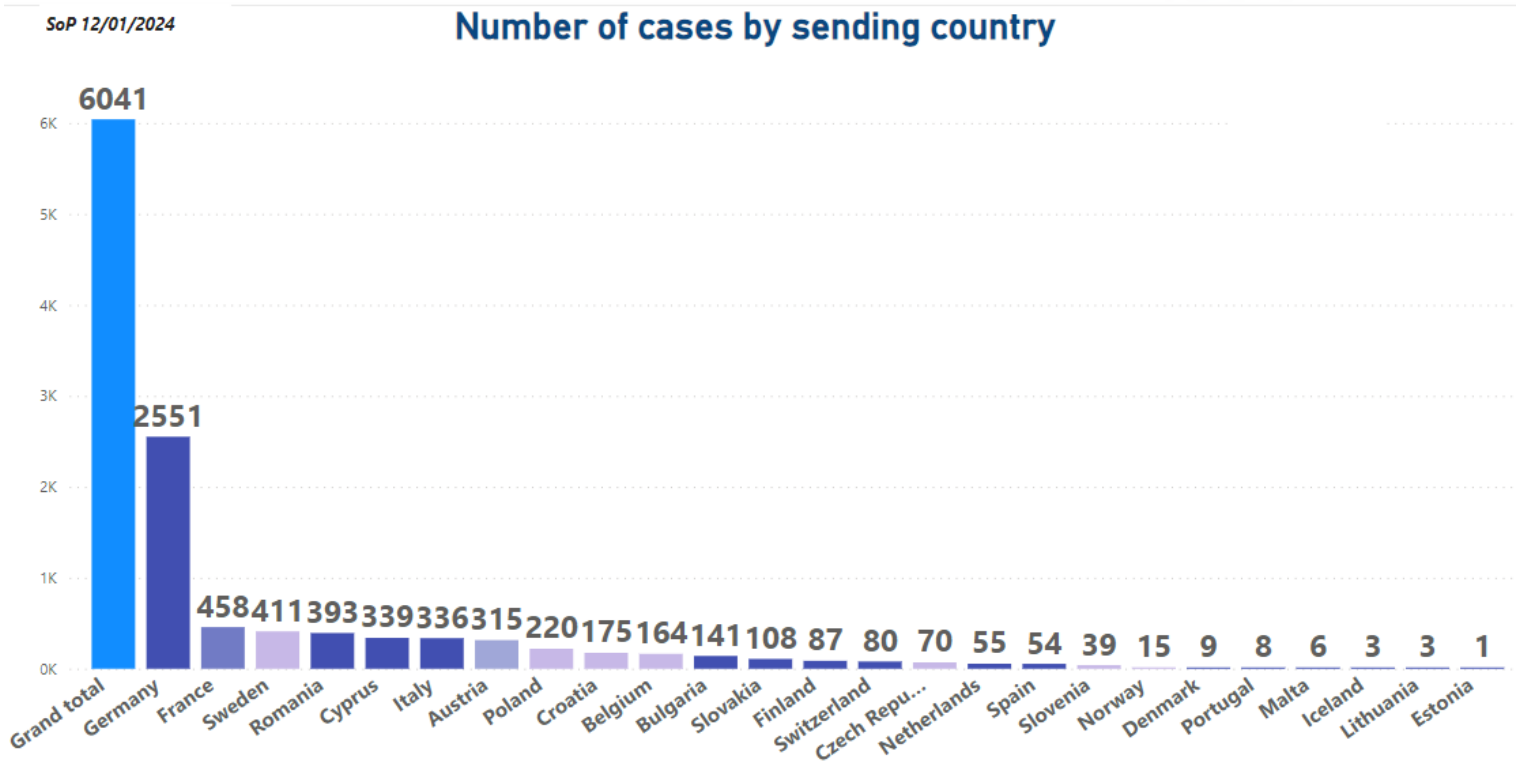
JOINT REINTEGRATION SERVICES – OVERALL STATISTICS

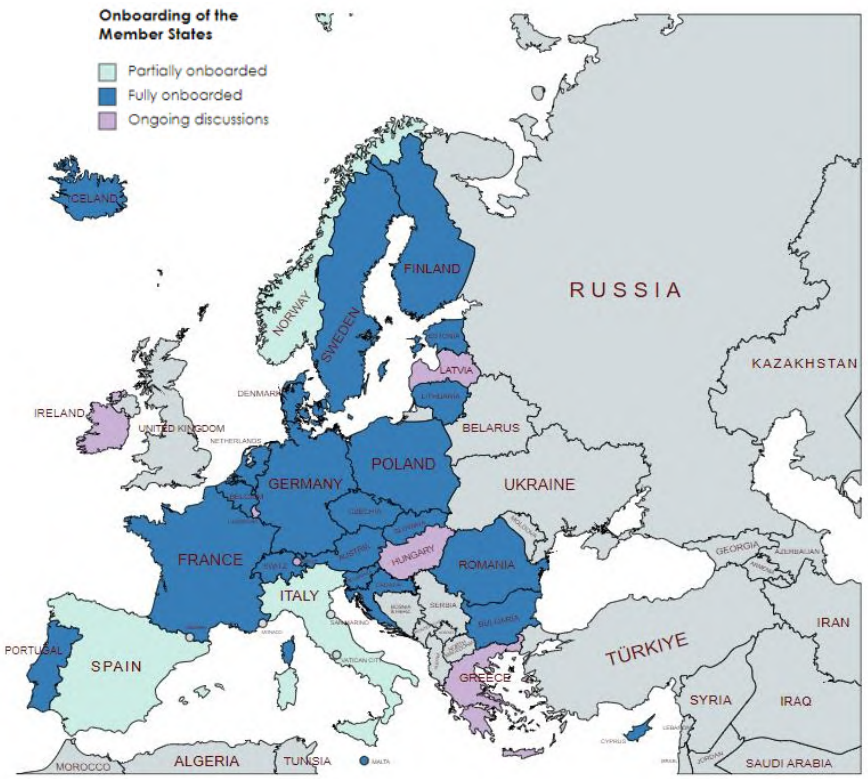
- **6 041** active cases have been inserted into RIAT since 1 April 2022, 2 400 cases are finalized (350 more cases since last report)
- Total number of TCN: **7 570** (6 444 adults and 1 126 minors) (440 persons more since last report)



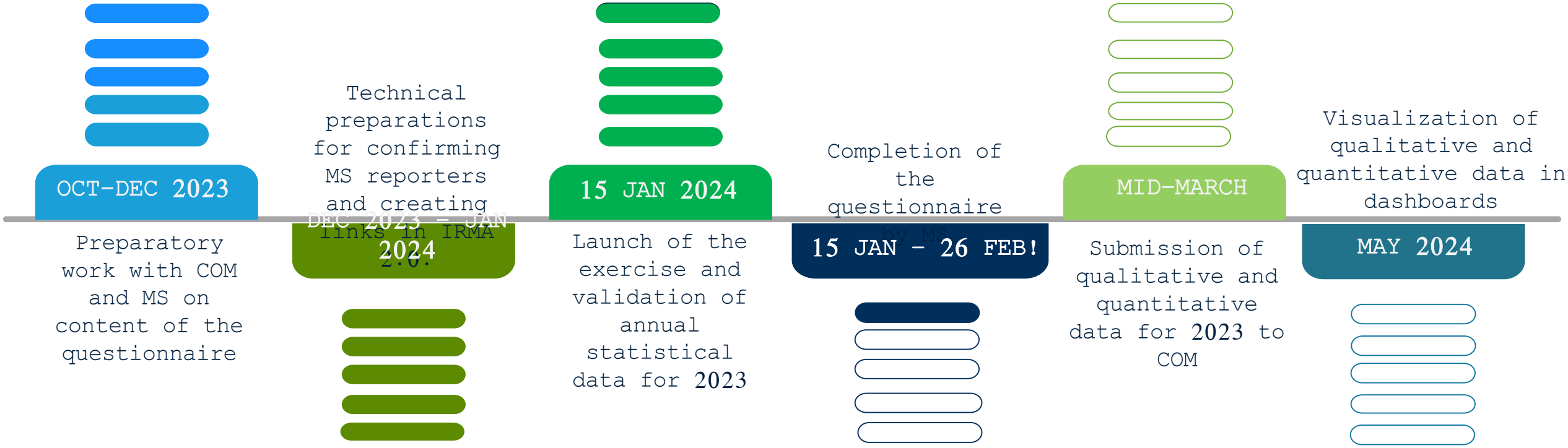


JOINT REINTEGRATION SERVICES – MEMBER STATES





Annual qualitative and quantitative return data exercise per Art 25a of the Visa Code



HIGH LEVEL ROUND TABLE ON RETURNS
28 Nov 2023 - outcomes

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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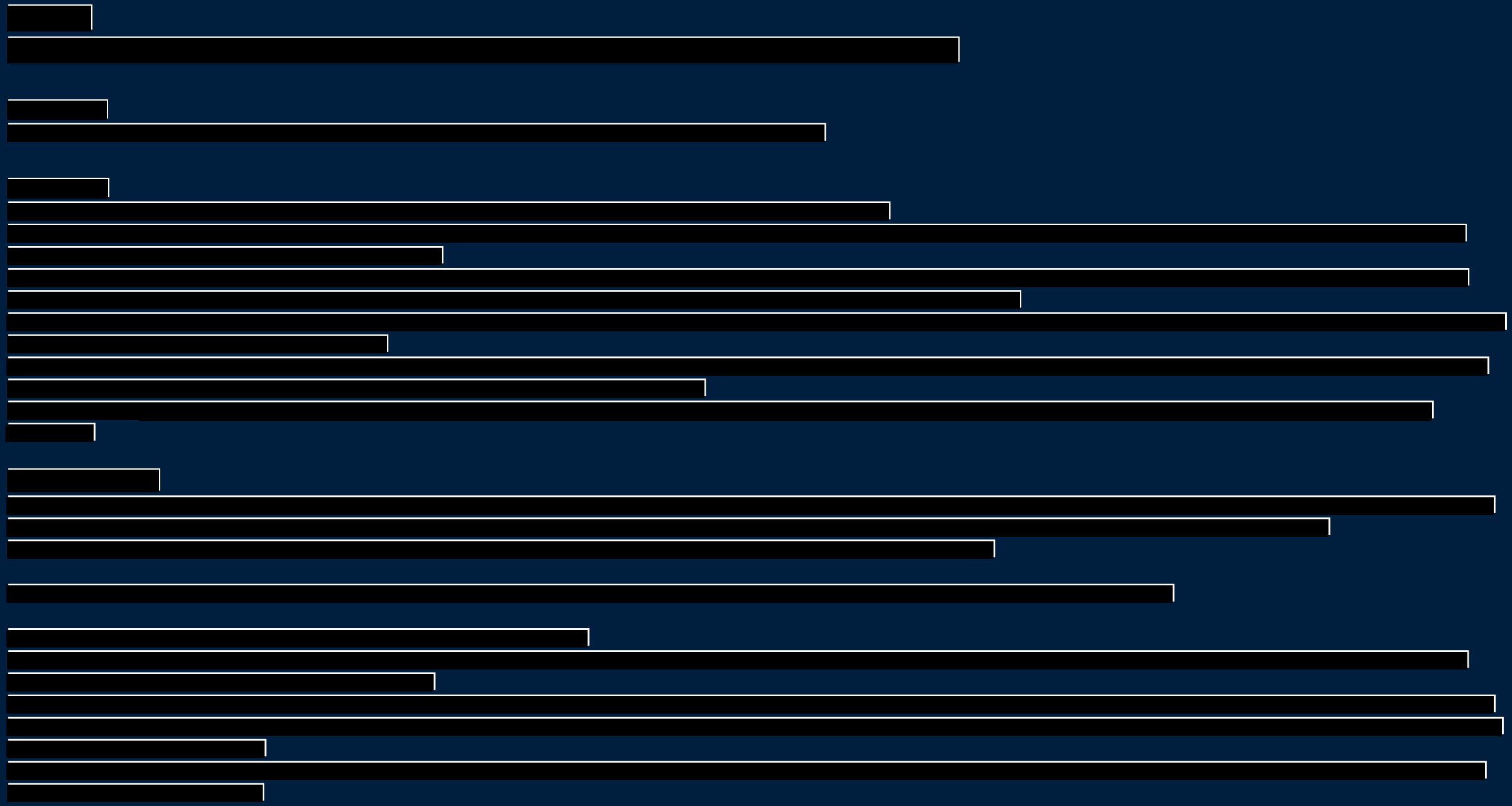

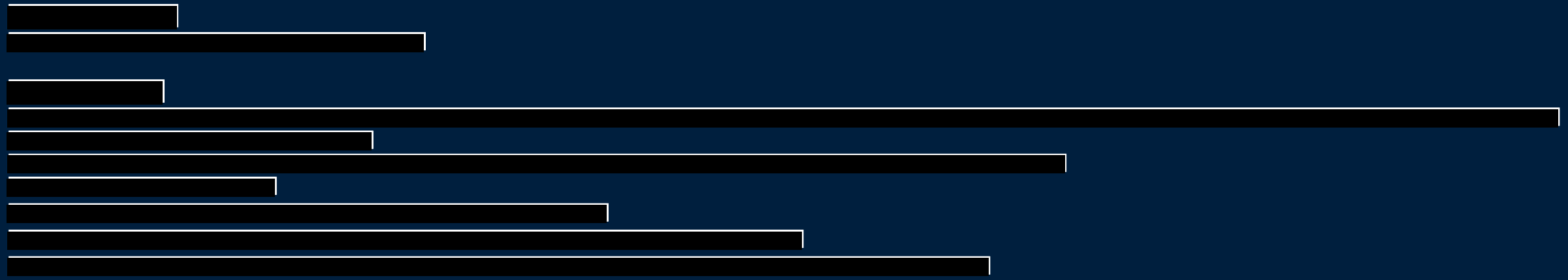

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Agency`s objectives in return (2024 onwards)

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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

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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**.

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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

Returns

- 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

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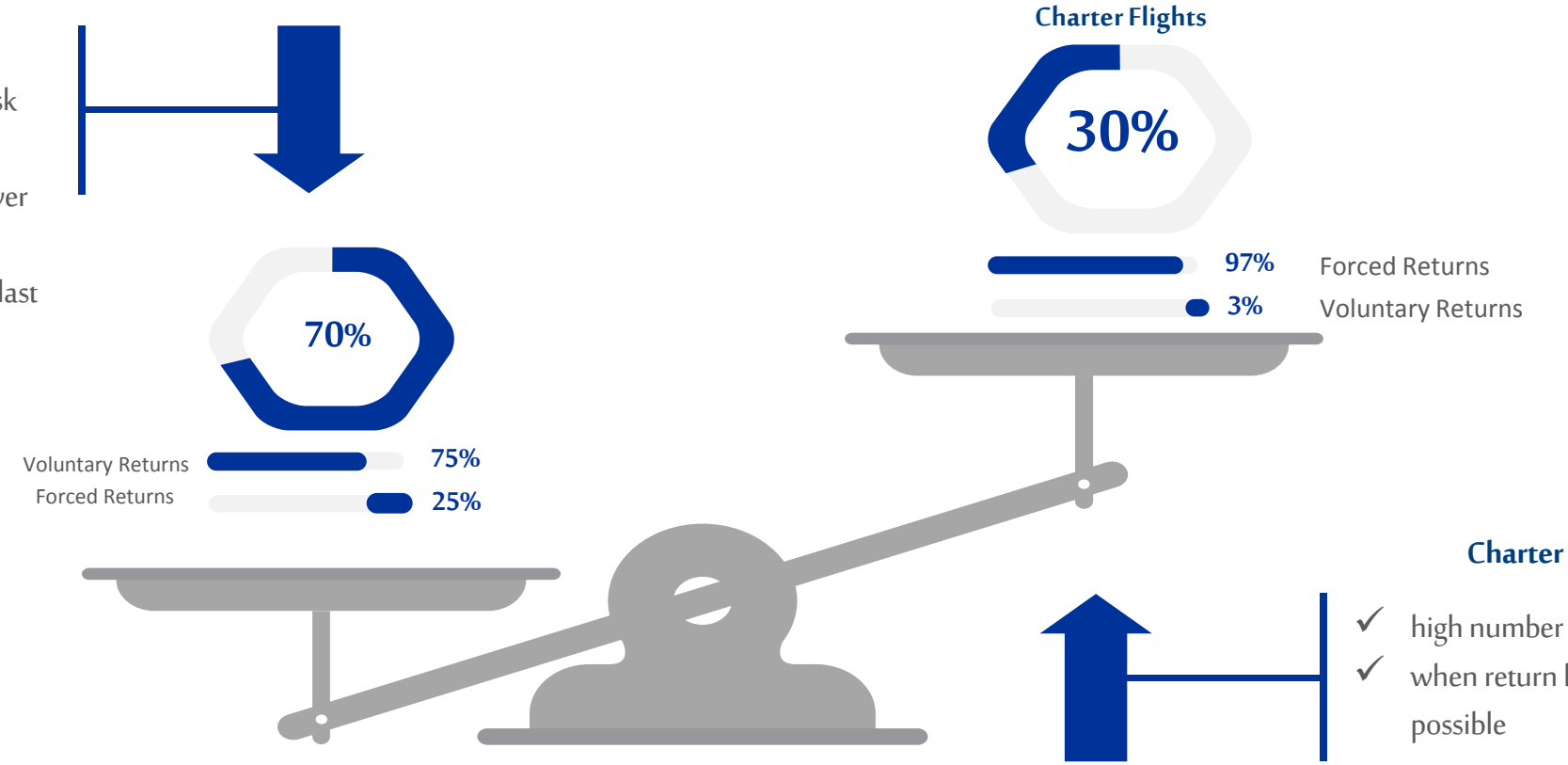
Frontex assisted returns: how-to?

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 in not possible

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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

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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

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