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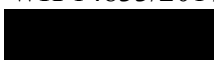


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Return Operations

Update on Return Operations

Return Operations (ROs) (since the beginning of 2017)

- 13245 TCNs returned (2017/2016: +37 %)
- 314 ROs : (2017/2016: +51 %)
- TOP destinations: Western Balkan countries and Tunisia
- 173 ROs physically monitored (68%)
- 27 monitors from the Frontex return pool used in ROs
- First JRO organized by Frontex, 20/11/2017 JRO to AFG, led by Hungary

Returns by Commercial Flights

Pilot Project

New version of Frontex Application for Return (FAR)

Workshops related to the new FAR version:

- **On scheduled flights:**
Warsaw, 25-27 September 2017
- **On charter flights:**
Warsaw, 17-19 October 2017

Collecting Return Operations

- **Concept:** ROs initiated by an OMS or by the Agency, for which the **means of transport and forced-return escorts** are provided by a third country of return
- **Third countries of return:**
 - **Conducted** → Georgia, Albania, Serbia, Ukraine
 - **Planned** → [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
- **Benefits:**
 - **Financial:** lower costs;
 - **Operational:** shorter, fully approved cases, no landing permit work, same language of escorts and returnees;
 - **Other:** higher acceptance, sharing of best practices, raising awareness and respect of fundamental rights

Pilot project on mechanism for supporting MS in returns by commercial flights

Return operations
supported by
Frontex

on commercial
flights

from most

State of play

- Project expected to be **operational by mid-December 2017** and to have a **6-month implementation period**
- **The new FAR module on commercial flights** is in the final stage of its development
- **A specific implementation plan** has been developed and finalized in cooperation with MS
- **Procurement procedure finalized**

Pre-return Assistance

Activities in the field of pre-return:

FOA-R 2017 and coordination of the EU-funded programs on return

Flexible Operational Activities in Return 2017 (return intervention):

TC identification missions (conducted and under preparation) and support for consular cooperation (deployment of RS in MS)



Identification missions:

- Achievements: long-term IMs [REDACTED]; short-term IMs to other MS; further IMs in preparation

Operational coordination of EU-funded programmes in return and phase-in

- Deployment of EURINT LO to Frontex HQ
- Pilot deployment of EURLO within Frontex financing and legal scheme

Deployment of Return Specialists

- Workshop for return specialists from Frontex pool

Mapping of the Member States' capacities and return needs

- Mapping done by e-surveys
- RECAMAS (Return Case Management System) model development

Implementation Framework towards an Integrated Return Management System

Main areas of support







Proactive role of the Agency on the basis of overview of MSs' needs and capacities, design pilot projects and test innovative solutions for joint management of returns

Enhanced support on third countries (TC) cooperation






Build synergies and coordinate return-related activities to achieve an integrated system of return management

Facilitate the exchange of information and best practices on returns

Proactive role of the Agency

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	Hand-over of IRMA by COM to FRONTEX
	Further development of FAR/IRMA
	Mapping of Member States' needs and capacities on returns
	Frontex LO to the MS
	Development of a Code of Conduct for return operations and return interventions
	Interpreting services for identification purposes

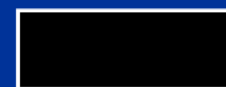
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	Initiation of return operations by FRONTEX
	Support on returns by scheduled flights
	Return operations by sea
	Chartering of aircrafts
	Harmonization of procedures related to medical assistance in return operations



Questions?

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