

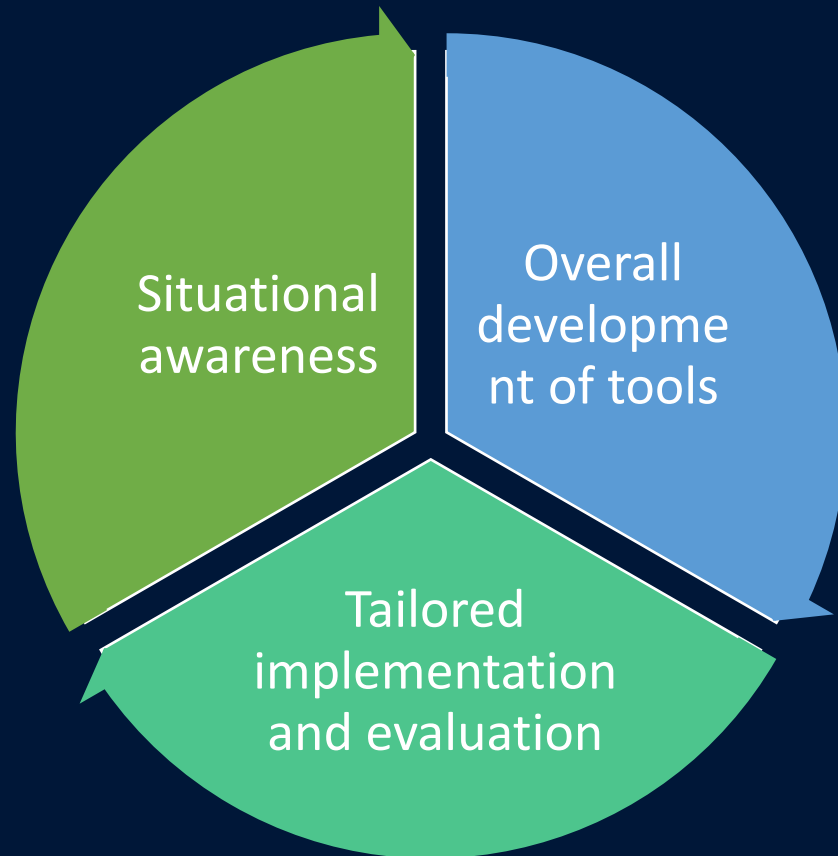
# **Informal Meeting of the Strategic Committee for Immigration, Frontiers and Asylum**



**Director of the European Centre for Returns, Frontex**

**20-21 April 2023, Stockholm**

# Increasing awareness and efficiency



Return data collection (including through bilaterals) and analysis of return in the EU

Overall adjustment of the ECRET service catalogue based on overall needs (pre-return, return operations and voluntary return, post-arrival and post-return and return digitalisation)  
Awareness and engagement via MS-Frontex return networks and bilateral meetings

Tailored approach to individual needs of the MS, through standing corps deployments, training, workshops

# Decreasing the burden on MS and fostering EU-wide approach: Frontex organised return operations (Frontex RO)

## Frontex



- Initiative, destination, date
- Chartering aircraft, flight plan
- Communication with TC, via EEAS (EUDEL) and local FX liaisons (EURLO)
- Sending passenger list
- Head of Operation, BUT, FRESO, monitors, interpretations, medical staff

## Member State(s)



- No organising Member State
- Return decisions, travel documents and acceptance
- Fulfil requirements set by TC
- Responsibility use of force
- Providing facilities (airport, escorts etc.)

## TC of return



- Via EUDEL/EURLO
- Acceptance of operation and providing clearances
- Reception of the operation and returnees at arrival

# First results of the pilot phase

2 Frontex ROs in 2022 & 1 in 2023: **Albania, Nigeria, and Bangladesh**

**143** returnees in total returned

**Evaluation of the pilot phase**

Increasing frequency, at least **4 in 2023** and to **new destinations**

# Frontex support to scheduled flights: tailored solutions and needs-based approach

- ✓ Immediate solution for small group and individual returns
- ✓ Wide availability of routes and destinations
- ✓ Easily accepted by countries of return

Scheduled flights mechanism offers:

- Availability & „one stop shop”  
24/7 desk hotline  
FAR, the dedicated tool, allows MS to handle all aspects of the return in one place, including transit and notification to the air carriers
- Operational flexibility  
Long validity of bookings, name and date changes possible
- Cost effectiveness  
Direct payments (no need for MS to claim expenses), no cancellation fees, complementarity with AMIF



# REINTEGRATION PROGRAMME

## Joint Reintegration Services

Established in April 2022,  
as part of the EU Strategy  
on Voluntary Return and  
Reintegration

Active in **37 countries of  
origin**

Implemented by 5  
**reintegration partners:**  
Caritas International,  
IRARA, Life Makers  
Foundation, ETTC and  
WELDO

**18 Member States**  
actively participating

Use of the  
**Reintegration  
Assistance Tool (RIAT)**

### Two types of activities:

- **Short term** activities: post-arrival assistance for scheduled flights and charter flights – up to 3 days after departure
- **Long term** activities: post-return/reintegration assistance – up to 12 month

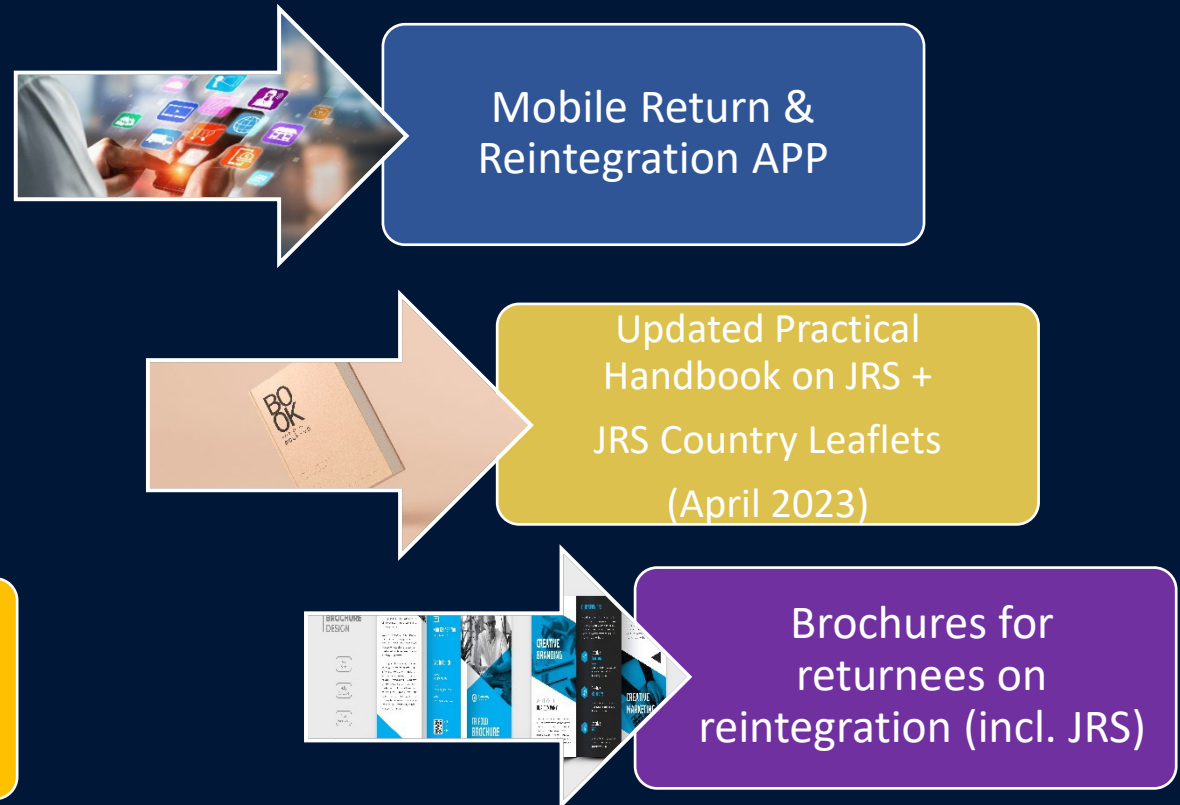
**Eligibility:** irregular  
staying third country  
nationals, both forced  
and voluntary returns

Frontex Work Plan (2022-2024) on RRC – ongoing/started activities

### RRC Curriculum - tasks

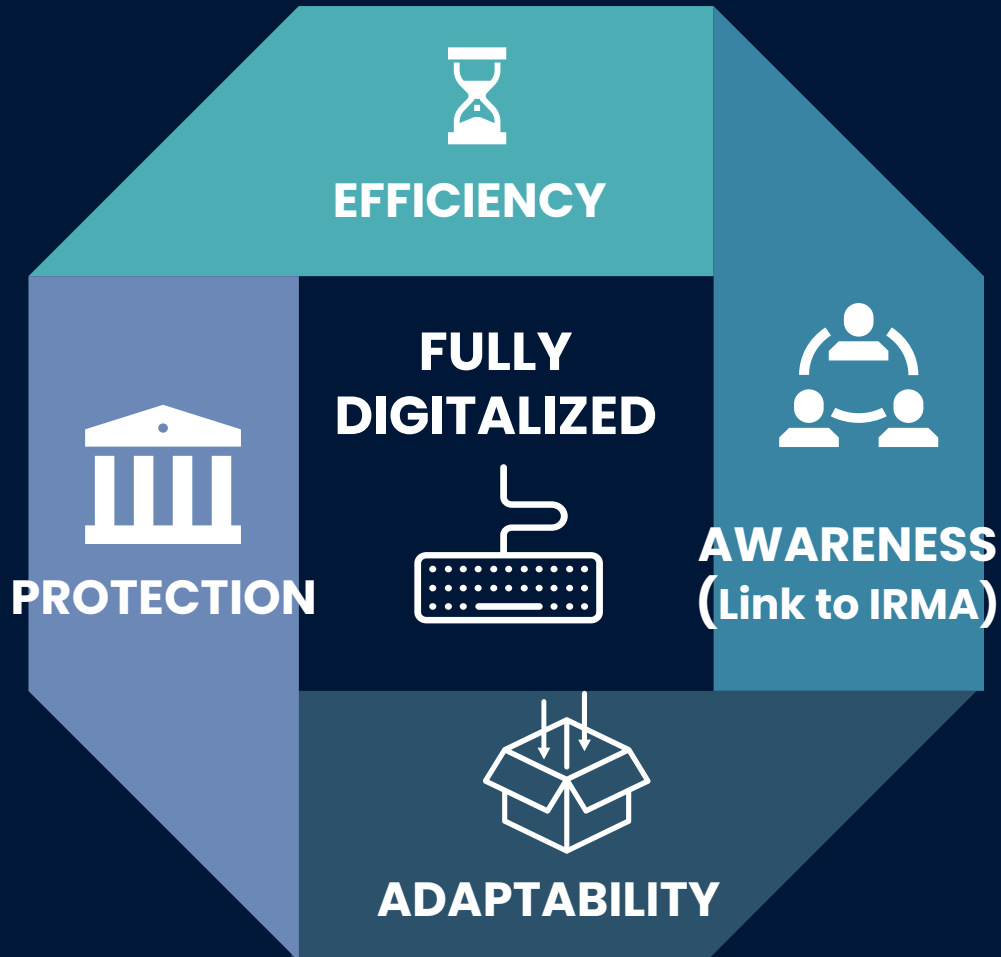


### RRC Tools



# RECAMAS – Reference model for Return Case Management System

## Objectives



## Frontex Services

