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Implementation of Frontex activities in the field of return

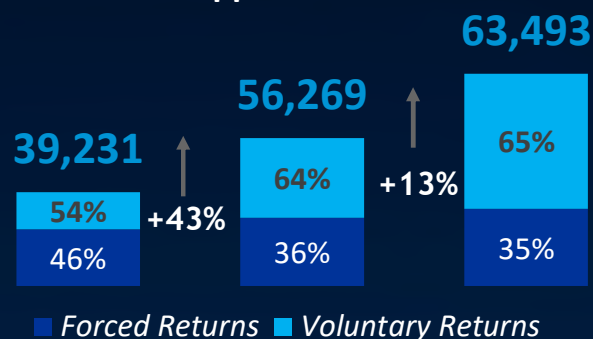
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Frontex Assisted Returns (FAR)

Frontex Support in 2023-2025



45%

of all EU returns*

85%

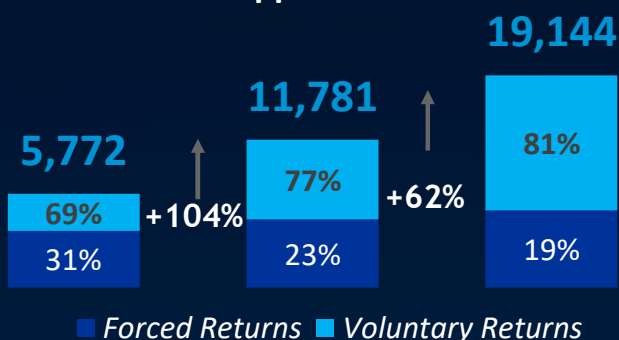
Scheduled Flights

15%

Charter Flights

EU Reintegration Programme (EURP)

Frontex Support in 2023-2025



19 144

Beneficiaries

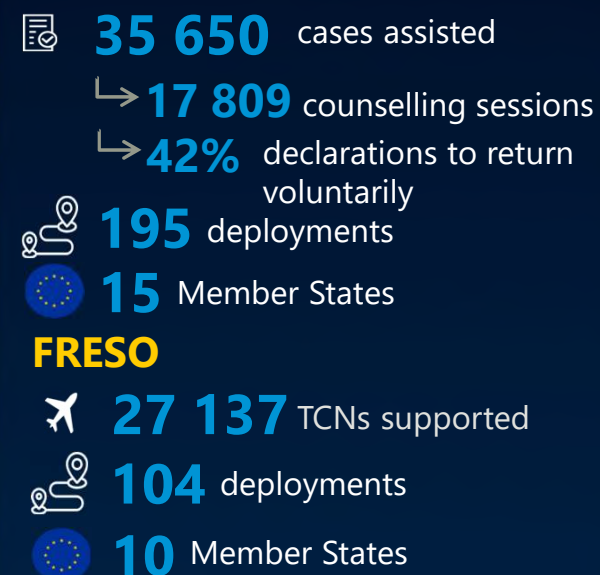
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Member States

40

Third Countries

Return Specialists



Voluntary Returns - Syria

Resumption of support as of 17 March 2025

❖ Return Flights

- **19 MS** have returned **5911 Syrian nationals** with Frontex assistance between 17/03/2025-31/12/2025
- **76%** of TCNs were returned by **Cyprus (39%)** and **Germany (37%)**

❖ Reintegration Support

- **EURP** support available with over **2837 beneficiaries** so far.

Voluntary Returns - Afghanistan

Resumption of support as of 24 of November 2025

❖ Return Flights

- **10 third-country nationals** were returned with the support of the Agency until 8 January 2026.

❖ Reintegration Support

- **EURP** support available for voluntary returns **since early December** through grant with IRARA.
- **8 TCN beneficiaries** registered for EURP so far.

RETURNS



63 493 effective returns supported

13% year-on-year increase

45% of all EU returns*

65% voluntary returns

85% on scheduled flights

Identification missions



Identification missions supported by
Frontex: 14 Total (LTIM 2, STIM 12)

1402 Interviewed TCN

767 Identified

277 ETDs issued

5 MS onboarded in IRMA IMM

EURLO



EURLO support: **10** EURLOs covering **15** third countries

1457 Returnees supported in return

790 TCNs covered by identification requests

510 TCNs positively identified

Publications



- **Good Practices on Alternatives to Detention in return procedures** published on 29 January 2025
- **Good practices on identification of third country nationals and acquisition of travel documents for return** – subject to HLRT endorsement

Digital tools



2 NEW IRMA modules:

- **Identification Mission Module:**
Launched in April 2025
- **Encryption Scheme module:**
Launched in October 2025

2 NEW projects launched:

- **Vulnerability Check Application**
- **RECAPP**

Training



- 8** Trainings on return & reintegration counselling (including 1 multiplier) covering **139** participants
- 10** Trainings on vulnerable groups (including 2 multipliers) covering **176** participants
- 29** Trainings on digital tools covering **245** participants

Frontex tools in support of Return Border Procedure

Tailored support to MS in return & Joint Return Teams (JRT)



Support to identification & documentation (Good practices on identification, IMM*, video conferencing)



Operational support to implementing returns (FAR, FRESO deployment)



Multiplier training course on **return & reintegration counselling**



RECAMAS model update



Vulnerable Groups in Return (VGR-Check*)



Development of RECAPP*



Frontex Mobility Programme

*IT Systems

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Qualitative Assessment 2026



Preparatory works
October-December 2025



Questionnaire completion period
January-February 2026



Results dissemination to DG HOME.
13 March 2026



15 January 2026

Launch of the Qualitative Assessment



27 February 2026

Deadline for completion



May/June 2026

Dashboard for MS published





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