Return support to MS by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex)

ECRet - European Centre for Returns

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European Border and Coast Guard Agency

- Respect for fundamental rights
- Training
- Research and Innovation
- Combatting cross-border crime
- International and EU cooperation
- Risk analysis and vulnerability assessment
- Operations
- Returns
- Situation Monitoring
- Coast Guard Functions
Role of Frontex in the return procedure

THE RETURN PROCESS STEP-BY-STEP

- Registration and identification
- Return decision
- Appeals procedure
- Nationality confirmation
- Acquisition of travel documents
- Transfer to home country
- Acceptance by the country of origin

- Officials determine country of origin
- Issued by national authorities
- Everybody has the right to appeal
- Consulates confirm nationality
- Consulates issue travel document
- Home country admits the returnee
European Centre for Returns - setup

Head of ECRet

Horizontal Coordination Office

Pre-return Assistance Sector (PRAS)

Return Operations Sector (ROS)

Operational Support Team

International Cooperation for Returns Team

Information Management Team

Charter Flights Team

Scheduled Flights Team

Readmission Team

Return pools: Return specialists, Escorts, Monitors
EU standards

- Frontex representative
- Code of Conduct for Return Operations and Return Interventions
- Complaints Mechanism
- Trained escorts
- Monitor on board
Pre-Return Assistance

**BEFORE**

Cooperation with third countries to identify best practices on the acquisition of travel documents and the return of illegally present third-country nationals.

**AFTER**

Integrated return management system

- MS authorities
- TC authorities
- EU-funded programs

Build synergies & Connect networks and programs
Areas for cooperation with non-EU countries

- Familiarization with EU return
- Cooperation in field of identification and documentation
- Sharing and formalization of best practices
Cooperation tools

Overall cooperation: Best Practices, Standard Operating Procedures
Identity and issuance of travel documents: Identification Missions
Central level and consuls: Consular Meetings
Technical challenges: Video Conferencing solutions
Return Operations

- Return operations by charter flights
- Return operations by scheduled flights
- Readmission operations - EU - Turkey statement

ICT support - Frontex Application for Returns (FAR)
Frontex Return Pools
Chartering of aircraft
Return-related trainings
Return operations by charter flights
Return Communication Network: @FJRCC

Diagram:

- OMS
- NFPOC
- PMS
- FRONTEX
- TC

FRONTEX JOINT RETURN COORDINATION CENTRE
ECAS - IRMA - FAR for return operations
Types of return operations

- Joint
- National
- Collecting
- Voluntary Departures
National Return Operation

One MS to one or more countries of return

SWE - ALB
Joint Return Operation

From more than one MS to one or more country of return
OMS - AUT
PMS - BEL, SWE, DEU and HUN
CoR - NGA

CC
Connecting Charter
JCC
Joint Connecting Charter
Land
Main Charter
Collecting Return Operation

Country of Return escorts collect their own returnees form a MSSAC

FRA - ALB
Collecting Return Operations

- No language barrier
- Higher acceptance
- Cost-effectiveness
- Fewer incidents
- Organizational advantages (landing permit)
- Involvement of the country of destination in the whole return process
- Sharing of best practices
Set out common standardised procedures for RO and RI coordinated or organized by Frontex

Assure RO and RI are conducted in a humane manner and in compliance with fundamental rights
Pool of forced-return monitors

- Created from competent bodies which carry out forced-return monitoring activities

- 20 Member States contribute to the pool (65 monitors in total)

- Independent observers

- Trained by Frontex
Pool of forced-return escorts

Security personnel

responsible for accompanying the returnees,
in particular during their transportation out of
the MS
Role of Frontex representative on board

- Arrival
  - Support ELs handover
  - Contact TC authorities

- Briefing
  - Presentation/introduction
  - Support OMS EL
  - Review IP and annexes

- Boarding and In-flight phase
  - Observation

- Coordination

- Debriefing
  - Leading
  - Summary RO
  - Incidents
  - Feedback participants

- Ensure
  - Implementation Plan rules
  - Code of Conduct
  - Complaints mechanism
Number of return operations by charter flights and returnees

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Number of return operations per type
2017 vs. 2018

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Returns by Scheduled Flights

FAR scheduled flights module - web-based mechanism for assisting Member States in returns by scheduled flights from 8 December 2017 to 15 May 2019:

3058 returnees to 72 TCoR, by 19 member states.
Readmissions under EU - Turkey Statement

From 1 April 2016 to 15 May 2019:

141 readmissions (102 by sea and 39 by air)
1965 returnees (1618 by sea and 347 by air).
Thank you for your attention

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