

WHO WE ARE

The **European Return and Reintegration Network (ERRIN)** is a Member State-driven initiative, facilitating cooperation between migration authorities. Operational since 2018, 15 European countries currently participate in ERRIN, with membership open to any EU Member State or Schengen-associated country. The European Partner Institutions (EPIs), along with the European Commission (DG Migration and Home Affairs) and the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (EBCGA/FRONTEX) constitute the Management Board, which drives the agenda and sets priorities.

Activities are coordinated by the Brussels-based Programme Management Unit (PMU). The International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) provides expertise and administrative support as implementing partner. ERRIN is funded through the EU's Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF), with co-financing from participating national agencies.

Driven by Member States

Operational and strategic partners

Open to any EU MS or Schengen-associated country

ERRIN Member States (European Partner Institutions-EPIs)

Austria	Federal Ministry of Interior
Belgium	Federal Agency for the Reception of Asylum Seekers / Federal Immigration Office
Denmark	Ministry of Immigration and Integration
Finland	Finnish Immigration Service
France	Ministry of Interior - Office for Immigration and Integration
Germany	Federal Ministry of Interior, Building and Community - Federal Office for Migration and Refugees
Greece	Ministry of Interior and Administrative Reconstruction
Luxembourg	Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs
Malta	Ministry for Home Affairs and National Security
Netherlands	Ministry of Justice and Security - Repatriation and Departure Service
Norway	Norwegian Directorate of Immigration
Spain	Ministry of Labour, Migrations and Social Security - Department of Migration
Sweden	Swedish Migration Agency
Switzerland	State Secretariat for Migration
United Kingdom	Home Office



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WHAT WE DO

Facilitating a joint approach to the return and reintegration of migrants

Returning migrants with irregular status to their countries of origin in a dignified, humane and sustainable manner is a legitimate and politically important goal at an EU level, and an important part of efforts to manage migration.

It is, however, an operationally challenging task. Many aspects cannot be addressed effectively on a national or bilateral level. In response, ERRIN seeks to strengthen cooperation between migration authorities and develop joint solutions to improve the effectiveness of national return programmes. Working together to explore shared solutions can both improve the efficiency of the return processes, and the quality of support offered to returning migrants. ERRIN has a broad scope, and

caters for a wide range of needs. The network covers the entire process from pre-return to post-arrival and reintegration. It acts as an 'innovation hub' for members to improve practices and efficiency of delivery. The emphasis is on a return that offers future perspectives to the returnee. That is why offering a 'landing package' of support through tailored reintegration assistance is key element of the ERRIN programme.

“It is not just about helping migrants return home but also supporting their reintegration into society and future perspectives.”

Key activities

Enable **post-arrival and reintegration service delivery** after (voluntary and non-voluntary) return through joint contracting of a network of local service providers

Explore solutions to facilitate the return and reintegration of **vulnerable persons**

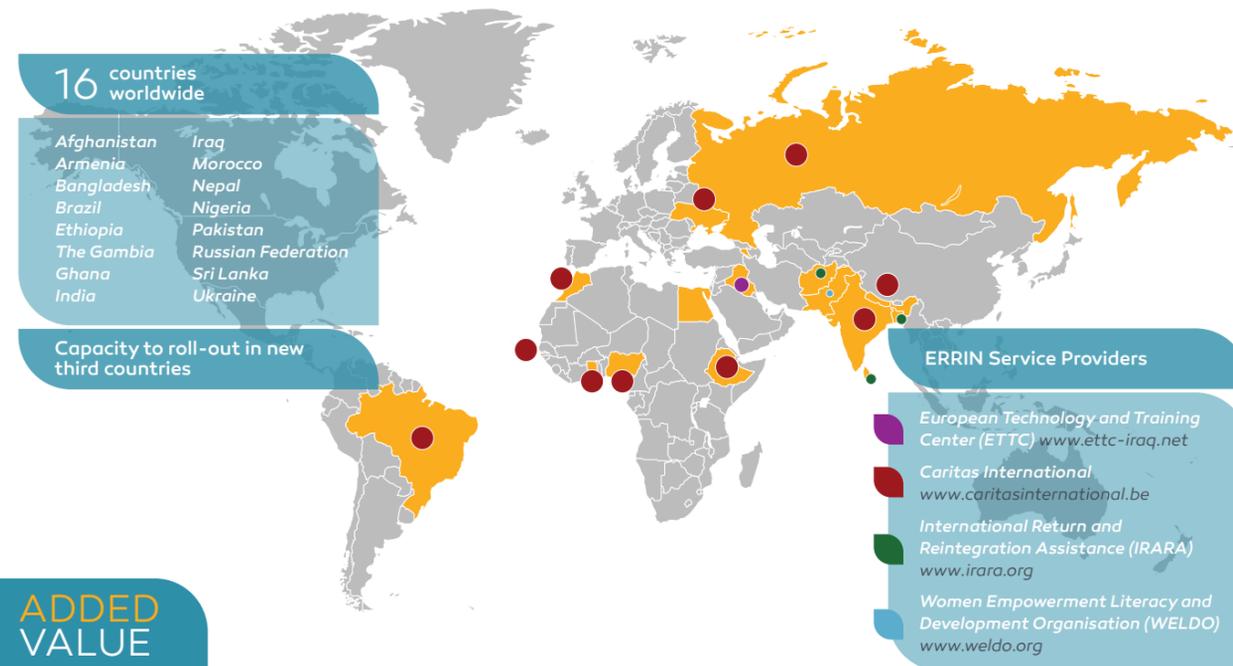
Facilitate exchange to develop tools to improve **pre-departure counselling**

Explore **innovative approaches** to reintegration, and invest in knowledge to improve understanding of **return dynamics**

Build capacity of authorities in countries of return through **Gov2Gov initiatives** to improve post-arrival and reintegration assistance. A pilot project is underway in Armenia, and similar initiatives may be rolled out in other countries

WHERE WE ARE ACTIVE

The ERRIN network is working with four organisations that qualified as service providers to offer reintegration assistance for returning migrants, in currently 16 countries. All service providers have undergone a rigorous selection process and sign up to a code of conduct that clearly sets out expectations for the delivery of the services.



ADDED VALUE

A to Z support service – covering entire process

Innovation hub – piloting new approaches

Strong network – Member State driven

More efficient delivery - better support for returnee

Collaboration and exchange – streamlining procedures

HOW IT WORKS

Nationals of selected third countries (see map) who wish or have to return from an ERRIN partner country may be eligible to benefit from the programme. This can include applicants for international protection in the middle of a procedure, asylum seekers who have been rejected, or immigrants who have never applied for international protection. Often it concerns migrants who want or have to leave, but who do not have the financial or logistical resources to do so.

Tailored reintegration

Support services may include:



The responsible authorities in the ERRIN partner countries provide counselling and referral assistance, and determine eligibility for the programme. Once an application has been approved, the authorities can use the contract put in place with the service provider for the delivery of reintegration support. The service providers work with each returnee to identify a package that takes into account their particular situation and needs, within the available grant amount.

Through joint contracting of service providers, all administrative, financial and procurement aspects are consolidated through the programme – **reducing administrative costs and producing economies of scale.**

Streamlined procedure

