

ERRIN *at a glance*

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Facilitating a joint approach to return and reintegration

Ensuring that migrants can return to their home countries in a dignified, humane and sustainable manner is a legitimate and politically important goal at an EU level, and a key part of efforts to manage migration. With many EU countries facing similar pressures, working together to explore shared solutions can help improve both the efficiency of return processes, and the quality of support offered to returning migrants.

WHO WE ARE

The European Return and Reintegration Network (ERRIN) is an initiative that facilitates cooperation between migration authorities. Operational since mid-2018, 15¹ European countries currently participate in ERRIN, with membership open to any EU Member State or Schengen-associated country.

The work of ERRIN is driven by its Member States, with activities coordinated by the Programme Management Unit (PMU) in Brussels. The International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) is an implementing partner of the ERRIN programme, providing expertise and administrative support. The European Commission and the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (FRONTEX) are ERRIN members. ERRIN is funded through the EU's Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF), with co-financing from participating national agencies. The programme will continue until June 2022; after the initial timeframe of 48 months, a range of ERRIN activities will be transferred to FRONTEX.

¹ Austria; Belgium; Denmark; Finland; France; Germany; Greece; Luxembourg; Malta; The Netherlands; Norway; Spain; Sweden; Switzerland; UK

WHAT WE DO

ERRIN caters for a wide range of needs, covering the entire return process from pre-return to post-arrival. ERRIN facilitates reintegration assistance for migrants returning voluntarily or otherwise from EU partner countries to, currently, 34 countries worldwide. It acts as an 'innovation hub' for members to improve practices and efficiency of delivery. By June 2020, ERRIN has assisted **21,689 returning migrants to start anew in their countries of origin.**

EFFICIENCY | INNOVATION | COLLABORATION

- › Enables **post-arrival and reintegration services** through joint contracting of local service partners
- › Explores solutions to facilitate return and reintegration of **vulnerable groups**
- › Develops tools to improve **pre-departure counselling**
- › Explores **innovative approaches** to reintegration
- › Facilitates **'government-to-government' cooperation** for provision of reintegration assistance
- › Invests in knowledge to improve understanding of **return dynamics**

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 - French Office for Immigration and Integration
Germany	Federal Ministry of Interior, Building and Community - Federal Office for Migration and Refugees
Greece	Ministry of Citizen Protection
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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Migration in Action
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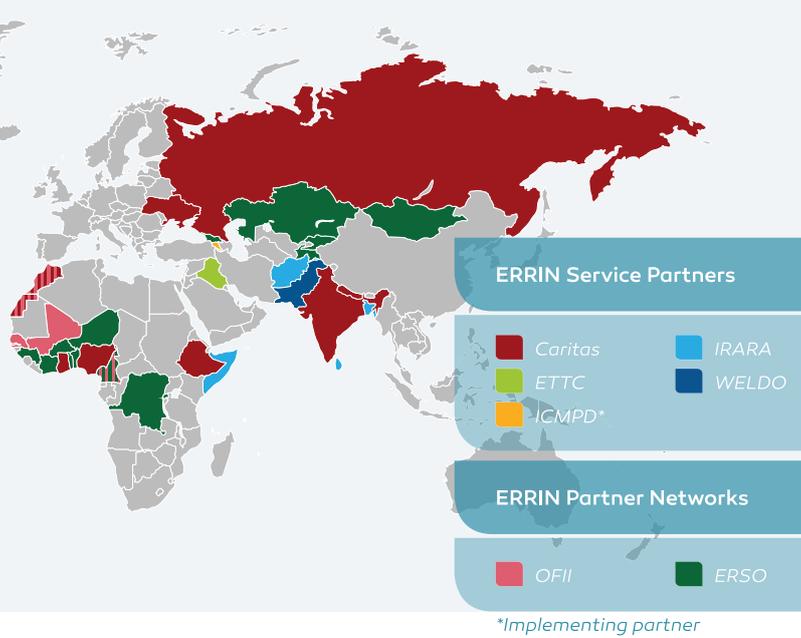
WHERE WE ARE ACTIVE

34 countries worldwide

Afghanistan
Armenia
Bangladesh
Benin
Brazil
Burkina Faso
Cameroon
DR Congo
Ethiopia
Gambia
Georgia
Ghana
Guinea
India
Iraq
Ivory Coast
Kazakhstan

Kyrgyzstan
Mali
Mongolia
Morocco
Nepal
Niger
Nigeria
Pakistan
Russia
Rwanda
Senegal
Somalia
Somaliland
Sri Lanka
Tajikistan
Togo
Ukraine

Capacity to roll-out in new third countries



WHAT REINTEGRATION ASSISTANCE CAN BE PROVIDED?



Airport pick-up & assistance



In-country onward travel assistance



Basic essentials on return



Temporary housing



Setting up a small business



Support for job placement



Schooling & language training



Support for vocational training



Social, legal & medical support



Longer-term housing support

The ERRIN Partner Institutions (EPIs) – national migration authorities – provide counselling and referral assistance to those who cannot or no longer wish to remain in Europe.

The EPI can use the contracts put in place by ERRIN with in-country service partners in selected third countries. A return allowance can be provided before or after departure and the service partners work with each returnee to identify the most suitable reintegration plan. This may involve support for housing, medical costs, setting up a business or find a job.

A STREAMLINED AND PERSONALISED RETURN PROCEDURE

PRE-DEPARTURE



- Request completed by responsible authority
- Request checked and approved by national migration authority
- If approved, request sent to local service partner in return country

POST-ARRIVAL



- Returnee gets in contact with service partner
- In consultation with the counsellor, the returnee agrees on the re-integration package from the available options

COMPLETION



- Reintegration plan sent to paying authority by service provider for approval
- Tailored reintegration process gets underway