

ABOUT ERRIN

Facilitating a joint approach to the return and reintegration of migrants

The **European Return and Reintegration Network (ERRIN)** is a consortium of 15 partner countries which facilitates the return and reintegration of migrants who cannot, or no longer wish to, remain in Europe. ERRIN caters for a wide range of needs, providing counselling, referral, and reintegration assistance for returnees.

Under the ERRIN-program, OFII (French Office for Immigration and Integration) implements a pilot action. The aim is to assist persons who opt for a voluntary return; OFII assists persons during the first year after return, covering each stage of the reintegration process (design and implementation of the reintegration plan).

ERRIN is funded through the European Union Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF), with co-financing from participating national agencies.

Find out more: www.returnnetwork.eu

ERRIN PARTNER COUNTRIES

European Partner Institutions

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

CONTACT US

The reintegration assistance is provided in every region of Benin for returnees who have returned under the ERRIN programme.

The OFII Regional Office in Mali is responsible for reintegration in Benin, supported by its local partner, CESAM.

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We are here to help you!

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ERRIN REINTEGRATION PROGRAMME FOR RETURNING MIGRANTS

OFII PILOT ACTION



ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR SUPPORT?

If you are a national of Benin and wish to return from an ERRIN partner country (listed overleaf*), you may be eligible to benefit from the programme.

Returnees are voluntary of all ages and profiles, and may include:

- Asylum seekers
- Refused asylum seekers
- Regular and irregular migrants
- Other vulnerable persons

The responsible authority in the European country you return from, decides if you can get assistance and how much. Reintegration assistance will be provided only upon a positive verification check by those authorities.

HOW CAN YOU APPLY?

You can apply through the ERRIN contact in one of the ERRIN partner countries. You can find out more information from your social worker or counsellor.

Your reintegration services are only activated after the approval of the ERRIN partner country.

**Please note that not all partner countries in the network use the reintegration assistance offered via ERRIN in Cameroon at present time. This may be subject to change. Check with your counsellor for latest information.*

WHAT ASSISTANCE CAN BE PROVIDED?

As a returnee under the ERRIN programme you may be eligible for a number of reintegration services provided through OFII Mali (Regional Office) and its service partner in Benin to help you get started once back in your home country.

The services are delivered in-kind (unless otherwise stated) and can vary depending on where you are coming from, your profile, and whether you have particular needs.

PROCEDURE TO FOLLOW

Before departure

If your application has been approved by the authorities in the ERRIN partner country you can request information from OFII Mali (see contact details) to help make the necessary arrangements.

When you arrive

OFII can provide immediate, basic assistance upon arrival in Benin for vulnerable persons. This assistance can be:

-  Airport pick-up or reception at place of arrival
-  In-country onward travel assistance
-  Temporary accommodation
-  Referrals for urgent medical care
-  Other basic essentials

Reintegration services

OFII Mali and its service partner in Benin will work with you to develop a tailored reintegration plan that takes into account your situation, your needs and the available grant amount. Services may include:

-  Social, legal and medical support
-  Schooling and language training
-  Job placement assistance
-  Technical and vocational training
-  Business start-up assistance
-  Bespoke assistance (for vulnerable groups)

ABOUT OFII

OFII is a French public Agency. Part of their work is to assist voluntary returnees from France to their country of origin.

OFII has regional offices covering a wide range of countries, including Benin. These offices – together with their local partners – take care of persons after their return.

In the framework of ERRIN, OFII agreed to assist returnees from other European countries as well.