

## 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, 16<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>1</sup> Austria; Belgium; Denmark; Finland; France; Germany; Greece; Italy; Luxembourg; Malta; The Netherlands; Norway; Slovenia; 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, 40 countries worldwide. It acts as an 'innovation hub' for members to improve practices and efficiency of delivery. By June 2021, ERRIN has assisted over **24,500 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)

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

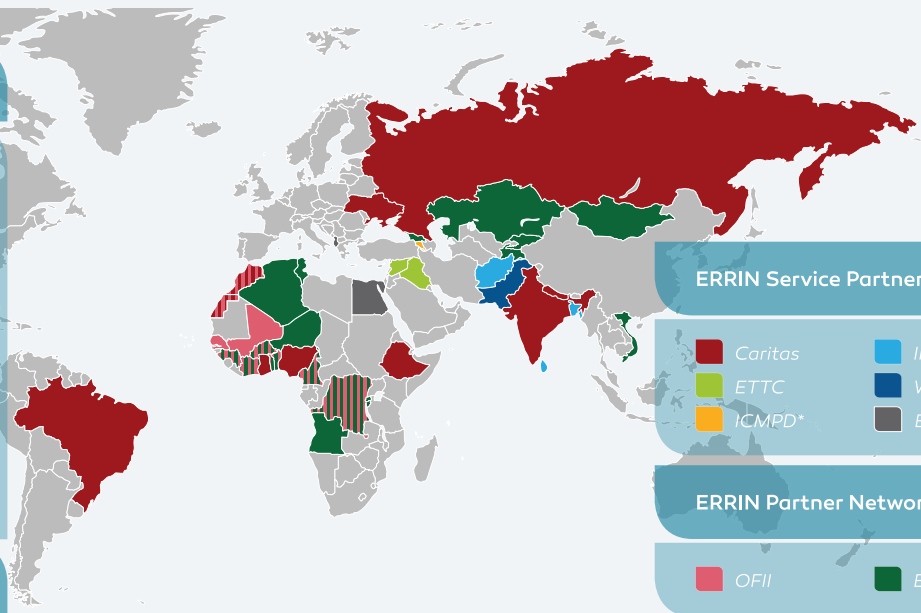


## WHERE WE ARE ACTIVE

40 countries worldwide

Afghanistan  
Albania  
Algeria  
Angola  
Armenia  
Bangladesh  
Benin  
Brazil  
Burkina Faso  
Burundi  
Cameroon  
DR Congo  
Egypt  
Ethiopia  
Gambia  
Georgia  
Ghana  
Guinea  
India  
Iraq  
Ivory Coast  
Kazakhstan  
Kyrgyzstan  
Mali  
Mongolia  
Morocco  
Nepal  
Niger  
Nigeria  
Pakistan  
Russia  
Rwanda  
Senegal  
Sri Lanka  
Syria  
Tajikistan  
Togo  
Tunisia  
Ukraine  
Vietnam

Capacity to roll-out in new third countries



\*Implementing partner

## 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