

## 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 programme, Caritas International, as member of the ERSO-network (European Reintegration Support Organisations), assists persons who return to Benin with their reintegration process.

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](http://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.

### Caritas Benin

*We are here to help you!*

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# ERRIN REINTEGRATION PROGRAMME FOR RETURNING MIGRANTS

## 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 can be of all ages and profiles, and may include:

- Asylum seekers
- Refused asylum seekers
- Regular and irregular migrants
- Unaccompanied minors
- 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 Benin 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 return and reintegration services provided through Caritas Benin to help you get started once back in your home country.

The services are delivered in-kind and can vary depending on where you are coming from, your profile, and whether you have specific needs.

## PROCEDURE TO FOLLOW

### Before departure

If your application has been approved by the authorities in the ERRIN partner country you can request information directly from Caritas International, or potentially from Caritas Benin (see contact details) to help make the necessary arrangements.

### When you arrive

Caritas Benin can provide you with basic assistance upon arrival in Benin (if requested five working days in advance):

- ✈ 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

Caritas Benin will work with you to develop a tailored reintegration plan that takes into account your situation and needs, within the available grant amount. Services may include:

- 🏠 Social, legal and medical support
- 🏠 Housing support up to six months
- 🎓 Schooling and language training
- 🗺 Job placement assistance
- 🎓 Technical and vocational training
- 📁 Business start-up assistance
- 🤝 Specific assistance for vulnerable groups

## ABOUT ERSO

Caritas International Belgium (CIB) is a NGO active in reintegration support since 2007. CIB works in close cooperation with partners in Europe, and large parts of Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Caritas International is member of ERSO (*European Reintegration Support Organisations*). ERSO is a network of non-governmental organisations involved in return counselling and reintegration support. The objective of ERSO is to exchange information, collect expertise and develop best practices in the field of return and reintegration.