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### About ERRIN

The European Return and Reintegration Network is an initiative of 16 European states that helps to ensure that people on the move can return home in a dignified and humane manner. ERRIN is working with local organisations on the ground in 40 countries, offering comprehensive assistance for returning migrants. Following the initial aid provided right upon arrival, the reintegration support may involve support for housing, medical treatment, vocational training and educational needs, or setting up a business.

### About SOS Children's Villages Albania

SOS Children's Villages Albania is a national organisation working with children without parental care and those at risk of losing parental care since 1996. In collaboration with ERRIN, SOS Children Villages Albania assist unaccompanied minors with the first steps of their reintegration in Albania.

The project provides a temporary reception services at a dedicated centre to help the repatriated Albanian minors, ensuring they can stay in a safe environment until a full assessment of their condition is made by the Albanian Child Protection Authorities. SOS also provides full reintegration assistance to returning minors, working in the best interest of the child.

### About the Centre

A dedicated reception centre has been set up to welcome minors between 15 and 18 years old, with a possibility of accommodating younger children too. The temporary centre is located in one of the family houses in SOS Children's Villages in Tirana, less than 3 km from the city centre. Up to 4 teenagers can stay there at a time, gathered in a safe space, operating 24 hours per day, 7 days a week. The house is surrounded by a green area where young people can relax and spend time outdoors.

**Project duration:** 1 July 2021- 31 May 2022. **SOS Children's Villages have the capacity to assist 20 minors returning from ERRIN Member States.**

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Opening hours:  
24 hours / 7 days a week

## Services offered

### When you arrive

-  Airport pick-up or reception at place of arrival
-  Temporary accommodation (reception centre)
-  Other basic essentials

### Reintegration assistance

-  Bespoke assistance for vulnerable people
-  Business start-up assistance
-  Job placement assistance
-  Schooling and language training
-  Technical and vocational training



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