

ERRIN *at a glance*

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Facilitating a joint approach to return and reintegration of migrants

Returning migrants with irregular status to their countries of origin in a humane manner is an important part of EU efforts to manage migration. With so 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.

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, 16 countries worldwide. It acts as an 'innovation hub' for members to improve practices and efficiency of delivery.

EFFICIENCY | INNOVATION | COLLABORATION

- › Enables **post-arrival and reintegration services** through joint contracting of local service providers
- › 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)

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| 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 |



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Migration in Action
Migratie in Beweging

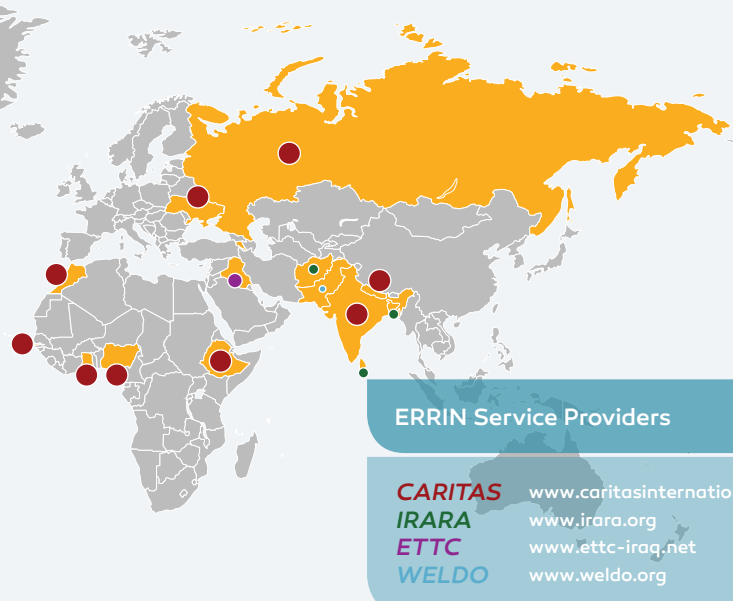
WHERE WE ARE ACTIVE

16 countries worldwide

Afghanistan
Armenia
Bangladesh
Brazil
Ethiopia
The Gambia
Ghana
India

Iraq
Morocco
Nepal
Nigeria
Pakistan
Russian Federation
Sri Lanka
Ukraine

Capacity to roll-out in new third countries



ERRIN Service Providers

CARITAS www.caritasinternational.be
IRARA www.irara.org
ETTC www.ettc-iraq.net
WELDO www.weldo.org

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. This often concerns migrants who have to, or who want to leave but do not have the financial or logistical resources to do so.

The EPI can use the contracts put in place by ERRIN with in-country service providers in selected third countries. A return allowance can be provided before or after departure and the service providers work with each returnee to identify a sustainable reintegration package. This may involve support for housing, medical costs, set 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 provider in return country

POST-ARRIVAL



- Returnee gets in contact with service provider
- 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

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