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A project implemented by the Dutch Repatriation and Departure Service (R&DS), the Belgian Immigration Office (DVZ) and Fedasil, the French Office for Immigration and Integration (OFII), the German Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF), and the Swedish Migration Board



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# The European Reintegration Instrument

## The Concept

The European Union has awarded a financial grant for the implementation of European Re-integration Instrument (ERI) in 7 countries.

### Beneficiaries

The beneficiaries of the grant are the Dutch Repatriation and Departure Service (R&DS; leading partner), the Belgian Immigration Office (DVZ) and the Federal Agency for the Reception of Asylum Seekers (Fedasil), the French Office for Immigration and Integration, the German Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF), and the Swedish Migration Board.

The five EU Member States work within the framework of one reintegration project not only sharing the services of the service provider but also implementing their different national policies in the field of reintegration. Evaluation and benchmarking of these policies will be a first step towards harmonization. All service providers are selected in the NGO/IO community in each third country

## The Objectives

The main aim of the ERI project is the sustainable return and re-integration of third country nationals who no longer have the legal right to reside in the EU Member States (MS).

Third country returnees from the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, France and/or Sweden are eligible for the reintegration assistance in the following countries: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Iraq, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan and Russia.

Through tendering / contracting 7 service providers in these 7 third countries, the reintegration assistance is made available to the returnees from each of these countries.

### Service Providers

- International Organization for Migration - Afghanistan, Azerbaijan and Russia
- European Technology and Training Centre Erbil - Iraq
- The Mediation Agency for Return - Nigeria
- Weldo - Pakistan
- Caritas International - Morocco

### Target groups

Assistance is supplied to voluntary and non-voluntary returnees.

## Programme Components

The ERI program is made up of three components:

- 1) Information and Communication on Reintegration
- 2) Reintegration Support (counseling and referral)
- 3) Research on and development of reintegration schemes for unaccompanied minors (UAM's).

The service providers in the 7 third countries provide the ERI Member States with information on reintegration possibilities in the country of return in addition to developing and delivering reintegration support for a total of 500 Assisted Returns (voluntary/non voluntary). The returnees are offered counseling and referral for inter alia:

- assistance in accessing the labour market
- education or vocational training;
- temporary housing
- social, legal and medical assistance,
- support for contacts with authorities, registration procedures
- family tracing

Evaluating and benchmarking the sharing of services among Member States will contribute to establishing a harmonized approach on reintegration support.