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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On behalf of the EMN Sweden

According to Article 21 of Council Directive 2001/55/EC, "Temporary Protection Directive" (TPD), Member States shall take the necessary measures to enable the voluntary return of persons with temporary protection or whose temporary protection has ended. In 2023, 8,400 people who had been granted residence permits with temporary protection left Sweden by departing from the country. This was slightly more than the number who left the country in 2022. Of those who left last year, 7,400 were still out of the country at the end of the year, and just over 1,000 were re-registered in the reception system. In 2022, just over 8,000 people left Sweden by departure, of which 7,300 continued to be registered as having left by the end of 2023, and 800 were re-registered in the reception system.

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In 2022 and 2023, a total of approximately 61,800 first-time applications for temporary protection were received, and 16,600 were discharged from the reception system as having voluntarily departed (27 percent of the total number of applications received). In this context, it is also important to note that of the 8,400 who left in 2023, registered "Ukraine" as the destination country in 2,500 cases. The most common situation is that the destination country is "unknown," meaning that the authority has determined that a departure has occurred but it is not known to which EU Member State or other country the person has travelled.

In September this year, the Migration Agency was tasked by the government to analyse and propose measures to support repatriation and voluntary return to Ukraine. The assignment included analysing the need for measures for Ukrainian citizens in Sweden who wish to return to their homeland while the TPD is valid, and to propose appropriate measures.

One part of this analysis is to learn more on how the procedure for voluntary return are designed for Ukrainian citizens on a national level across Europe, and we would then like to ask the following questions:

WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

We would very much appreciate your responses by **7 February 2025**.


1. Does your Member State promote voluntary return of BTP to Ukraine or a third-country? YES/NO.
2. If you answer YES to Q.1, does your Member State provides reintegration support (in-kind or cash assistance)? YES/NO. If yes, please explain.
3. If you answer YES to Q2, does your Member State has an agreement with a third party (e.g. IOM) to provide the reintegration assistance to the individuals that are voluntary returning? YES/NO. If you answer YES, please indicate how the programme operates and with whom you have the agreement.
4. If you answer NO to Q2, does your Member State provides travel support for those who want to return voluntarily? YES/NO. If yes, please indicate which means of transportation are being use?

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5. Are these programmes for return and/or reintegration to Ukraine financed with national budget or EU funds? If you answer EU funds, which with EU funding scheme are these programmes financed?

6. Does your Member State have statistics on how many Ukrainian citizens have return voluntarily to Ukraine from your country during the last 12 month period (January to December 2024)? YES/NO. If Yes, please share the numbers (if you do not have an exact number please provide if possible an estimation).


RESPONSES

	Wider Dissemination?	
 EMN NCP Austria	Yes	<p>1. Does your Member State promote voluntary return of BTP to Ukraine or a third-country? YES/NO.</p> <p>No. Since the beginning of the war in Ukraine, Austria has temporarily suspended return support to Ukraine (https://www.returnfromaustria.at/ukraine/ukraine_english.html), apart from organisational support (e.g. flight booking, procurement of documents) in individual cases, so that the voluntary return of Ukrainian nationals to Ukraine is organisationally supported by the Federal Agency for Reception and Support Services if necessary. Due to the lack of sustainability of the departure, in particular due to the possibility of re-entry on the basis of the right of residence in Austria, no financial support is provided (Stiller, The application of the temporary protection directive in Austria, p. 13).</p> <p>---</p> <p>Source: Ministry of the Interior</p>

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			<p>2. If you answer YES to Q.1, does your Member State provides reintegration support (in-kind or cash assistance)? YES/NO. If yes, please explain.</p> <p>n/a --- Source: Ministry of the Interior</p> <p>3. If you answer YES to Q2, does your Member State has an agreement with a third party (e.g. IOM) to provide the reintegration assistance to the individuals that are voluntary returning? YES/NO. If you answer YES, please indicate how the programme operates and with whom you have the agreement.</p> <p>n/a --- Source: Ministry of the Interior</p> <p>4. If you answer NO to Q2, does your Member State provides travel support for those who want to return voluntarily? YES/NO. If yes, please indicate which means of transportation are being use?</p> <p>n/a – but see Q1 for organizational support in individual cases. --- Source: Ministry of the Interior</p> <p>5. Are these programmes for return and/or reintegration to Ukraine financed with national budget or EU</p>
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			<p>funds? If you answer EU funds, which with EU funding scheme are these programmes financed?</p> <p>There is no return and/or reintegration programme in the context of Ukraine (see answer Q1). Organisational support in individual cases is provided by the Federal Agency for Reception and Support Services and thus from the national budget.</p> <p>---</p> <p>Source: Ministry of the Interior</p> <p>6. Does your Member State have statistics on how many Ukrainian citizens have return voluntarily to Ukraine from your country during the last 12 month period (January to December 2024)? YES/NO. If Yes, please share the numbers (if you do not have an exact number please provide if possible an estimation).</p> <p>In 2024, by the end of December, 1,633 Ukrainian nationals departed voluntarily from the Austrian territory (Mol, as of 07.01.2025, Note: Evaluation is based on nationality and not on destination): 1,524 voluntary departures with displaced persons status 109 voluntary departures without displaced persons status---</p> <p>Source: Ministry of the Interior</p>
	EMN NCP Bulgaria	Yes	<p>1. Does your Member State promote voluntary return of BTP to Ukraine or a third-country? YES/NO.</p> <p>No, there is no a procedure designed to promote voluntary return of BTP to Ukraine or to another third-country. Although, in 2024 Bulgaria supported the return of 3 Ukrainian citizens to Moldova, either with EU funds or through the Frontex ticket platform.</p>


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			<p>2. If you answer YES to Q.1, does your Member State provides reintegration support (in-kind or cash assistance)? YES/NO. If yes, please explain.</p> <p>No reintegration support is provided, cash assistance could be provided when using AMIF funds.</p> <p>3. If you answer YES to Q2, does your Member State has an agreement with a third party (e.g. IOM) to provide the reintegration assistance to the individuals that are voluntary returning? YES/NO. If you answer YES, please indicate how the programme operates and with whom you have the agreement.</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>4. If you answer NO to Q2, does your Member State provides travel support for those who want to return voluntarily? YES/NO. If yes, please indicate which means of transportation are being use?</p> <p>Yes, Bulgaria can assist with buying a ticket for Ukrainian citizens and provide a small cash assistance amounting to up to 150 euro at this stage. Also, when needed, transportation from an address to an airport can be provided.</p> <p>5. Are these programmes for return and/or reintegration to Ukraine financed with national budget or EU funds? If you answer EU funds, which with EU funding scheme are these programmes financed?</p> <p>Assistance can be funded by AMIF.</p>
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			<p>6. Does your Member State have statistics on how many Ukrainian citizens have return voluntarily to Ukraine from your country during the last 12 month period (January to December 2024)? YES/NO. If Yes, please share the numbers (if you do not have an exact number please provide if possible an estimation).</p> <p>No official statistics are available. In 2024, estimated number of returned Ukrainian citizens is 17 persons.</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Croatia</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your Member State promote voluntary return of BTP to Ukraine or a third-country? YES/NO.</p> <p>No</p> <p>2. If you answer YES to Q.1, does your Member State provides reintegration support (in-kind or cash assistance)? YES/NO. If yes, please explain.</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>3. If you answer YES to Q2, does your Member State has an agreement with a third party (e.g. IOM) to provide the reintegration assistance to the individuals that are voluntary returning? YES/NO. If you answer YES, please indicate how the programme operates and with whom you have the agreement.</p>


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			<p>N/A</p> <p>4. If you answer NO to Q2, does your Member State provides travel support for those who want to return voluntarily? YES/NO. If yes, please indicate which means of transportation are being use?</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>5. Are these programmes for return and/or reintegration to Ukraine financed with national budget or EU funds? If you answer EU funds, which with EU funding scheme are these programmes financed?</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>6. Does your Member State have statistics on how many Ukrainian citizens have return voluntarily to Ukraine from your country during the last 12 month period (January to December 2024)? YES/NO. If Yes, please share the numbers (if you do not have an exact number please provide if possible an estimation).</p> <p>N/A</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Cyprus</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your Member State promote voluntary return of BTP to Ukraine or a third-country? YES/NO.</p>

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			No
			2. If you answer YES to Q.1, does your Member State provides reintegration support (in-kind or cash assistance)? YES/NO. If yes, please explain.
			N/A
			3. If you answer YES to Q2, does your Member State has an agreement with a third party (e.g. IOM) to provide the reintegration assistance to the individuals that are voluntary returning? YES/NO. If you answer YES, please indicate how the programme operates and with whom you have the agreement.
			N/A
			4. If you answer NO to Q2, does your Member State provides travel support for those who want to return voluntarily? YES/NO. If yes, please indicate which means of transportation are being use?
			N/A
			5. Are these programmes for return and/or reintegration to Ukraine financed with national budget or EU funds? If you answer EU funds, which with EU funding scheme are these programmes financed?
			N/A


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			<p>6. Does your Member State have statistics on how many Ukrainian citizens have return voluntarily to Ukraine from your country during the last 12 month period (January to December 2024)? YES/NO. If Yes, please share the numbers (if you do not have an exact number please provide if possible an estimation).</p> <p>N/A</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Czech Republic</p>	<p align="center">Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your Member State promote voluntary return of BTP to Ukraine or a third-country? YES/NO.</p> <p>There is no specific promotion of voluntary returns. However, a program is available for BTPs who intend to travel back home and require assistance with travel arrangements.</p> <p>2. If you answer YES to Q.1, does your Member State provides reintegration support (in-kind or cash assistance)? YES/NO. If yes, please explain.</p> <p>There is no bilateral reintegration assistance. However, in cases of special needs, returnees may receive medical supplies if deemed necessary based on their health condition.</p> <p>3. If you answer YES to Q2, does your Member State has an agreement with a third party (e.g. IOM) to provide the reintegration assistance to the individuals that are voluntary returning? YES/NO. If you answer</p>

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			<p>YES, please indicate how the programme operates and with whom you have the agreement.</p> <p>There is an IOM project in place financed by AMIF dedicated to return and reintegration. This project is general in scope and not specifically targeted at Ukraine (but operates worldwide). So far, no Ukrainian cases have been implemented within this project.</p> <p>4. If you answer NO to Q2, does your Member State provides travel support for those who want to return voluntarily? YES/NO. If yes, please indicate which means of transportation are being use?</p> <p>Travel assistance is generally provided through the purchase of bus tickets. Special arrangements are made for individuals who, due to health conditions, are unable to travel independently by public transportation. For these individuals, medical transport is organized to transfer them to a medical institution selected in cooperation with the Ukrainian Embassy.</p> <p>5. Are these programmes for return and/or reintegration to Ukraine financed with national budget or EU funds? If you answer EU funds, which with EU funding scheme are these programmes financed?</p> <p>The general AVR program implemented by the Ministry of the Interior, which includes assistance for Ukrainian citizens, is co-financed by AMIF. Additionally, the IOM project mentioned above is also financed by AMIF.</p> <p>6. Does your Member State have statistics on how many Ukrainian citizens have return voluntarily to Ukraine from your country during the last 12 month period (January to December 2024)? YES/NO. If Yes, please share the numbers (if you do not have an exact number please provide if possible an estimation).</p>
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			<p>Since there is no requirement for individuals to report their travel movements, there are no official statistics on voluntary returns. However, the AVR Program of the Ministry of the Interior assisted a total of 22 Ukrainian citizens in 2024. Among them, 17 returned by bus, and 5 were transported with medical assistance. No such program was in place in 2023.</p> <p>Thus, during the period of military aggression (as of 31 December 2024), more than 300,000 temporary protections were terminated in the Czech Republic. Of these, approximately 230,000 were canceled due to non-renewal of temporary protection, and around 70,000 for other reasons, such as obtaining temporary protection in another country or switching to a different residence status. It can be assumed that most individuals who did not renew their temporary protection within the two registration periods voluntarily returned to Ukraine, although exact data is not available.</p>
	EMN NCP Estonia	Yes	<p>1. Does your Member State promote voluntary return of BTP to Ukraine or a third-country? YES/NO.</p> <p>No. In Estonia voluntary returns to third countries are eligible via IOM AVRR under three conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Recipient of temporary protection must cancel/be in process of cancelling of his/her TP; 2) Person is returning to third country where he/she holds citizenship, residence permit or, in exceptional cases, other documents proving connection to this country; 3) Country of return must be deemed safe to return to by IOM. <p>At present moment, Ukraine is not considered safe country to return to and any AVRR activities to Ukraine are suspended until further notice. However, in past few years there have been 3 returns of TP beneficiaries coming from Ukraine and requesting TP. These returnees were not citizens of Ukraine returning to Ukraine, but other third country citizens holding TP, returning to Uzbekistan, Cameroon and Nigeria.</p>

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			<p>2. If you answer YES to Q.1, does your Member State provides reintegration support (in-kind or cash assistance)? YES/NO. If yes, please explain.</p> <p>Reintegration support is provided both in-kind and in cash in more than hundred non-Schengen countries. For this, the beneficiary must contact IOM in CoO. Returnee from Estonia is eligible to in-kind support of up to 1400 EUR (can be more in exceptional cases) and cash assistance up to 350 EUR. No reintegration is provided in Ukraine, as there are no AVRR returns to this country.</p> <p>3. If you answer YES to Q2, does your Member State has an agreement with a third party (e.g. IOM) to provide the reintegration assistance to the individuals that are voluntary returning? YES/NO. If you answer YES, please indicate how the programme operates and with whom you have the agreement.</p> <p>Reintegration and post-travel assistance is allotted by IOM in CoO.</p> <p>4. If you answer NO to Q2, does your Member State provides travel support for those who want to return voluntarily? YES/NO. If yes, please indicate which means of transportation are being use?</p> <p>AVRR is also provided to some countries where reintegration assistance is not available. This means that beneficiaries returning to these countries are eligible only to pre-travel support and travel tickets, which are (almost) always air tickets. Beneficiaries get also 50-100 EUR cash grant on the day of leaving Estonia.</p> <p>5. Are these programmes for return and/or reintegration to Ukraine financed with national budget or EU funds? If you answer EU funds, which with EU funding scheme are these programmes financed?</p>
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			<p>There are no IOM return and reintegration programmes to Ukraine at the present moment.</p> <p>6. Does your Member State have statistics on how many Ukrainian citizens have return voluntarily to Ukraine from your country during the last 12 month period (January to December 2024)? YES/NO. If Yes, please share the numbers (if you do not have an exact number please provide if possible an estimation).</p> <p>As IOM does not facilitate returns to Ukraine, we do not have the statistics. In 2024 IOM was contacted by dozens of Ukrainians wanting to return to Ukraine, so we can expect that at least some of them returned by their own means.</p>
+	EMN NCP Finland	Yes	<p>1. Does your Member State promote voluntary return of BTP to Ukraine or a third-country? YES/NO.</p> <p>No, not to Ukraine. Voluntary return is supported to other third-countries where the person has right to reside in.</p> <p>2. If you answer YES to Q.1, does your Member State provides reintegration support (in-kind or cash assistance)? YES/NO. If yes, please explain.</p> <p>No, not to Ukraine. To other third-countries reintegration assistance is available, both cash and in-kind.</p>

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			<p>3. If you answer YES to Q2, does your Member State has an agreement with a third party (e.g. IOM) to provide the reintegration assistance to the individuals that are voluntary returning? YES/NO. If you answer YES, please indicate how the programme operates and with whom you have the agreement.</p> <p>No, not to Ukraine. To other third-countries our reintegration partner is either IOM or EURP provider.</p> <p>4. If you answer NO to Q2, does your Member State provides travel support for those who want to return voluntarily? YES/NO. If yes, please indicate which means of transportation are being use?</p> <p>No, not to Ukraine. For other third-countries normal travel support under national AVRR program is available.</p> <p>5. Are these programmes for return and/or reintegration to Ukraine financed with national budget or EU funds? If you answer EU funds, which with EU funding scheme are these programmes financed?</p> <p>N/A for Ukraine. Voluntary return to other third-countries is financed with national budget.</p> <p>6. Does your Member State have statistics on how many Ukrainian citizens have return voluntarily to Ukraine from your country during the last 12 month period (January to December 2024)? YES/NO. If Yes, please share the numbers (if you do not have an exact number please provide if possible an estimation).</p> <p>Voluntary return to Ukraine is not possible, so statistics are not available.</p>
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	EMN NCP France	Yes	<p>1. Does your Member State promote voluntary return of BTP to Ukraine or a third-country? YES/NO.</p> <p>YES</p> <p>2. If you answer YES to Q.1, does your Member State provides reintegration support (in-kind or cash assistance)? YES/NO. If yes, please explain.</p> <p>NO</p> <p>Beneficiaries of temporary protection cannot benefit from the return and/or reintegration assistance provided for by article L.711-2 of the Code governing the entry and residence of foreign nationals and the right of asylum (CESEDA) and distributed by the french office of immigration and integration (OFII), which is only aimed at foreign nationals in an irregular situation. Only dual nationalities holder wishing to return to their country of origin other than Ukraine are eligible for this assistance.</p> <p>3. If you answer YES to Q2, does your Member State has an agreement with a third party (e.g. IOM) to provide the reintegration assistance to the individuals that are voluntary returning? YES/NO. If you answer YES, please indicate how the programme operates and with whom you have the agreement.</p> <p>N/A</p>


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			<p>4. If you answer NO to Q2, does your Member State provides travel support for those who want to return voluntarily? YES/NO. If yes, please indicate which means of transportation are being use?</p> <p>YES</p> <p>In application of Article 21 of the Temporary Protection Directive, France has also taken measures to facilitate the voluntary return of people benefiting from temporary protection, such as the granting of free train tickets by the French national railway society (SNCF) to countries bordering France.</p> <p>In total, by February 2023, more than 42,000 free tickets had been granted by the SNCF since France introduced this aid.</p> <p>5. Are these programmes for return and/or reintegration to Ukraine financed with national budget or EU funds? If you answer EU funds, which with EU funding scheme are these programmes financed?</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>6. Does your Member State have statistics on how many Ukrainian citizens have return voluntarily to Ukraine from your country during the last 12 month period (January to December 2024)? YES/NO. If Yes, please share the numbers (if you do not have an exact number please provide if possible an estimation).</p> <p>With regard to people wishing to return to Ukraine, the interministerial seminar organised on 13 June 2023 at the initiative of the Minister for Solidarity suggested that between 10 and 15% of people would return to Ukraine in the summer of 2023. At 30 July 2023, of the 217,763 temporary residence permit issued, 115,121 were renewals (53%).</p>
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 EMN NCP Germany	Yes	<p>1. Does your Member State promote voluntary return of BTP to Ukraine or a third-country? YES/NO.</p> <p>Germany currently does not offer assisted voluntary return to Ukraine in the scope of the national programmes. However, Ukrainian nationals can voluntarily return to other third countries willing to receive them in the scope of the assisted voluntary return programme “REAG/GARP 2.0”, provided that the necessary conditions for permanent residence in the respective country are met. This possibility can be examined on a case-by-case basis during the return counselling and application process. [Note: With regard to the following questions, it has to be emphasised that Ukrainian nationals, who depart to other third countries as part of an assisted voluntary return, are treated like any other national travelling to that country during the process. The general procedure regarding the German programmes for the assistance of voluntary return is therefore not described hereinafter, as it can be assumed that this is not in the interest of this AHQ.]</p> <p>2. If you answer YES to Q.1, does your Member State provides reintegration support (in-kind or cash assistance)? YES/NO. If yes, please explain.</p> <p>Germany does not offer any reintegration assistance in case of voluntary return to Ukraine.</p> <p>3. If you answer YES to Q2, does your Member State has an agreement with a third party (e.g. IOM) to provide the reintegration assistance to the individuals that are voluntary returning? YES/NO. If you answer YES, please indicate how the programme operates and with whom you have the agreement.</p>

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			<p>n/a</p> <p>4. If you answer NO to Q2, does your Member State provides travel support for those who want to return voluntarily? YES/NO. If yes, please indicate which means of transportation are being use?</p> <p>See question 1. Germany does not offer assistance for voluntary return to the Ukraine</p> <p>5. Are these programmes for return and/or reintegration to Ukraine financed with national budget or EU funds? If you answer EU funds, which with EU funding scheme are these programmes financed?</p> <p>No</p> <p>6. Does your Member State have statistics on how many Ukrainian citizens have return voluntarily to Ukraine from your country during the last 12 month period (January to December 2024)? YES/NO. If Yes, please share the numbers (if you do not have an exact number please provide if possible an estimation).</p> <p>No</p>
	EMN NCP Greece	Yes	<p>1. Does your Member State promote voluntary return of BTP to Ukraine or a third-country? YES/NO.</p>


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			<p>NO. Please see answer to question 3.</p> <p>Moreover, beneficiaries of TP are allowed to travel to and from other EU Members States, within and outside Schengen Zone, and to third countries, including short-term visits to Ukraine, without their Greek TP residence permits losing their validity and without associated rights be affected, for this reason.</p> <p>Additionally, we inform you that Decision no. 13500/22-01-2025 of the Minister of Migration and Asylum (Online Publication Number: 9ΔΖ446ΜΔΨΟ-5Σ8) was recently issued on the extension of temporary protection residence permit and the relevant Ministerial Decision on implementation of temporary protection until the 4th of March 2026, following the Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/1836 of 25 June 2024, extending temporary protection as introduced by Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/382.</p> <p>[https://diavgeia.gov.gr/doc/9%CE%94%CE%96446%CE%9C%CE%94%CE%A8%CE%9F5%CE%A38?inline=true]</p> <p>2. If you answer YES to Q.1, does your Member State provides reintegration support (in-kind or cash assistance)? YES/NO. If yes, please explain.</p> <p>Reintegration support is provided via IOM (see also answer to Q3). It includes a one-time cash grant to address basic needs upon arrival, and personalized assistance (vocational training, job counseling and placement, legal and psychosocial support, business start-up support, small expenses coverage, temporary accommodation, medical support, and local development activities). IOM Greece, however, does not currently support returns to Ukraine through voluntary return programs.</p> <p>3. If you answer YES to Q2, does your Member State has an agreement with a third party (e.g. IOM) to provide the reintegration assistance to the individuals that are voluntary returning? YES/NO. If you answer YES, please indicate how the programme operates and with whom you have the agreement.</p> <p>The Ministry of Migration and Asylum cooperates with IOM for the implementation of assisted voluntary</p>
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			<p>returns and reintegration (AVRR) measures concerning third country nationals, including migrants in situations of vulnerability. IOM Greece, however, does not currently support returns to Ukraine through voluntary return programs.</p> <p>4. If you answer NO to Q2, does your Member State provides travel support for those who want to return voluntarily? YES/NO. If yes, please indicate which means of transportation are being use?</p> <p>Voluntary returns of third country nationals are conducted by air and are fully supported by IOM, that provides issuance of travel documents, air travel expenses towards the country of origin as well as of travel within that country if deemed necessary, and assistance during departure and arrival.</p> <p>5. Are these programmes for return and/or reintegration to Ukraine financed with national budget or EU funds? If you answer EU funds, which with EU funding scheme are these programmes financed?</p> <p>The IOM AVRR programs are co-funded by the EU through Home Affairs Funds (broad population), and by EEA Grants (migrants in situations of vulnerability).</p> <p>6. Does your Member State have statistics on how many Ukrainian citizens have return voluntarily to Ukraine from your country during the last 12 month period (January to December 2024)? YES/NO. If Yes, please share the numbers (if you do not have an exact number please provide if possible an estimation).</p> <p>According to data by the Hellenic Police, in the year 2024, there were one (1) forced and six (6) voluntary (voluntary departure in compliance with an obligation to return) returns of Ukrainian nationals to third countries or other countries.</p>
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	<p>EMN NCP Hungary</p>	<p align="center">Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your Member State promote voluntary return of BTP to Ukraine or a third-country? YES/NO.</p> <p>No.</p> <p>2. If you answer YES to Q.1, does your Member State provides reintegration support (in-kind or cash assistance)? YES/NO. If yes, please explain.</p> <p>No reintegration support is provided.</p> <p>3. If you answer YES to Q2, does your Member State has an agreement with a third party (e.g. IOM) to provide the reintegration assistance to the individuals that are voluntary returning? YES/NO. If you answer YES, please indicate how the programme operates and with whom you have the agreement.</p> <p>No</p> <p>4. If you answer NO to Q2, does your Member State provides travel support for those who want to return voluntarily? YES/NO. If yes, please indicate which means of transportation are being use?</p> <p>Yes.</p>


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			<p>Beneficiaries of temporary protection are entitled to free rail transportation (2nd class railway car) provided by the national railways (MÁV) on the whole territory of Hungary . This discount enable returnees to reach the border crossing point of Záhony-Чоп (Chop) at the Hungarian-Ukrainian border free of charge.</p> <p>5. Are these programmes for return and/or reintegration to Ukraine financed with national budget or EU funds? If you answer EU funds, which with EU funding scheme are these programmes financed?</p> <p>From the national budget.</p> <p>6. Does your Member State have statistics on how many Ukrainian citizens have return voluntarily to Ukraine from your country during the last 12 month period (January to December 2024)? YES/NO. If Yes, please share the numbers (if you do not have an exact number please provide if possible an estimation).</p> <p>No such data is available. The traffic at Hungarian-Ukrainian border includes a significant number of daily commuters.</p>
	EMN NCP Ireland	Yes	<p>1. Does your Member State promote voluntary return of BTP to Ukraine or a third-country? YES/NO.</p> <p>No. Voluntary returns are provided for under Article 21 of the Temporary Protection Directive. However, as the Directive remains activated, and the war in Ukraine persists, Ireland is not considering voluntary returns to Ukraine at this time. The position on supported voluntary returns will be kept under review so that the necessary provisions are in place when the conditions allow.[1]</p>

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			<p>[1] Correspondence with Department of Justice, 24 January 2025.</p> <p>2. If you answer YES to Q.1, does your Member State provides reintegration support (in-kind or cash assistance)? YES/NO. If yes, please explain.</p> <p>N/A.</p> <p>3. If you answer YES to Q2, does your Member State has an agreement with a third party (e.g. IOM) to provide the reintegration assistance to the individuals that are voluntary returning? YES/NO. If you answer YES, please indicate how the programme operates and with whom you have the agreement.</p> <p>N/A. Only international protection applicants can avail of the IOM's voluntary return scheme.[1]</p> <p>[1] IOM. 'What is voluntary return', https://ireland.iom.int/what-voluntary-return, last accessed on 23 January 2025.</p> <p>4. If you answer NO to Q2, does your Member State provides travel support for those who want to return voluntarily? YES/NO. If yes, please indicate which means of transportation are being use?</p> <p>No.</p>
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			<p>5. Are these programmes for return and/or reintegration to Ukraine financed with national budget or EU funds? If you answer EU funds, which with EU funding scheme are these programmes financed?</p> <p>N/A.</p> <p>6. Does your Member State have statistics on how many Ukrainian citizens have return voluntarily to Ukraine from your country during the last 12 month period (January to December 2024)? YES/NO. If Yes, please share the numbers (if you do not have an exact number please provide if possible an estimation).</p> <p>No, this data is not recorded.</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Italy</p>	<p align="center">Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your Member State promote voluntary return of BTP to Ukraine or a third-country? YES/NO.</p> <p>No. According to internal instructions from IOM headquarters - the organization implementing the AVR&R project in Italy - returns to Ukraine are currently suspended due to security issues. As previously mentioned, since the AVR&R project with IOM began on January 2, 2024, we have received only three information requests from Ukrainian citizens, none of which have been successful.</p> <p>2. If you answer YES to Q.1, does your Member State provides reintegration support (in-kind or cash assistance)? YES/NO. If yes, please explain.</p>


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			N/A
			3. If you answer YES to Q2, does your Member State has an agreement with a third party (e.g. IOM) to provide the reintegration assistance to the individuals that are voluntary returning? YES/NO. If you answer YES, please indicate how the programme operates and with whom you have the agreement.
			N/A
			4. If you answer NO to Q2, does your Member State provides travel support for those who want to return voluntarily? YES/NO. If yes, please indicate which means of transportation are being use?
			N/A
			5. Are these programmes for return and/or reintegration to Ukraine financed with national budget or EU funds? If you answer EU funds, which with EU funding scheme are these programmes financed?
			N/A
			6. Does your Member State have statistics on how many Ukrainian citizens have return voluntarily to Ukraine from your country during the last 12 month period (January to December 2024)? YES/NO. If Yes, please share the numbers (if you do not have an exact number please provide if possible an estimation).

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			N/A
 EMN NCP Latvia	Yes	<p>1. Does your Member State promote voluntary return of BTP to Ukraine or a third-country? YES/NO. No, although voluntary returns to other third-countries are provided through IOM projects.</p> <p>2. If you answer YES to Q.1, does your Member State provides reintegration support (in-kind or cash assistance)? YES/NO. If yes, please explain. N/a</p> <p>3. If you answer YES to Q2, does your Member State has an agreement with a third party (e.g. IOM) to provide the reintegration assistance to the individuals that are voluntary returning? YES/NO. If you answer YES, please indicate how the programme operates and with whom you have the agreement. N/a</p> <p>4. If you answer NO to Q2, does your Member State provides travel support for those who want to return voluntarily? YES/NO. If yes, please indicate which means of transportation are being use?</p>	


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			<p>N/a</p> <p>5. Are these programmes for return and/or reintegration to Ukraine financed with national budget or EU funds? If you answer EU funds, which with EU funding scheme are these programmes financed?</p> <p>N/a</p> <p>6. Does your Member State have statistics on how many Ukrainian citizens have return voluntarily to Ukraine from your country during the last 12 month period (January to December 2024)? YES/NO. If Yes, please share the numbers (if you do not have an exact number please provide if possible an estimation).</p> <p>No data available</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Lithuania</p>	<p align="center">Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your Member State promote voluntary return of BTP to Ukraine or a third-country? YES/NO.</p> <p>No.</p> <p>2. If you answer YES to Q.1, does your Member State provides reintegration support (in-kind or cash assistance)? YES/NO. If yes, please explain.</p>

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			<p>N/A</p> <p>3. If you answer YES to Q2, does your Member State has an agreement with a third party (e.g. IOM) to provide the reintegration assistance to the individuals that are voluntary returning? YES/NO. If you answer YES, please indicate how the programme operates and with whom you have the agreement.</p> <p>The International Organization for Migration (IOM) Vilnius Office implements the project "Assistance for Voluntary Return and Reintegration in the Country of Origin 2023-2026", which is co-financed by the European Union and will be carried out until 30 December 2026. However, due to the security reasons in Ukraine, IOM has suspended all assisted voluntary returns to Ukraine.</p> <p>4. If you answer NO to Q2, does your Member State provides travel support for those who want to return voluntarily? YES/NO. If yes, please indicate which means of transportation are being use?</p> <p>No</p> <p>5. Are these programmes for return and/or reintegration to Ukraine financed with national budget or EU funds? If you answer EU funds, which with EU funding scheme are these programmes financed?</p> <p>N/A</p>
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			<p>6. Does your Member State have statistics on how many Ukrainian citizens have return voluntarily to Ukraine from your country during the last 12 month period (January to December 2024)? YES/NO. If Yes, please share the numbers (if you do not have an exact number please provide if possible an estimation).</p> <p>According to information provided by the State Border Guard Service, in 2024, the State Border Guard Service implemented 14 enforced return decisions and issued 2 voluntary return decisions for Ukrainian citizens.</p> <p>No statistics is available on the number of Ukrainian citizens who returned to Ukraine during the last 12 month period. Available data indicates that the number of beneficiaries of temporary protection in Lithuania may be decreasing. However, it is unclear whether they are returning to Ukraine or relocating to other EU countries. More detailed data will likely become available after March 4, 2025, when the digital temporary residence permits issued to beneficiaries of temporary protection expire and need to be replaced.</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Luxembourg</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your Member State promote voluntary return of BTP to Ukraine or a third-country? YES/NO.</p> <p>No. Luxembourg does not promote the return of Ukrainians to Ukraine as it is a country at war.</p> <p>2. If you answer YES to Q.1, does your Member State provides reintegration support (in-kind or cash assistance)? YES/NO. If yes, please explain.</p> <p>N/A.</p>

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			<p>3. If you answer YES to Q2, does your Member State has an agreement with a third party (e.g. IOM) to provide the reintegration assistance to the individuals that are voluntary returning? YES/NO. If you answer YES, please indicate how the programme operates and with whom you have the agreement.</p> <p>N/A.</p> <p>4. If you answer NO to Q2, does your Member State provides travel support for those who want to return voluntarily? YES/NO. If yes, please indicate which means of transportation are being use?</p> <p>NO:</p> <p>5. Are these programmes for return and/or reintegration to Ukraine financed with national budget or EU funds? If you answer EU funds, which with EU funding scheme are these programmes financed?</p> <p>N/A.</p> <p>6. Does your Member State have statistics on how many Ukrainian citizens have return voluntarily to Ukraine from your country during the last 12 month period (January to December 2024)? YES/NO. If Yes, please share the numbers (if you do not have an exact number please provide if possible an estimation).</p> <p>No there is no information on how many Ukrainians have returned to Ukraine. Luxembourg only has statistics regarding the Ukrainians who have left Luxembourg and have renounced to the temporary protection.</p>
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	<p>EMN NCP Netherlands</p>	<p align="center">Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your Member State promote voluntary return of BTP to Ukraine or a third-country? YES/NO.</p> <p>Yes, if promoting is understood as support in returning to Ukraine or a third country, the Netherlands promotes the voluntary return of BTPs. The Repatriation and Departure Service (Dienst Terugkeer en Vertrek, DT&V) of the Netherlands provides assistance to beneficiaries of temporary protection who wish to return to Ukraine and need support in organizing their return.[1]</p> <p>If assistance means actively encouraging citizens to return to Ukraine or a third country, the answer to this question is no.</p> <p>[1] Repatriation and Departure Service (DT&V), " Assistance for those returning to Ukraine", Assistance for those returning to Ukraine / Допомога з поверненням в Україну News item Repatriation and Departure Service: last accessed 23 January 2025.</p> <p>2. If you answer YES to Q.1, does your Member State provides reintegration support (in-kind or cash assistance)? YES/NO. If yes, please explain.</p> <p>No.</p> <p>Although Ukrainian citizens receive assistance in returning to their country, there is no specific program for the reintegration of Ukrainian citizens.[1]</p> <p>[1] Information provided by Repatriation and Departure Service on 30 January 2025.</p>

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3. If you answer YES to Q2, does your Member State has an agreement with a third party (e.g. IOM) to provide the reintegration assistance to the individuals that are voluntary returning? YES/NO. If you answer YES, please indicate how the programme operates and with whom you have the agreement.

Regarding the matter of the return of Ukrainians, there is no agreements with a third party.


4. If you answer NO to Q2, does your Member State provides travel support for those who want to return voluntarily? YES/NO. If yes, please indicate which means of transportation are being use?

Yes.

The Repatriation and Departure Service (Dienst Terugkeer en Vertrek, DT&V) offers personalized service that seeks as much as possible to find answers to specific needs; for example, if people do not have the money to book a ticket, do not have the right travel documents, are disabled or are travelling with pets. In specific cases the DT&V can book a one-way flight to Poland, specifically Warsaw or Krakow for which a valid travel document is needed. From there people can travel onwards to Ukraine, if needed, this journey can be paid by the DT&V.[1]

[1] Repatriation and Departure Service (DT&V), " Assistance for those returning to Ukraine", Assistance for those returning to Ukraine / Допомога з поверненням в Україну | News item | Repatriation and Departure Service: last accessed 23 January 2025.


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			<p>5. Are these programmes for return and/or reintegration to Ukraine financed with national budget or EU funds? If you answer EU funds, which with EU funding scheme are these programmes financed?</p> <p>The return programs are financed with national budget.[1]</p> <p>[1] Information provided by the Repatriation and Departure Service on 30 January 2025.</p> <p>6. Does your Member State have statistics on how many Ukrainian citizens have return voluntarily to Ukraine from your country during the last 12 month period (January to December 2024)? YES/NO. If Yes, please share the numbers (if you do not have an exact number please provide if possible an estimation).</p> <p>35 Ukrainian citizen did return voluntarily from the Netherlands during the last 12 months.[1]</p> <p>[1] Information provided by the Repatriation and Departure Service on 30 January 2025.</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Portugal</p>	<p align="center">Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your Member State promote voluntary return of BTP to Ukraine or a third-country? YES/NO.</p> <p>NO.</p> <p>2. If you answer YES to Q.1, does your Member State provides reintegration support (in-kind or cash</p>

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			<p>assistance)? YES/NO. If yes, please explain.</p> <p>---</p> <p>3. If you answer YES to Q2, does your Member State has an agreement with a third party (e.g. IOM) to provide the reintegration assistance to the individuals that are voluntary returning? YES/NO. If you answer YES, please indicate how the programme operates and with whom you have the agreement.</p> <p>---</p> <p>4. If you answer NO to Q2, does your Member State provides travel support for those who want to return voluntarily? YES/NO. If yes, please indicate which means of transportation are being use?</p> <p>NO.</p> <p>5. Are these programmes for return and/or reintegration to Ukraine financed with national budget or EU funds? If you answer EU funds, which with EU funding scheme are these programmes financed?</p> <p>---</p> <p>6. Does your Member State have statistics on how many Ukrainian citizens have return voluntarily to Ukraine from your country during the last 12 month period (January to December 2024)? YES/NO. If Yes,</p>
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			<p>please share the numbers (if you do not have an exact number please provide if possible an estimation).</p> <p>We do not have clear statistics on voluntary return of Ukrainian citizens BTP.</p> <p>The request for cancelation of Temporary Protection by these beneficiaries may be considered as a possible indicator of voluntary return, but with two main shortcoming taking into consideration the question.</p> <p>During the reporting period were registered 1658 of such requests, remaining, however, unclear in what proportion this value reflects effective voluntary returns to Ukraine. Furthermore, it is not possible to disaggregate this number by nationality and Temporary Protection also applies to third-country nationals who lived in Ukraine and, because of the armed conflict, were forced to leave the country.</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Slovakia</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your Member State promote voluntary return of BTP to Ukraine or a third-country? YES/NO.</p> <p>Yes. In terms of the Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) programme, which has been implemented in the Slovak Republic by IOM for a long time, third-country nationals entering the territory of the Slovak Republic from Ukraine were also included in the target group of the programme in April 2022.</p> <p>2. If you answer YES to Q.1, does your Member State provides reintegration support (in-kind or cash assistance)? YES/NO. If yes, please explain.</p> <p>Yes, it is provided by Frontex and IOM.</p> <p>3. If you answer YES to Q2, does your Member State has an agreement with a third party (e.g. IOM) to</p>


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			<p>provide the reintegration assistance to the individuals that are voluntary returning? YES/NO. If you answer YES, please indicate how the programme operates and with whom you have the agreement.</p> <p>Yes, with IOM within IOM AVRR programme.</p> <p>4. If you answer NO to Q2, does your Member State provides travel support for those who want to return voluntarily? YES/NO. If yes, please indicate which means of transportation are being use?</p> <p>NA</p> <p>5. Are these programmes for return and/or reintegration to Ukraine financed with national budget or EU funds? If you answer EU funds, which with EU funding scheme are these programmes financed?</p> <p>The Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration programme, which has been implemented in the Slovak Republic for a long time by IOM, is financed from AMIF 75% and from the Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic 25%. However, as a result of the ongoing war, assisted voluntary returns of Ukrainian citizens by IOM have not been implemented.</p> <p>6. Does your Member State have statistics on how many Ukrainian citizens have return voluntarily to Ukraine from your country during the last 12 month period (January to December 2024)? YES/NO. If Yes, please share the numbers (if you do not have an exact number please provide if possible an estimation).</p> <p>In the last two years (2023 and 2024), there have been no assisted voluntary returns of Ukrainian nationals. The reason is that Ukrainian nationals (even beneficiaries of temporary protection) can leave the Slovak</p>
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			<p>Republic to Ukraine and then return to the Slovak Republic. The Slovak Republic does not keep statistics on beneficiaries of temporary protection who leave Slovakia to Ukraine and return back.</p> <p>In 2023, one return of a citizen of the Russian Federation from the Slovak Republic to the territory of the Russian Federation, who came to Slovakia from Ukraine, was carried out as part of the AVRRO programme.</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Slovenia</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your Member State promote voluntary return of BTP to Ukraine or a third-country? YES/NO.</p> <p>No.</p> <p>2. If you answer YES to Q.1, does your Member State provides reintegration support (in-kind or cash assistance)? YES/NO. If yes, please explain.</p> <p>No.</p> <p>As per Article 44 of the Temporary protection of displaced persons Act, the Government Office for the support and integration of migrants has to propose relevant measures necessary to facilitate voluntary return of persons with temporary protection to the Government. The Government Office is currently undergoing the process of developing such measures.</p> <p>3. If you answer YES to Q2, does your Member State has an agreement with a third party (e.g. IOM) to provide the reintegration assistance to the individuals that are voluntary returning? YES/NO. If you answer YES, please indicate how the programme operates and with whom you have the agreement.</p>


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			<p>N/A</p> <p>4. If you answer NO to Q2, does your Member State provides travel support for those who want to return voluntarily? YES/NO. If yes, please indicate which means of transportation are being use?</p> <p>No.</p> <p>5. Are these programmes for return and/or reintegration to Ukraine financed with national budget or EU funds? If you answer EU funds, which with EU funding scheme are these programmes financed?</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>6. Does your Member State have statistics on how many Ukrainian citizens have return voluntarily to Ukraine from your country during the last 12 month period (January to December 2024)? YES/NO. If Yes, please share the numbers (if you do not have an exact number please provide if possible an estimation).</p> <p>No.</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Spain</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your Member State promote voluntary return of BTP to Ukraine or a third-country? YES/NO.</p>

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			<p>NO. Voluntary return can only take place to geographical areas considered safe for the returnee. For this reason, since February 24, 2022, no voluntary return to Ukraine has been made.</p> <p>2. If you answer YES to Q.1, does your Member State provides reintegration support (in-kind or cash assistance)? YES/NO. If yes, please explain.</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>3. If you answer YES to Q2, does your Member State has an agreement with a third party (e.g. IOM) to provide the reintegration assistance to the individuals that are voluntary returning? YES/NO. If you answer YES, please indicate how the programme operates and with whom you have the agreement.</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>4. If you answer NO to Q2, does your Member State provides travel support for those who want to return voluntarily? YES/NO. If yes, please indicate which means of transportation are being use?</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>5. Are these programmes for return and/or reintegration to Ukraine financed with national budget or EU</p>
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			<p>funds? If you answer EU funds, which with EU funding scheme are these programmes financed?</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>6. Does your Member State have statistics on how many Ukrainian citizens have return voluntarily to Ukraine from your country during the last 12 month period (January to December 2024)? YES/NO. If Yes, please share the numbers (if you do not have an exact number please provide if possible an estimation).</p> <p>N/A</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Sweden</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your Member State promote voluntary return of BTP to Ukraine or a third-country? YES/NO.</p> <p>No.</p> <p>2. If you answer YES to Q.1, does your Member State provides reintegration support (in-kind or cash assistance)? YES/NO. If yes, please explain.</p> <p>3. If you answer YES to Q2, does your Member State has an agreement with a third party (e.g. IOM) to provide the reintegration assistance to the individuals that are voluntary returning? YES/NO. If you answer</p>

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			<p>YES, please indicate how the programme operates and with whom you have the agreement.</p> <p>4. If you answer NO to Q2, does your Member State provides travel support for those who want to return voluntarily? YES/NO. If yes, please indicate which means of transportation are being use?</p> <p>No.</p> <p>5. Are these programmes for return and/or reintegration to Ukraine financed with national budget or EU funds? If you answer EU funds, which with EU funding scheme are these programmes financed?</p> <p>6. Does your Member State have statistics on how many Ukrainian citizens have return voluntarily to Ukraine from your country during the last 12 month period (January to December 2024)? YES/NO. If Yes, please share the numbers (if you do not have an exact number please provide if possible an estimation).</p> <p>A total number of 1 519 has returned voluntarily to Ukraine from Sweden in 2024. Number of voluntary returns after an expulsion decision were issued: 55 Number of voluntary returns in cases where no expulsion decision were issued 1 452 Voluntary return after the statutory limitation period, and the expulsion decision no longer applies 12</p> <p>All persons have traveled at their own discretion. The Swedish Migration Agency has not assisted in the travels.</p>
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