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Developments in the field of irregular migration and return

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Communication on the Employers Sanctions Directive

- *On the practical application of the Directive and the necessary actions to strengthen it:*
 - sanctions against employers;
 - measures to protect the rights of irregular migrants, and;
 - inspections

A renewed EU action plan against migrant smuggling (2021-2025)

- *reinforced cooperation with partner countries and international organisations, including through Anti-Smuggling Operational Partnerships*
- *implementing legal frameworks and sanctioning smugglers active within and outside the EU*
- *preventing exploitation and ensuring the protection of migrants*

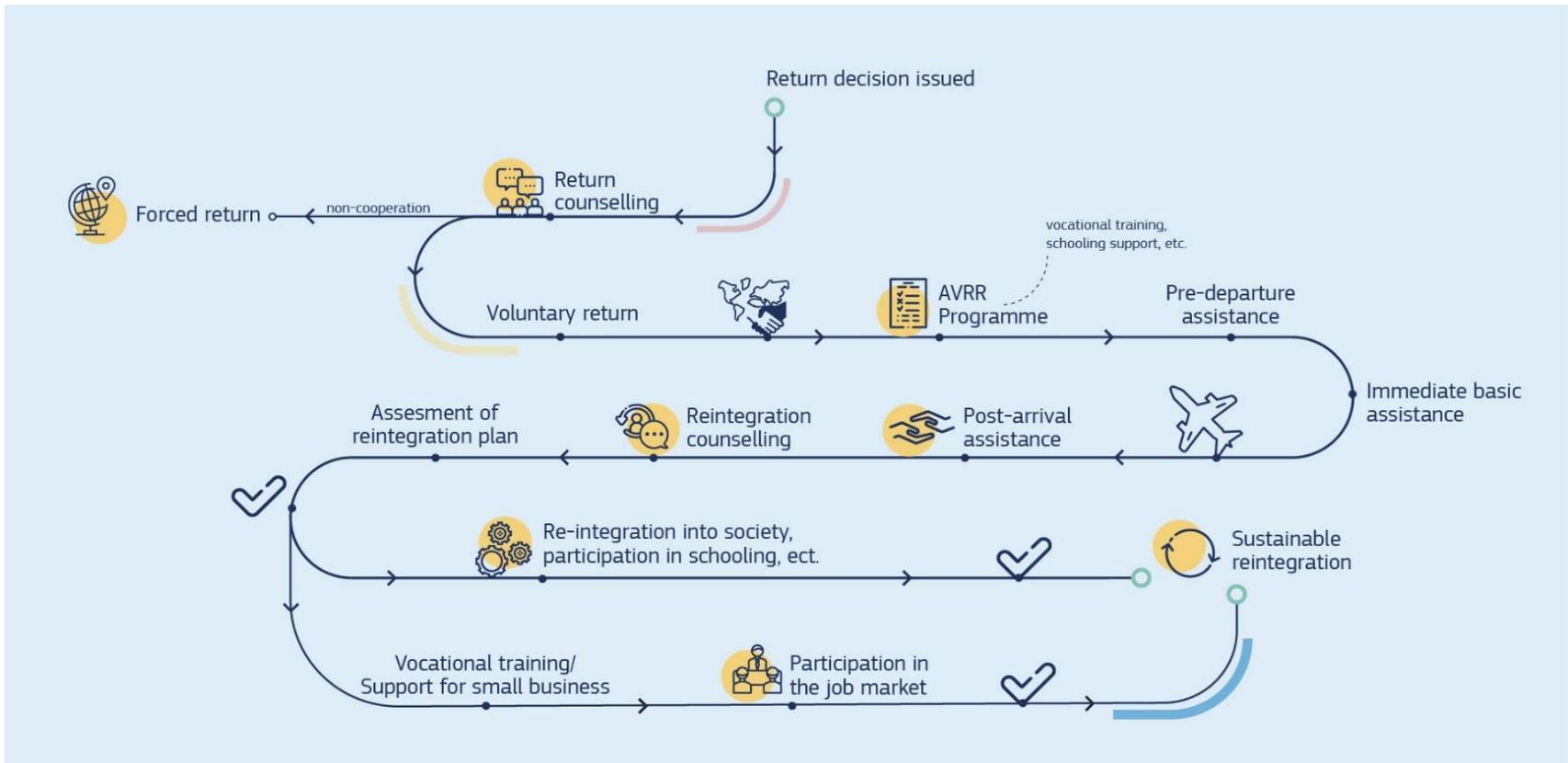
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- *reinforcing cooperation and supporting the work of law enforcement and the judiciary to respond to new challenge*
- *improving the knowledge on smugglers' organisation and ways of work*

The EU strategy on voluntary return and reintegration

- *The challenges and pillars addressing them*
- *The specific role of the European Migration Network Return Expert Group (EMN-REG):*
 - Return Counselling
 - Reintegration Assistance Tool (RIAT)

The procedure



EU Strategy on voluntary return and reintegration

- Value of voluntary returns and of sustainable reintegration recognised at EU level
- Essential element of new ecosystem on returns
- More uniform and coordinated approach among Member States to unlock full potential
- Built on achievements and replies to commonly identified challenges

Challenges to address

- Fragmentation of approaches
- Insufficient data collection
- Lack of coherent framework on counselling and referral
- Insufficient coordination among stakeholders
- Lack of sustainability, ownership, capacity in third countries
- Insufficient funding

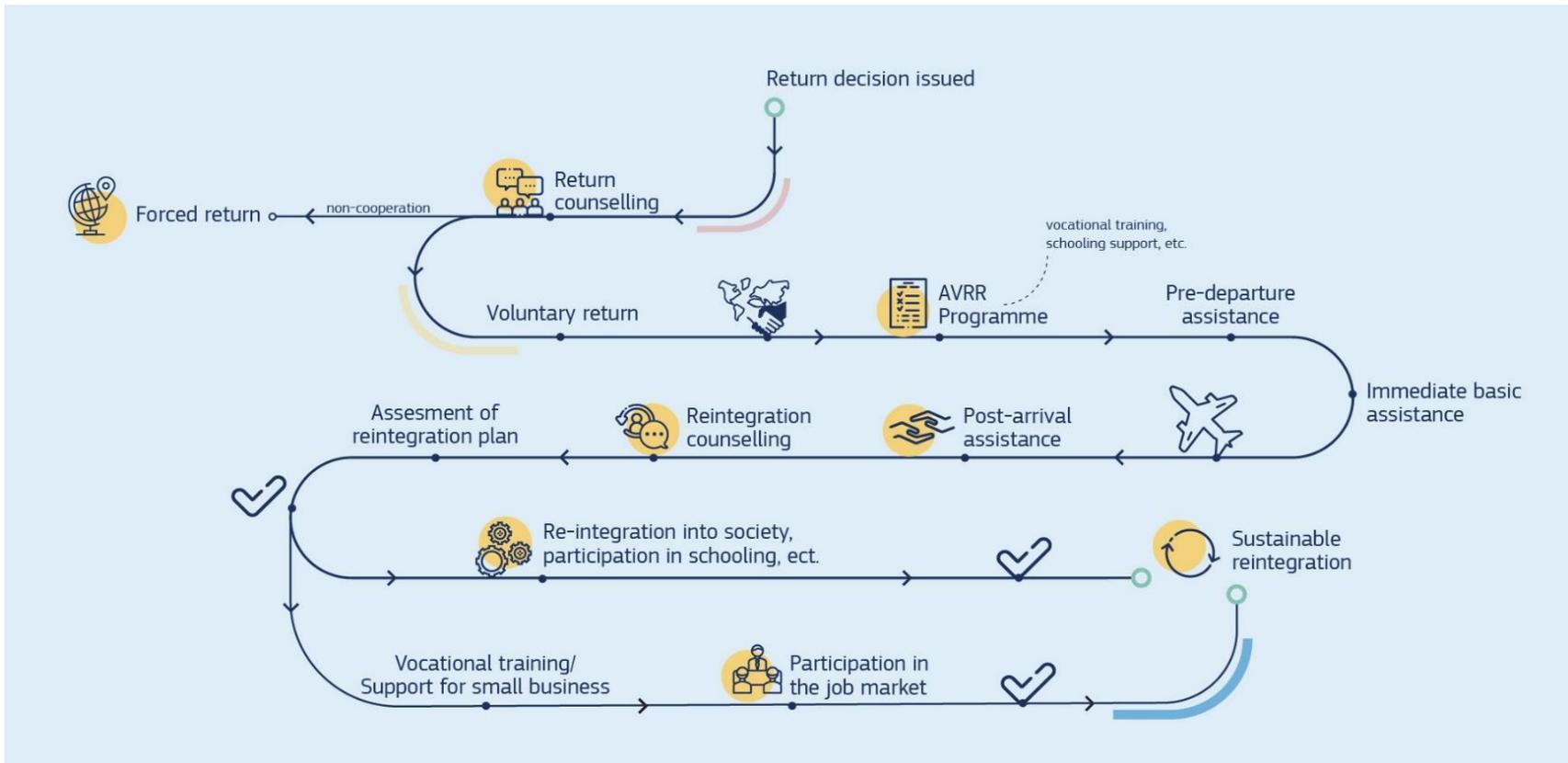


EU Strategy on voluntary return and reintegration

Seven pillars

1. A more effective **legal and operational** framework
2. Effective **coordination** between all stakeholders
3. Supporting voluntary return and reintegration of migrants **from and between third countries**
4. Effective return **counselling and referral**
5. Ensuring **quality of support**
6. Fostering **sustainability** of reintegration support and **ownership** of partner countries and
7. **Funding** for voluntary return and reintegration

Return counselling at the core

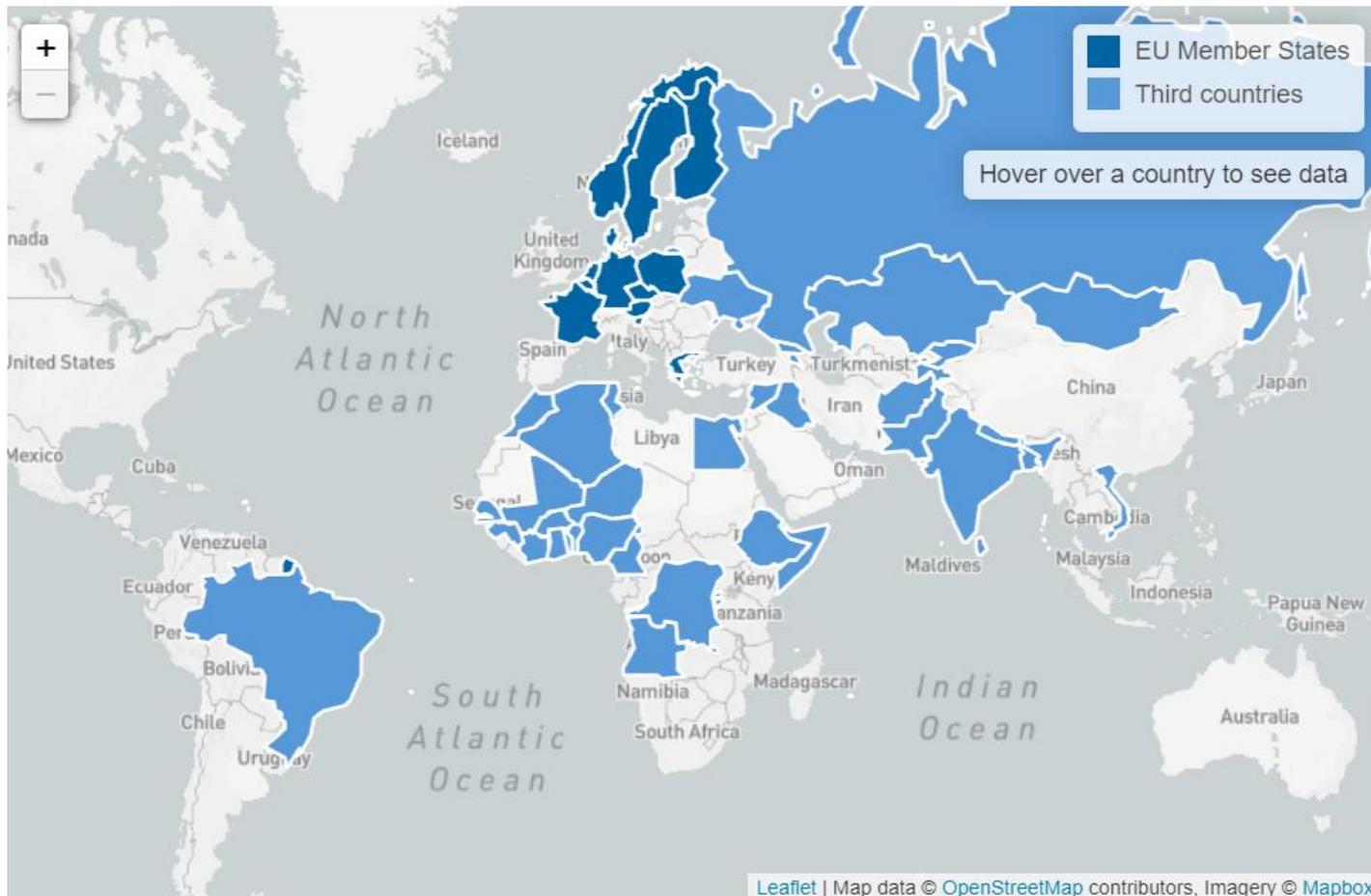


What is RIAT?

- The Reintegration Assistance Tool (RIAT) has a dual function:
 - It is communication tool that facilitates communication on individual return and reintegration cases between return counsellors in Member States and reintegration partners in third countries, all in a secure digital environment
 - It is a data-collection tool that collects quantitative and qualitative data on the return and reintegration process

RIAT thereby eases the return and reintegration process and through enhanced evaluation and learning will improve the EU's overall reintegration efforts.

RIAT coverage today





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European Migration Network Information Exchange System - Reintegration Assistance Tool

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Exclude closed cases

Cases

Clear All

Include closed cases

Persons

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PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

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Family Distribution

Reintegration Flows

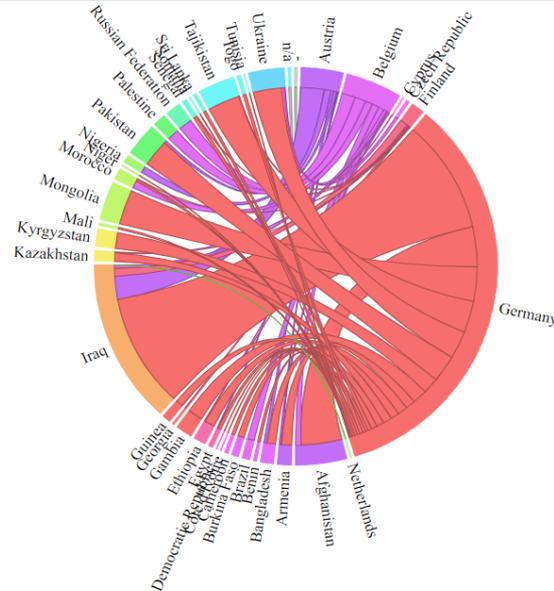
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Member State
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Region of Return
Antarctica
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Central Asia
Eastern Asia incl. Asean

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Country of Return
Afghanistan
Aland Islands
Albania
Algeria
American Samoa

Person reintegration flows



EU Country	Countries of Return	Cases	Persons
Austria	Armenia	2	3
Austria	Bangladesh	4	7
Austria	Egypt	2	2
Austria	Iraq	44	54
Austria	Nigeria	13	13
Austria	Pakistan	5	5
Belgium	Afghanistan	13	13
Belgium	Armenia	1	1
Belgium	Brazil	8	16
Belgium	Ethiopia	1	1
Belgium	Iraq	6	6
Belgium	Kazakhstan	1	1
Belgium	Morocco	13	14
Belgium	Palestine	16	19
Belgium	Russian Federation	17	30
Belgium	Ukraine	2	2
Cyprus	Ukraine	1	1
Czech Republic	Ukraine	5	6
Finland	Ethiopia	1	1
Finland	Georgia	1	3
Total		823	1062



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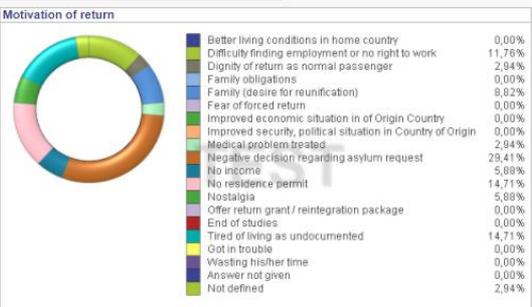
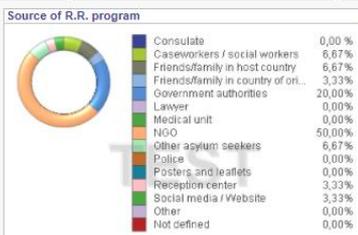
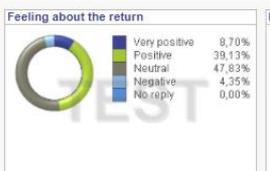
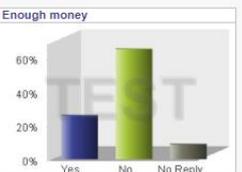
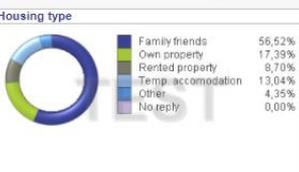
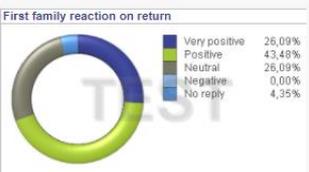
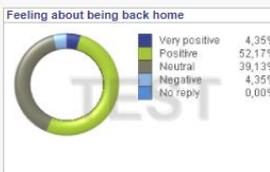
EU States
Austria
Belgium
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Finland

Countries of Returns
Afghanistan
Armenia
Bangladesh
Benin
Brazil
Burkina Faso
Cameroon
Côte d'Ivoire
Democratic Republic of the Congo

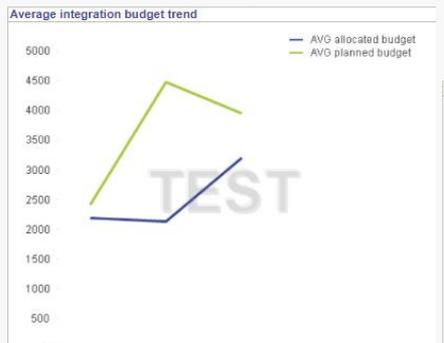
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Cases to include: Only Not validated

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AVG allocated budget € 2.235,29 | AVG planned budget € 2.558,16





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Open Cases KM1	Persons KM1	Open Cases KM2	Persons KM2	Open Cases KM3	Persons KM3	Total (KM1 - KM2 - KM3)
65	90	426	527	332	447	Cases: 823 - Persons: 1064

Status KM1	Cases	Persons	Status KM2	Cases	Persons	Status KM3	Cases	Persons
Case Registration	16	19	Open in KM2	223	283	Open in KM3 - Case assigned to Focal Point	248	315
Case Registration (assigned)	1	3	Open in KM2 - Case assigned to Focal Point	127	147	Open in KM3 - Case assigned to Counsellor	0	0
Validation request to Internal Control	16	27	Open in KM2 - Case assigned to Counsellor	0	0	Validation request to Focal Point in KM3	0	0
Validation request to Coordinator	0	0	Confirmation of departure requested	1	1	Validation request to Coordinator in KM3	4	8
Awaiting receipt confirmation by IP	23	31	Open in KM2 - Case assigned to Focal Point (returnee arrived)	68	87	Awaiting Validation of PMO	58	96
Awaiting validation of PMO in KM1	0	0	Open in KM2 - Case assigned to Counsellor (returnee arrived)	0	0	Rejected in KM3 - Request for clarification	0	0
Confirmed Reception & Awaiting validation by IP	8	9	Never arrived - awaiting validation	0	0			
Rejected in KM1 - Request for clarification	1	1	Validation request to Focal Point in KM2	0	0			
	65	90	Validation request to Coordinator in KM2	4	4			
			Awaiting validation of PMO in KM2	0	0			
			Awaiting EPI validation of not-participating returnee	2	2			
			Rejected in KM2 - Request for clarification	1	1			
				426	525			

% Caseload KM1 7,9%

% Caseload KM2 51,8%

% Caseload KM3 40,3%

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