



EMN Ad-Hoc Query on COM REG AHQ on Means to incentivise (voluntary) returns of irregular staying third-country nationals

Requested by Salvatore SOFIA on 14th December 2016

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Responses from Austria, Belgium, Blocked / Unknown, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Norway (23 in total)

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Background information:

During the 12th EMN REG meeting held on 16th - 17th November 2016, the EMN Service Provider presented the initial results of AHQ No. 2016/1100 on migration information and awareness-raising campaigns in countries of origin and transit, launched by the European Commission on 23rd September 2016. The main result was that only a few (Member) States had implemented "in-land" information and awareness raising campaign targeting irregular migrants present on the territory of a Member State and asylum seekers with the aim of increasing (assisted voluntary) departures.

During the following discussion, some REG members shared their experiences with national campaigns and policies aiming to encourage the (voluntary) return of irregular staying third-country nationals. The Commission expressed the need to collect from the REG members more detailed information related to national experiences, policies and practices that have been successful in increasing the take up of returns. It is important to provide information on the approaches (Member) States have used to encourage (voluntary) return in order to identify good practices across Member States and improve return rates, which continue to be low at EU level. It should be investigated whether positive and negative incentives could be effective in making (voluntary) return an attractive option. In particular, the Commission is keen to investigate any factor playing a role in people taking up (voluntary) return, including anecdotes explaining the impact of incentives to return in practice.

Against this background, the European Commission would like to launch the present Ad-Hoc Query to collect more information on (Member) States' policies, practices, and initiatives to incentivise (voluntary) return of irregularly staying third-country nationals. The result of this Ad-Hoc Query will be used to produce an Inform, together with the information collected through AHQ No. 2016/1100 on migration information and awareness raising campaigns in countries of origin and transit and other relevant EMN products.












The first findings of the Inform will be discussed during the next REG Meeting scheduled to take place on 2nd and 3rd February 2017.












Questions

1. This Ad-Hoc Query consists of several questions with tables to compile. Please download the attached word document, insert the data in the respective table and upload your reply as 'supporting document'.

Responses

	Country	Wider Dissemination	Response
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	Austria	No	
	Belgium	Yes	1. Please see the document attached.
	Blocked / Unknown	Yes	1. -
	Croatia	Yes	1. Please see attached.
	Cyprus	Yes	1. Please see attached
	Czech Republic	Yes	1. See the file attached.
	Estonia	Yes	1. The filled questionnaire is attached
	Finland	Yes	1. -
	France	No	
	Germany	Yes	1. Please see reply in the attached document.
	Ireland	Yes	1. Please see Table attached.
	Italy	Yes	1. Please, find attached the Italian reply to the AHQ

	Latvia	Yes	1. See the attached document
	Lithuania	Yes	1. Supporting document attached.
	Luxembourg	Yes	1. See attached document.
	Malta	Yes	1. Uploaded
	Netherlands	Yes	1. The NL contribution is attached as supporting document.
	Slovak Republic	Yes	1. Please see the document attached.
	Slovenia	Yes	1. supporting document
	Sweden	Yes	1. Please see the supporting document.
	Switzerland	Yes	1. Supporting document
	United Kingdom	Yes	1. Please see attached
	Norway	Yes	1. Response is attached