



EMN Ad-Hoc Query on Ad-Hoc Query on European return and reintegration programmes for nationals of Western Balkan countries

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Return

Responses from Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, Norway (22 in total)

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Background information:



In view of the considerable influx of nationals from the Western Balkan countries into EU-Member States, a better understanding of European return and reintegration programmes would enable us to obtain a better overview of the situation. In the context of a review of our national framework, this would be very useful in order to avoid a counterproductive effect on all EU Member States.



Questions



1. Regarding the non-EU Member States which are, geographically speaking, on the European continent (Moldova, Albania, Serbia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Kosovo and Montenegro):
 1. Do you provide an assistance to third-country nationals who return to their country of origin? If yes, please describe the nature, the amount and the target group?
2.
 2. Do you provide a reintegration support? If yes, please specify: (a) What type of assistance? (social, employment, entrepreneurship? If other, please specify) (b) What amount? (c) For which target group?
3.
 3. Please provide some figures on return and reintegration programmes for 2016?



Responses


	Country	Wider Dissemination	Response
	Austria	Yes	1. In general, third-country nationals of those countries receive assistance for voluntary return in their country of origin. In that case, the Federal Office for Immigration and Asylum covers the costs of the flight and costs incurred for the acquisition of a return travel certificate. Additionally, returnees receive financial assistance before their departure, which is intended to cover their needs during travel. The amount of the assistance depends on the status of the proceedings and on the country of origin. While most of the voluntary returnees receive up to EUR 370, the assistance for returnees from the Balkans amounts to EUR 50. Due to the small geographical distance, there is a potential pull-factor with regard to these countries. Source: Federal Ministry of the Interior.

			<p>2. For the above-mentioned reason of a potential pull-factor, there is no reintegration assistance for those countries. Source: Federal Ministry of the Interior.</p> <p>3. In this respect, no information can be provided. Source: Federal Ministry of the Interior.</p>
	Belgium	Yes	<p>1. Yes. Belgium provides assistance to all illegally staying third-country nationals who wish to return. It includes assistance in the organization of the return and the travel costs.</p> <p>2. Yes. In collaboration with IOM and Caritas International Belgium a project has been started in June 2016. The project includes counselling to people who voluntarily return to countries in the Western Balkans. After return, the local IOM office provides assistance in dealing with administrative obligations (for example registration at civil registry). And this in order for returnees to get (once again) access to available local facilities (health care, education, social housing projects, employment services, ...). Unlike in the case of the regular voluntary return program, returnees in the above-mentioned project do not directly receive in cash / in kind support for housing, establishing micro-initiatives, ... Instead people who voluntarily return to the Western Balkans are given a specific guidance and referral to get access to already existing social services in their country of origin. If necessary the local IOM office takes charge of administrative costs, photos, translating of documents, ... Vulnerable persons who are facing specific difficulties (pregnant women, people with health problems, victims of trafficking, UAMs, ...) still have access to additional in-kind assistance (e.g. medical treatment, etc.). This project is quite new and still at implementation stage. So it's too early to draw conclusions regarding the impact and results of this project.</p> <p>3. Please see the attached file. Sources: the answers to this query are based on information provided by the Belgian Federal Agency for the Reception of Asylum Seekers (Fedasil) and the Belgian Immigration Office.</p>
	Bulgaria	Yes	<p>1. IOM Bulgaria provides AVRR support by so called "general type" AVRR programmes where any third country national may receive support of voluntary return. Therefore citizens of non EU countries from European continent may benefit from such assistance. However this is rather an</p>

			<p>exception than usual case. For instance in 2016 IOM Bulgaria provided voluntary return support to only 1 returnee from the abovementioned countries (citizen of Moldova) out of 635 voluntary returns supported.</p> <p>2. As mentioned above IOM Bulgaria provides AVRR support by so called "general type" AVRR programmes where any third country national may receive support of voluntary return and reintegration assistance. However the returnees who will be granted with reintegration support are identified during individual counselling sessions held by IOM where a number of factors are considered inter alia: returnee's needs, his/her capacity to efficiently carry out the reintegration programme, his/her vulnerability, etc. The type of support is only in-kind support that may include development of entrepreneurship, accommodation for short period after return, medical assistance in the CoO. etc.</p> <p>3. IOM Bulgaria provided voluntary return support to 635 returnees in 2016, out of which 70 were provided with reintegration assistance after return in the CoO. Only 1 returnee from the above mentioned non EU countries from European continent was supported. No reintegration assistance was granted to him.</p>
	Croatia	Yes	<p>1. 1. Croatia does not provide any special assistance in this case.</p> <p>2. 2. N/a.</p> <p>3. 3. N/a.</p>
	Cyprus	Yes	<p>1. Cyprus hasn't had any voluntary returns to these countries in 2016, therefore no assistance was provided to TCN originating from those countries.</p> <p>2. n/a</p> <p>3. n/a</p>


	Czech Republic	Yes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The CZ does not provide any special assistance in this case. 2. N/A 3. N/A
	Estonia	Yes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In Estonia IOM provides assistance to third-country nationals who are registered to VARRE program and wish to return to their country of origin. In addition, IOM provides assistance with acquiring temporary travel documents, flight tickets, provision of leaving assistance, as well as transit, arrival assistance and in-kind reintegration assistance. It is possible to apply for IOM's VARRE services if you are not a citizen of the EEA countries. Target group consists of third-country nationals, who have entered and/or are staying in Estonia irregularly, asylum seekers and also rejected asylum seekers and beneficiaries of international protection who wish to return home voluntarily and need assistance. Nature of assistance depends on the personal needs of the returnee, particularly in case of cash allowance and in-kind reintegration support. 2. IOM also provides reintegration assistance, which is a component of the VARRE program. The aim is to support returning migrants by providing opportunities for employment, skills development and training, education and income-generating activities. Reintegration packages aim to promote returnee self-sufficiency after return and based on the skills, needs and qualifications of the returnee, taking also into account the socio-economic conditions in the country of origin. All IOM clients from non-EU countries can apply for in-kind reintegration support. IOM provides support for start-up a small business, join educational courses, attend professional training or look for a work placement. Target group consists of third-country nationals, who have entered and/or are staying in Estonia irregularly, asylum seekers and also rejected asylum seekers and beneficiaries of international protection who wish to return home voluntarily and need assistance The maximum amount of in-kind reintegration assistance is up to 1400 euros. 3. Return assistance has been provided to one citizen of Moldova. The person did not apply for reintegration assistance.


	Finland	Yes	<p>1. Third country nationals returning to these countries can be eligible for assisted voluntary return. The assistance includes travel expenses and reintegration support. Return and reintegration assistance is organized through IOM. Reintegration assistance is given usually in cash. Cash assistance depends of the country of return (EUR per adult/minor): Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Kosovo, Montenegro: 200 EUR / 100 EUR Moldova: 500 EUR / 300 EUR An increased amount of assistance may be granted, if this is justifiable due to the foreigner's age, injury, illness, family circumstances, or some other personal reason. Increased assistance can also be granted to a victim of human trafficking or an unaccompanied minor. The maximum amount for increased assistance is 1500 euros per adult and 750 euros per minor. A decreased amount of assistance may be granted, or the assistance may be denied altogether, if there are grounds for suspecting that the applicant intends to abuse the assistance system, or if it is deemed that the returning person does not need full assistance. The amount of assistance will be reduced if the returning person has income or assets, or has stayed away from his or her home country for only a short period of time. Instead of cash, the reintegration assistance can also be given in kind if it is deemed appropriate. In kind support is always 1500 EUR for adult and 750 EUR for minor returning home with his/her family.</p> <p>2. See previous question.</p> <p>3. Numbers of assisted voluntary returnees from Finland (period 1 Jan - 30 Nov 2016): Albania 141 Bosnia and Herzegovina 16 Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia 18 Kosovo 40 Moldova 0 Montenegro 0 Serbia 24</p>
	France	Yes	<p>1. The assistance for returnees from the Western Balkans and Moldova consists of a flight ticket and 300 euro per person.</p> <p>2. There is no reintegration assistance for all illegally staying third country nationals of the above mentioned countries, except for Moldova and the Kosovo. For these two countries the entire aid package is granted (aid for the social integration, aid through employment, aid for the founding of new businesses). For Moldovan citizens the aid for social integration amounts to 400 euro, a ceiling of 4000 euro is foreseen for the aid through employment and one of 7000 euro for the founding of new businesses. For the Republic of Kosovo the funding of the aid package</p>


			<p>(maximum amount of 3500 euro per person) is provided for in a bilateral agreement between the French Office for Immigration and Integration (OFII) and the German Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF) in the frame of the URA 2 project.</p> <p>3. Voluntary returns from 20 January to 2 December 2016: Moldova: 105 Kosovo: 95</p>
	Germany	Yes	<p>1. Support with REAG/GARP In the case of voluntary returns to their countries, nationals originating from the countries listed above can apply for financial support through REAG / GARP (Reintegration and Emigration Programme for Asylum-Seekers in Germany / Government Assisted Repatriation Programme). This voluntary return programme is carried out by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) on behalf of the German Federal Government and the German Federal States. Individuals prepared to return voluntarily to their countries of origin or to other third countries outside of the EU benefit from the programme. Payment for the travelling costs and the organization of the return journey are included in the benefits as well as in particular cases travel grants and start-up support in the country of origin are available to voluntary returnees. However, it should be mentioned that nationals from third countries that can enter the German Federal Republic without visa (e.g. the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, the Republic of Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Albania, the Republic of Moldova) as well as the Republic of Kosovo (Resolution 1244/99 of the UN Security Council) will not be granted start-up support and travel grants. Nationals from these countries can only apply for the payment of their travelling costs in the case of a return to their countries of origin. In such cases the costs for air tickets and those for journeys by bus and train will be paid for. A fixed amount for fuel of 250 euro per vehicle is paid in exceptional cases independently of the number of persons travelling with the vehicle. Support Programme for the Assistance of the voluntary Return to Montenegro in Place in the German Federal State Lower Saxony. The German Federal State Lower Saxony supports the voluntary return of asylum seekers to Montenegro with the help of its own Federal State programme that started on 01 July 2016 and will end on 31 December 2016. Only nationals from Montenegro who have entered Germany after the 01 January 2016 are entitled to funding. Adults receive 300 euro per person and children under the age of twelve years receive 150 euro.</p>


2. a) Return and Reintegration Project URA The Return and Reintegration Project URA is available for nationals from the Republic of Kosovo to support these during the reintegration process in their home country. This project was originally co-financed by the European Commission in the form of the project „Kosovo Social Return Support Network Project“ that had been running from 21 December 2006 to 31 October 2008. The follow-up project URA is by now being carried out by the German Federal Office for Migration and Refugees in cooperation with eight German Federal States (Baden-Wuerttemberg, Lower Saxony, North Rhine-Westphalia, Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt, Thuringia [only in the case of a voluntary return], Berlin and Bremen. The yearly budget for the project currently amounts to roughly 1,000,000 Euro. Presently this is the largest reintegration project of an individual Member State in the EU. Kosovar nationals who must have remained in the German Federal Republic for a minimum of six months prior to their return can apply for support through this project at the return centre in Priština within two weeks after their return to the Kosovo. The primary objective of the programme is the sustainable reintegration of returnees to Kosovo. The two main components of the project, that is social counselling (inter alia with the focus on the “living situation of returnees”) and the job placement services including occupational qualifying measures work in support of the sustainable reintegration of returnees. This creates the possibility to show returnees alternatives, to open up life perspectives and/or assist returnees in matters of business start-ups. The success of the reintegration support, however, also depends on the commitment of the returnees, as well as on their educational qualifications and personal motivation. In addition, upon arrival in Kosovo, returnees can apply for immediate aid, e.g. partial reimbursement of travelling costs or contributions to rental expenses. b) Financial Aid is granted on the Basis of a Case-by-Case Assessment and in Accordance with Needs. c) In principle the project „URA 2“ is open to all returnees. The main attention here lies on vulnerable individuals that is on especially vulnerable groups like for example single mothers and ethnic minorities.



3. REAG/GARP Below we have listed the number of all nationals from the West Balkan States who so far have made use of any support through REAG/GARP in the year 2016 subdivided in accordance with their nationality. A detailed account for the URA project has been added in the form of a table and is attached as supporting document. - Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia: 4310 - Montenegro: 1786 - Republic of Serbia: 5754 - Bosnia and Herzegovina: 1375 - Republic of Albania: 15749 - Republic Moldova: 313 - Republic of Kosovo: 5130 □

			Total: 34417 Support Programme of the German Federal State of Lower Saxony In this particular instance, case numbers are not available
	Hungary	Yes	<p>1. Hungary doesn't have any national AVR or Reintegration program for TCNs. The International Organization for Migration (IOM) runs the Assisted Voluntary Return, Reintegration and Information program which started on the 1st of July 2016 and will run until 30th of June 2018. The purpose of the program is to provide up-to-date, easily accessible and reliable information about assisted voluntary return to beneficiaries and facilitate the orderly return of up to 870 beneficiaries. The services of the project are aimed at (a)third-country nationals who have not yet received a final negative decision in relation to their request to stay, their legal residence and/or international protection in a Member State, and who may choose to make use of voluntary return; (b) third-country nationals enjoying the right to stay, legal residence and/or international protection within the meaning of Directive 2011/95/EU, or temporary protection within the meaning of Directive 2001/55/EC in a Member State, and who have chosen to make use of voluntary return; (c) third-country nationals who are present in a Member State and do not or no longer fulfil the conditions for entry and/or stay in a Member State, including those third-country nationals whose removal has been postponed in accordance with Article 9 and Article 14(1) of Directive 2008/115/EC. Therefore the geographical coverage of this project is Hungary and the countries of origin of the beneficiaries. The services provided to the beneficiaries from the project are tailored through three components: 1. The information component aims at providing information to beneficiaries through various means of communication: outreach visits to facilities; printed materials; dedicated toll free hotline and a dedicated website (www.volret.hu) 2. The return component provides services to beneficiaries such as departure assistance; obtaining travel documents; providing escorts if necessary; purchasing ticket and travel documents etc. 3. The Reintegration component aims at assisting vulnerable returnees (such as minors, unaccompanied minors, disabled people, elderly people, pregnant women, single parents with minor children, and persons who have been subjected to torture, rape or other serious forms of psychological, physical or sexual violence as well as returnees with chronic medical conditions) and returnees with chronic medical condition by offering – based on a needs assessment – reintegration counselling and a reintegration grant from which the beneficiary can finance the various activities of a pre-defined reintegration plan. This project aims at assisting up to 60</p>



			<p>vulnerable returnees or returnees with medical chronicle condition. The maximum assistance a beneficiary can receive is up to 650 EUR and it will be provided in in-kind contribution to mitigate the vulnerability and their reintegration into the country of origin.</p> <p>2. No, there is no Reintegration program for TCNs in Hungary.</p> <p>3. From the 1st of July 2016 until 30th of November 2016 total 56 persons was returned back to their country of origin by IOM AVR Program (3 persons to Albania, 6 persons to Algeria, 3 persons to Egypt, 3 persons to Iran, 5 persons to Iraq, 3 to China, 2 persons to Cuba, 1 person to Macedonia, 7 persons to Morocco, 4 persons to Mongolia, 2 persons to Kosovo, 10 persons to Pakistan, 2 persons to Turkey, 2 persons to Tunisia, 2 persons to Lebanon).</p>
	Latvia	Yes	<p>1. Yes, equally as all other 3-rd country nationals, also citizens of mentioned countries receive the same type of assistance. Which is: ticket, 100 EUR per person in cash before departure in airport and up to 600 EUR per person in kind for any type of reintegration assistance. All citizens of all 3-rd countries are eligible, who does not have legal base to reside in LV. No countries are excluded from the assistance, neither no counties has special privileges. Requirement to receive the assistance is that persons have no financial means to return home themselves.</p> <p>2. Yes - up to 600 EUR per person in kind for any type of reintegration assistance. Reintegration is however available only for 30% of most vulnerable returnees, because of budget shortage – so we try to estimate before departure and also consult with IOM offices in countries of origin to provide assistance to most vulnerable cases – medical, single parents, families with children, elderly, lacking other way of assistance, etc. Most beneficiaries select small business and housing assistance, some medical, etc.</p> <p>3. In 2016 so far there have been 72 persons assisted in their return home from Latvia. Among them 5 Moldovan citizens (one family and one single male), no cases to other mentioned Balkan countries. The Moldovan family is eligible also for reintegration support, but due to complicated nature, it is not yet provided (complicated medical operation on legs).</p>



	Lithuania	Yes	<p>1. Yes. Western Balkan country nationals receive the same assistance as any other third-country national. IOM Lithuania provides: Consultations on all issues related to the return; Interpretation of consultations; Legal consultations; Assistance in obtaining travel documents necessary for the return; Travel arrangements, routing, ticketing, payment for excess baggage; Temporary accommodation before departure, and food rations; Transit assistance during the travel; Meeting in the country of origin upon return; A pocket allowance prior to departure (up to 200 EUR); Additional assistance to vulnerable persons depending on individual needs (consultations with doctor or psychologist, medical or humanitarian escort to the country of origin). The target group of the program is all third-country nationals who don't have legal basis for staying in Lithuania anymore.</p> <p>2. Yes. IOM Lithuania provides reintegration assistance: (a) support for small business start-up or development (the most popular form of assistance); Employment assistance; Vocational training and retraining; Other forms of assistance, depending on the individual needs of returnees (relocation assistance, finding accommodation, continuing education, ensuring the education of children, medical and other forms of assistance to vulnerable persons, etc.). Reintegration is aimed at income generating activities. (b) Every returnee who has applied for reintegration assistance after return to the country of origin can receive support of 1300 EUR in kind other than cash (by paying for the necessary goods and / or services directly to suppliers). (c) When deciding who should receive reintegration assistance, the IOM Vilnius Office staff applies the following criteria: 1. Feasibility of the reintegration plan. Assistance may be provided only to very specific, reasonable and viable reintegration plans. They should reflect the skills of returnees, state clear objectives and be realistic. Reintegration activities should be selected and reintegration plans should be prepared having regard to circumstances in the countries of origin. 2. Urgent need for reintegration assistance. Reintegration assistance is provided, on priority bases like in case of return to war, conflict and / or disaster - affected countries; to vulnerable persons who may not be able to take care of themselves after the return to the country of origin (for example, persons who are seriously ill, unaccompanied minors, single parents, large families etc.). 3. The motivation of the migrant seeking help and readiness to actively participate in the reintegration process and take full responsibility for its results.</p>
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			3. Please see the attached file.
	Luxembourg	Yes	<p>1. The voluntary return (and potential reintegration assistance) to the country of origin is organised either by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs/Directorate of Immigration (in case of a return to the following Western Balkan countries: Serbia, Albania, FYROM, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina) or by IOM (in case of the other countries: Moldova and Kosovo). a) a general AVRR programme applies in the case of Kosovo and Moldova. In this case the Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration from the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg (AVRRL) applies. However, beginning on 1st December 2016, the Kosovar nationals do only have the right to the payment of the airplane ticket, the assistance to obtain the travel documents and assistance during the travel organized by the IOM (and in consequence they are no more eligible for the financial assistance before departure and the financial aid for reintegration). Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration from the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg (AVRRL): There is an amount of financial assistance before the departure that is of 500€ per adult and 400€ per child (if is complete aid) or 300 per adult and per child if is the basic aid. This is a premium given to the beneficiary of the program to incentive the return but there are no activities covered by this financial assistance. This aid is given in cash before departure at the airport. After arrival in the country of origin there is no financial assistance in cash for the beneficiaries. Assistance in kind before departure consists in: 1. Assistance for obtaining travel documents (i.e. it covers the fees and the travels that the applicant has to do to the embassy of the country of origin in Brussels) 2. Transport from Luxembourg to their village of origin 3. Assistance at the Luxembourg International Airport and at the transit airport 4. Medical escort in case it is required b) a special AVR programme that targets specific Western Balkan countries: For the other Western Balkan countries (Albania, Bosnia Herzegovina, Macedonia (FYROM), Montenegro and Serbia) a specific return program exists which is handled by the Directorate of Immigration. Nationals of these countries do not have access to the AVRRL programme. However, with the objective that these persons return to their country of origin in a dignify manner a specific programme has been putted into place which includes the organisation of the return by bus to their country or origin and the payment of the related costs.</p>

			<p>2. In the framework of the AVVR-L programme (Moldova and Kosovo, the latter until the 1st December 2016) the beneficiaries can receive reintegration support. This post-arrival assistance consists in: 1. Reception at the airport 2. Temporary lodging and housing 3. Assistance to find a job 4. Material and legal assistance 5. Assistance in putting in place a business 6. Professional equipment 7. Training and learning 8. Medical assistance/medicines; orientation and information on the health system in the country of origin Also there is a financial assistance to reintegration. The complete aid package is up to 3.000€ per single adult, 4.000€ per couple and 5.000€ per family. The basic aid package is up to 500€ per single adult, 700€ per couple; 1.000€ per family and 700€ per vulnerable persons.</p> <p>3. Until the 12th December 2016: a) 226 were returned voluntarily from the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg with the assistance of the IOM (AVRR-L) Kosovo 111 Iraq 56 Brazil 10 Belarus 3 Iran 9 Lebanon 4 Ukraine 12 Russia 2 Ghana 1 Nigeria 2 Tunisia 3 Ethiopia 1 Bangladesh 1 Azerbaijan 2 Turkey 2 Morocco 2 Georgia 5 Total 226 Reintegration : A1 37 B1 53 A2 48 B2 22 Plane ticket 62 C 4 Total 226 A1-B1 = Full financial return and reintegration aid A2-B2 = Basic financial return and reintegration aid C= Basic aid a) 199 were returned voluntarily from the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg under the special AVR programme that targets specific Western Balkan countries: Albania 72 Bosnia Herzegovina 64 Macedonia 4 Montenegro 27 Serbia 32</p>
	Malta	Yes	<p>1. N/A</p> <p>2. N/A</p> <p>3. N/A</p>
	Netherlands	Yes	<p>1. The formal party responsible for returning third country nationals is the Repatriation and Departure Service (DT&V). They work together with the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) in voluntarily returning third country nationals. Migrants residing in the Netherlands can be eligible for support for voluntary departure via the REAN programme, implemented by the IOM and financed by the Dutch government. The REAN programme provides financial support to former asylum seekers and (illegal) migrants. Migrants can obtain</p>

			<p>€200 (adult) and €40 (child) for the period after their return, arrangement and payment of the return flight and assistance with the journey. The Minister for Migration however has decided to exclude migrants from Albania, Serbia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Montenegro (the six Western Balkan countries) from the REAN programme per 28 September 2016, for a duration of one year. This is due to the high influx of migrants from these countries in the Netherlands. The aim of this measure is to see whether the influx of migrants originating from these safe countries will decline after the exclusion. Very recently the Minister for Migration also decided to exclude migrants from countries in the ‘ring around Europe’ and therefore, from the 1st of January 2017, migrants from Moldova will also be excluded from return assistance, except for the payment of the return flight. In addition to the REAN support, migrants can be eligible for receiving financial and/or in kind support for reintegration in the country of origin, but the abovementioned countries are excluded of these kind of assistance as well.</p> <p>2. See enclosed document.</p> <p>3. No, not anymore.</p> <p>4. See enclosed document.</p> <p>5. The following statistical information comes from the IOM database and show the voluntary return rates for 2016 (so far) for the requested countries. Moldova: 8 Albania: 776 Serbia: 440 Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia: 145 Bosnia and Herzegovina: 201 Republic of Kosovo: 127 Montenegro: 14</p> <p>6. See enclosed document.</p>
	Slovak Republic	Yes	<p>1. *Note: IOM Slovakia is the only subject providing AVRR in the Slovak Republic. Yes, IOM provides assistance to all migrants registered to AVRR programme, including – assistance with acquiring temporary travel documents, logistic preparation of return (transport in Slovakia, providing flight tickets), provision of leaving assistance, pocket money (100 euro), in case of need provision of accommodation and healthcare until the day of departure. Our target group are</p>

			<p>all third-country nationals without residence permit in Slovakia; migrants stranded in transit; asylum seekers and rejected asylum seekers who wish to return home and need assistance.</p> <p>2. Yes, all IOM clients from non-EU countries can apply for reintegration support. IOM provides support for business start-ups, educational/material/legal/medical assistance or assistance with accommodation. Our target group are migrants without residence permit in Slovakia / asylum seekers/rejected asylum seekers who wish to return home. The standard amount of reintegration assistance is 1300 EURO, but it can depends on migrants' needs.</p> <p>3. One return to Albania, no reintegration cases in the Western Balkan countries in 2016.</p>
	Slovenia	Yes	<p>1. In Slovenia, we are implementing a general AVRR program which is designed in such way that do not exclude any nationalities. Its means that our service provider (IOM) offers the same assistance to all above mentioned countries. However, the assistance is design in a way that give priority to vulnerable categories and encourage them to enter the AVRR programs.</p> <p>2. a) the program includes in-kind and in-cash assistance (social support, educational, medical, employment) b) in-kind max 2.000 EUR, in-cash max 800 EUR c) Vulnerable categories first but the program does not exclude other categories</p> <p>3. Figures for 2016 are the following: - AVRR returns 62 TCN; - Iraq (18 TCN) , Afghanistan (15 TCN), Iran (10 TCN); - after return only 8 TCN entered reintegration program;</p>
	Spain	Yes	<p>1. We refer you to our last reply to a similar AHQ on March 2015. AVR programmes have not changed since then, neither its content nor the target groups (TNC, in general terms).</p> <p>2. We refer you to our last reply on March 2015.</p> <p>3. There have not been returnees to the Western Balkan countries in 2016, except one to Moldova.</p>

	Sweden	Yes	<p>1. Sweden does not provide any re-establishment/reintegration assistance to those returning to the above mentioned countries. Sweden does however pay the cost of transport for those returning to these countries who do not have the means to pay their own travel costs. This typically includes transport to the airport of departure in Sweden, flight costs and often also a limited amount of cash to cover the cost of onward travel from the airport to the person's place of residence in their home country.</p> <p>2. No, Sweden does not provide any reintegration support to those returning to these countries.</p> <p>3. Sweden does not provide any reintegration support to those returning to these countries.</p>
	United Kingdom	Yes	<p>1. The UK provides assistance to third-country nationals who return to their non-EU/EEA country of origin via the Home Office Voluntary Returns Service (VRS). For the VRS Assisted programme (formerly the Assisted Voluntary Returns programme) the target groups and the value of the reintegration packages are broadly in line with those provided by other EU/EEA countries. These target groups are: • Vulnerable (irregular migrants) • Asylum seekers/failed asylum seekers • Families, with at least one dependant minor under the age of 18, for which a returning adult has parental responsibility These target groups may receive a reintegration package up to the value of £2,000, per person, subject to their specific circumstances.</p> <p>2. The UK provides reintegration support for third-country nationals who return via the VRS Assisted programme. Please refer to the responses for question 1 for details regarding the type of assistance, the amount and the target groups for which the UK provides reintegration support. The UK currently has no reintegration service providers in the West Balkan states. Third-country nationals who return to the region receive their reintegration assistance in cash. This can be accessed in the country of return via a Start Card.</p> <p>3. VRS Assisted: Kosovo = 1 Albania = 21 Total: 22 VRS – Voluntary Return (no reintegration assistance) Serbia = 3 Bosnia = 5 Montenegro = 2 Kosovo = 5 Macedonia = 2 Albania = 48 Moldova = 3 Total: 68</p>

	Norway	Yes	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Not relevant for NO2. na3. na
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