



AD HOC QUERY ON 2019.93 Ad-Hoc Query on Challenges and good approaches on (access to) consular services related to return of third-country nationals

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Responses from Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Slovenia, Sweden plus Norway (18 in Total)

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1. Background information

At the 22nd EMN REG meeting, challenges related to availability of and accessibility to consular services for third-country nationals in return procedures was discussed. Notably, it was pointed out at the difficulties to obtain travel documents and other support from consular services (e.g. identification) of third-countries when not based in the concerned country. Examples were mentioned of existing cooperation among Member States plus Norway and Switzerland and third-countries' consular services in other Member States plus Norway and Switzerland.

In this context, this EMN ad hoc query seeks to identify such practices and challenges about practical arrangements in place.

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2. Questions

1. Please answer the attached document

We would very much appreciate your responses by **18 November 2019**.

3. Responses

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	EMN REG Practitioners	Yes	1. emn_ahq_consular_support.belgium.docx

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	Belgium		
	EMN REG Practitioners Bulgaria	Yes	<p>1. Answer to Q1: There are no specific arrangements made for cooperation with Third Countries' consular services in other Member States plus Norway and Switzerland to allow the returnee to obtain travel documents and other support. Most of the main relevant consular services are presented in the country. If a consular service is not presented in the state, Migration Directorate employees can seek cooperation from the relevant one that has accreditation for Bulgaria, either in a MS or a TC.</p> <p>Answer to Q2: a) and b)</p> <p>Answer to Q3: No, there is no obligation in Bulgaria for the TCN to cooperate on his/her return.</p> <p>Answer to Q4: c) in very rare cases, and d) Other – Using the service of Honorable consul to make the contact with the relevant Embassy which has accreditation for Bulgaria (if such is not presented in Bulgaria) or with Consular Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.</p> <p>Answer to Q5: N/A (considering Answer to Q4)</p> <p>Answer to Q6: No support or services requested from or provided by FRONTEX until now.</p>
	EMN REG Practitioners Croatia	Yes	<p>1. Please find HR answers in the attached document. ahq_on_consular_support_hr_comments.docx</p>
	EMN REG Practitioners Cyprus	Yes	<p>1. Please see attached file cy_emn_ahq_consular_support.docx_xg.docx</p>






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	EMN REG Practitioners Czech Republic	Yes	1. Please see attached questionnaire (replies are bold italic). emn_ahq_consular_support_002.docx
	EMN REG Practitioners Estonia	Yes	1. Please find the Estonian answer in the attached file (replies are in blue). emn_ahq_consular_support_estonia.docx
	EMN REG Practitioners Finland	Yes	
	EMN REG Practitioners France	Yes	1. see FR response attached 2019.93_emn_ahq_consular_support_fr_response.docx
	EMN REG Practitioners Greece	Yes	1. See attached document provided by EL EMN REG experts. el_contribution_to_emn_ahq_consular_support.docx
	EMN REG Practitioners	No	




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	Hungary		
	EMN REG Practitioners Ireland	Yes	1. 2.12.emn_ahq_consular_support.docx
	EMN REG Practitioners Italy	Yes	1. adhocqueryconsularservices.docx
	EMN REG Practitioners Latvia	Yes	1. Please find the Latvian answer in the attached file. emn_lv_ncp_ahq_consular_support.docx
	EMN NCP Luxembourg	Yes	1. Please find the LU REG answer in the attached file. lu_emn_ncp_to_com_emn_ahq_consular_support.docx
	EMN REG Practitioners Netherlands	Yes	1. emn_ahq_consular_support_netherlands.docx

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	EMN REG Practitioners Slovenia	Yes	
	EMN REG Practitioners Sweden	Yes	1. See the attached document emn_ad_hoc_query_consular_support_se_20191105.docx
	EMN NCP Norway	Yes	1. RESPONSE ATTACHED no_response.npis_.udi_emn_ahq_consular_support_2019.93.docx
