



AD HOC QUERY ON 2019.103 FR AHQ on Voluntary return and reintegration in the Rabat process

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Responses from Croatia, Finland, France, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg (6 in Total)

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1. Background information

On 3 June 2019, France officially took the chairmanship of the Rabat Process, succeeding Burkina Faso.

An international conference will be organized by France in March 2020 in Yaounde on 'Voluntary return and reintegration'. In order to prepare the conference, France would like to have an overview of Voluntary return and reintegration programs from European Member states for the African countries involved in the Rabat process (list of countries below):

Algeria, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cabo Verde, Chad, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Morocco, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Senegal, Sao Tomé and Príncipe, Sierra Leone, Togo and Tunisia.

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This AHQ is sent to EMN NCPs and EMN REG practitioners.

2. Questions

- 1. 1. What is the budget dedicated to return and reintegration in the last 3 years?**
- 2. 2. How many nationals from the African countries listed above benefited from the voluntary return programs in the last 3 years? Please differentiate 'single' return, reintegration and return country if possible.**
- 3. 3. Please detail the supporting and accompanying process for the beneficiaries (type of support / benefits and duration)**
- 4. 4. What is the target public? How is it recruited?**

We would very much appreciate your responses by **26 December 2019**.

3. Responses

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	<p>EMN NCP Croatia</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The funds for return are foreseen in the budget of the Ministry of the Interior, which is responsible for return. Considering that this is a regular job of the Ministry, the exact amount is not determined. The funds are provided in the budget of the Border Directorate. The cost of returning an unaccompanied child is provided by the Ministry for Demography, Family, Youth and Social Policy (child and guardian, while police escort, if necessary, is provided by the Ministry of the Interior). 2. There were no voluntary returns. 3. On December 19, 2018, the Ministry of the Interior signed a contract with the International Organization for Migration on the implementation of Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration for two years (from January 4, 2019 to January 3, 2021). The project covers all Rabat process countries. 4. The target public are migrants in an irregular situation who are under a legal obligation to leave the country, or who do not or do no longer fulfil the conditions for entry, stay or legal residence in Croatia, applicants of international protection whose claim has been rejected, applicants of international protection who withdrew their application for international protection, beneficiaries of international protection, who choose to return home, migrants in vulnerable situations. Target public is recruited by the dissemination of information (website, leaflets).
	<p>EMN REG Practitioners Finland</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Finland has an extensive budget for all the return countries compared to the amount of Finnish returnees, also incl the Rabat process countries. 2. Less than 20. Finland does not have many asylum seekers from these countries. 3. Either cash (up to 2000 eur) or in-kind (up to 5000 eur, depending on the country) is available, support is given through IOM. More information about support amounts by countries: migri.fi/en/amounts-of-assistance-by-country




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			<p>4. If by target public is meant potential returnees, in Finland we are only able to support asylum seekers, thus recruiting happens in the reception centres, where all the asylum seekers must be registered in.</p>
	<p>EMN REG Practitioners France</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>1. 2017 : 17.81M€ 2018 : 23.45M€ 2019 : (to be confirmed at the end of the year)</p> <p>2. see attached</p> <p>qah_processus_de_rabat_reponse_fr.docx</p> <p>3. Support for reintegration is divided into 3 levels: Level 1: social reintegration (6 months) This support aims to pay for the first installation costs of the applicant / family. This includes assistance to pay for the rent, the purchase of furniture and electrical goods, for medical costs or children school. If the applicant is from Nigeria, s/he can benefit from assistance at the airport. Level 2: Employment and vocational training (one year) This support aims to accompany the return of the applicant through the support to find an employment by a local specialized provider. The OFII (French office for immigration and integration) assist for the job research, the drafting of resume and can pay for the training or pay for a part of the applicant's monthly salary for one year. Level 3: creation of business (1 year) This support aims to favor the applicant's reintegration by creating an income-generating company. When the beneficiary presents a project for creating a company approved by the OFII, he can benefit from a training in relation to the required activity and benefit from a financial support to start his/her business.</p>

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			<p>4. Voluntary returns apply to migrants who have been residing irregularly in France for at least 6 months, holding or not an obligation to leave the French territory, or under an asylum application process. For reintegration support, the public concerned also includes students, young professionals or civic service volunteers whose residence permit expires within 3 months maximum.</p> <p>Assistance for reintegration concern people nationals from the following countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Congo Brazzaville, Democratic Republic of Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Gabon, Guinée Conakry, Mali, Morocco, Senegal, Togo, Nigeria and Tunisia.</p> <p>Most beneficiaries of reintegration also benefit from the return assistance.</p> <p>The promotion of voluntary return and reintegration is done through the website http://www.retourvolontaire.fr/</p>
	EMN NCP Latvia	No	
	EMN NCP Lithuania	No	
	EMN NCP Luxembourg	Yes	<p>1. See table attached. luemn_ncp_answer_to_fr_ahq_2019.103.docx</p> <p>2. See table attached. luemn_ncp_answer_to_fr_ahq_2019.103.docx</p>

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			<p>4. The beneficiaries of the AVRR-L program includes third-country nationals that are: asylum-seekers in procedure, asylum-seekers whose claim has been rejected, recognized refugees wishing to renounce to their refugee status and migrants finding themselves in an irregular situation. It does not include third-country nationals with a regularized stay in Luxembourg nor third-country nationals from the Western Balkans (Kosovo, Montenegro, Macedonia, Albania, Serbia and Bosnia-Herzegovina) and Georgia.</p>
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