The European Return and Reintegration Network (ERRIN) is a Member State-driven initiative, facilitating cooperation between migration authorities. Operational since 2018, 15 European countries currently participate in ERRIN, with membership open to any EU Member State or Schengen-associated country. The European Partner Institutions (EPIs), along with the European Commission (DG Migration and Home Affairs) and the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (EBCGA/FRONTEX) constitute the Management Board, which drives the agenda and sets priorities. Activities are coordinated by the Brussels-based Programme Management Unit (PMU). The International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) provides expertise and administrative support as an implementing partner. ERRIN is funded through the EU’s Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF), with co-financing from participating national agencies.
Facilitating a joint approach to the return and reintegration

Ensuring that migrants can return to their home countries, in a dignified, humane and sustainable manner is a legitimate and politically important goal at an EU level, and a key part of efforts to manage migration. It is, however, an operationally challenging task. Many aspects cannot be addressed effectively on a national or bilateral level. In response, ERRIN seeks to strengthen cooperation between migration authorities and develop joint solutions to improve the effectiveness of national return dynamics. ERRIN is a centre of excellence for projects that address aspects cannot be addressed effectively on a national level. In response, ERRIN seeks to strengthen cooperation between migration authorities and develop joint solutions to improve the effectiveness of national return programmes. Working together to explore shared solutions can both improve the efficiency of the return process, and the quality of support offered to returning migrants. ERRIN has a broad scope, and covers a wide range of needs. The network covers the entire process from pre-return to post-arrival and reintegration. It acts as an ‘innovation hub’ for members to improve practices and efficiency of delivery. The emphasis is on a return that offers future perspectives for the returnee. That is why offering a ‘landing package’ of support through tailored reintegration assistance is key element of the ERRIN programme.

We are active

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- Entrepreneurial coaching
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- Counselling and referral assistance

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