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 (EBSGA/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 implementing partner. ERRIN is funded through the EU’s Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF), with co-financing from participating national agencies.
ERRIN Service Providers

WHERE WE ARE ACTIVE

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WHAT WE DO

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Nationalities of selected third countries (see map) who wish to return from an ERRIN partner country may be eligible to benefit from the programme. This can include applicants for international protection in the middle of a procedure, asylum seekers who have been rejected, or immigrants who have never applied for international protection.

WHY IT WORKS

The responsible authorities in the ERRIN partner countries provide counselling and referral assistance, and determine eligibility for the programme. Once an application has been approved, the authorities can use the contract put in place with the service provider for the delivery of reintegration support. The service provider works with an in-country office to identify a package that takes into account their particular situation and needs, within the available grant amount.

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