

STRUCTURE

COUNSELLING PROVIDER

- FEDASIL (State) Counsellors (50%)
- NGOs: Caritas International Belgium (CIB), Red Cross, CAW (social centers)
- IOM (reintegration counselling only)

COUNSELLING SYSTEM 2 – STAGE – MODEL

- Stage 1: Return Counselling offered by numerous providers all over the country
- First contact and counselling, information about AVR, examination of eligibility for reintegration support
- Organization of flight ticket and travel money through IOM
- Stage 2: Reintegration Counselling offered by 4 CIB counsellors and 5 IOM counsellors in all of Belgium
- Development of reintegration plan
- Establishing contact between returnee and reintegration partner through telephone or skype
- Follow-up assistance and support after return
- Regular monitoring

REINTEGRATION PROJECTS

- National Program (AMIF&FEDASIL): reintegration assistance to all countries of return possible
- ERIN: Russia, Morocco, Afghanistan, Iran, Nigeria, Pakistan

RETURN FIGURES

RETURN NUMBERS

Evolution in voluntary returns from Belgium (number of people) / 2006-2015



Comment:

Since 2013, the figures also include the voluntary returns organised by the Immigration Office (205 in 2013, 141 in 2014 and 67 in 2015). These figures do not include voluntary returns carried out within the framework of the Dublin Convention to the European countries where migrants have already applied for asylum, and which are organised by the Immigration Office.

Voluntary return numbers for January – September 2016: 3406 returns

COUNTRIES OF RETURN

Persons who returned with or without reintegration assistance from Belgium in 2015 and 2016

	Jan - Dec 2015		Jan - Sep 2016	
1.	Iraq	1023	Iraq	898
2.	Ukraine	542	Ukraine	460
3.	Romania	536	Romania	432
4.	Russia	257	Brazil	165
5.	Brazil	187	Afghanistan	150

Sources: FEDASIL – Annual Report 2015

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COUNTRY SPECIFIC DETAILS

DONORS

AMIF, FEDASIL, NGOs

HANDLING OF VULNERABLE CASES

- The vulnerable client receives more counselling as well as more preparation time with the reintegration partner
- The reintegration counsellors may apply for 500 € add-ons reintegration assistance for returnees with a vulnerable profile directly with FEDASIL regardless of the administrative status
- Assisted Medical Assistance After Return (AMAAR): financial support up to 5000 € medical care (chronic diseases, surgeries) for the first 6 months after return
- Unaccompanied minors (UAM) receive 2200 € regardless of their administrative status; their parents may receive 700 € additionally for the extra expenses, the returnee may cause

SPECIAL FEATURES REGARDING REPATRIATION

- Successful outreach to irregular migrants through NGOs with regards to voluntary return
- European Reintegration Support Organizations (ERSO)
- Future Orientation Project: trainers counsel rejected asylum seekers or people with precarious residence status with the aim to establish a positive but realistic view on the future in Belgium or the country of return (Aspects: Recognition, Insight, Reflection, Clients taking control of their lives)
- City projects: incorporation of voluntary return service in civil services in order to raise more awareness about the option of voluntary return

Assisted
Voluntary
Return

BELGIUM

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Group A (asylum-seekers) is entitled to 250 € return money, 700 € reintegration assistance per adult and additional 1500 € per case for assistance in setting up a micro business or finding a job; children receive 350 € in kind assistance. Group B (people who requested asylum once or who registered for family reunification

but were rejected) receives the return and reintegration assistance but not the 1500 €. Group C (Irregular migrants) only receives 250 € return money. Persons without visa requirements to enter Belgium can obtain a flight ticket (no cash assistance) to return. Vulnerable clients may receive extra funding.