A European counselling perspective on region-specific return and reintegration
ASSISTED VOLUNTARY REINTEGRATION (AVRR) COUNSELLING

AVRR counselling provides assistance to (former) asylum seekers in Europe who decide to return voluntarily to their countries of origin.

PRE-DEPARTURE COUNSELLING

» Open and unbiased counselling (providing country-specific information, discussing perspectives in host country and country of return, developing future prospects)
» Funding of travel expenses (flight ticket and initial financial assistance)
» Referral to reintegration partner

REINTEGRATION ASSISTANCE

» Psycho-social follow-up care through local reintegration partner
» Financial assistance for small-income generating activity
» Medical and educational interim aid
» Professional training

OBJECTIVES

Caritas Augsburg leads the cooperation project Transnational Exchange IV with the following objectives:
» Connect return and reintegration counsellors on a European level
» Provide exchange platforms such as workshops and conferences for return and reintegration counsellors, reintegration partners and policy makers
» Offer firsthand information about the countries of return through reintegration partners
» Improve counselling quality through region-specific training on relevant topics
» Collect information and counselling tools and make them available to European AVRR counsellors

STRUCTURE

The following activities will be carried out from July 2018 to June 2020:
» Three region-specific workshops for European AVRR counsellors
» One conference for EU-wide exchange for all relevant actors including counsellors, coordinators and policy makers
» One field visit for European counsellors to a European country exploring its AVRR counselling services
» One field visit for European counsellors to a country of return exploring the reintegration process

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