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BUILDING CAPACITY FOR
RETURN MANAGEMENT

What is the EURCAP Facility?

The European Readmission Capacity Building Facility (EURCAP) is an initiative managed by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), and co-funded by the European Union (EU), which seeks to enhance cooperation between the EU and its partner countries on return management.

By offering a flexible and dedicated mechanism to respond quickly to requests for short-term assistance to partner countries (as 'Support Actions'), the Facility aims to build capacity and facilitate dialogue of targeted countries through a results- and rights-based approach.

Key principles

Assistance provided through the EURCAP Facility is based on a series of key principles, including:
- Ensuring synergies and complementarity with other relevant EU-funded projects, facilities, and networks active in partner countries;
- Responding to the needs of partner countries;
- Supporting technical assistance and dialogue;
- Providing results-based and sustainable assistance;
- Promoting a rights-based and dignified approach to returns.

Support Actions should be short-term in nature (maximum 18 months) and capitalize on the expertise in EU Member States, partner countries (both within the country and in other countries with significant experience in implementing related capacity building) and within IOM through short-term expert deployments as well as in-country local project teams.

Access to the EURCAP Facility

The Facility targets primarily government institutions involved in return management in the EU's partner countries.

Access to the EURCAP Facility is upon invitation from the European Commission's Directorate General for Migration and Home Affairs (DG HOME).

Areas of activity

The EURCAP Facility can engage and provide support in the following areas of activity at policy, legislative, institutional and/or operational levels:

- Strengthening identity management, including civil registers and travel document and issuance systems;
- Enhancing readmission case management, including developing automated systems and standardizing procedures for the handling of readmission requests;
- Developing and piloting frameworks for post-arrival assistance, reintegration and monitoring for own nationals in partner countries;
- Establishing/strengthening assisted voluntary return and reintegration (AVRR) programmes for stranded migrants from partner countries;
- Providing reintegration assistance to returnees upon arrival in partner countries;
- Improving the quality and management of return-related data;
- Facilitating dialogue with EU Member States, countries of origin and transit to support practical cooperation and exchange of good practices on return;
- Outreach to promote safe and regular migration and raise awareness on the risks of irregular migration.

Eligible partner countries

The indicative priority partner countries to be assisted are Afghanistan, Bangladesh, and Pakistan. Other potential partner countries include Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Cape Verde, China, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Ethiopia, Jordan, Mali, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Tunisia, and Turkey. Where relevant and of added value, multi-country actions can be considered.

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