



EUROPEAN REINTEGRATION NETWORK (ERIN) SPECIFIC ACTION PROGRAM

AFGHANISTAN LEAFLET (also available in Dari and Pashto)

Post-arrival and reintegration assistance to Afghan nationals returning from Australia, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and United Kingdom.

APPLICATION AND ELIGIBILITY

Afghan nationals returning to Afghanistan in 2015 and 2016 from Australia, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, both voluntary and non-voluntary, could be eligible to receive assistance from IOM Afghanistan. Those who are wishing to benefit from ERIN SPECIFIC ACTION programme must apply to the programme before their return; through the ERIN SPECIFIC ACTION contact in the European country where they are located. Voluntary returnees, unaccompanied migrant children, and also non-voluntary returnees are eligible. Their eligibility to the program is mostly determined pre-departure and needs to be further confirmed post-return by the IOM Missions in accordance with the sending country.

IOM MISSION STATEMENT

Established in 1951, the International Organization for Migration is the leading intergovernmental organization in the field of migration and is committed to the principle that humane and orderly migration benefits migrants and society. IOM works with its partners in the international community to assist in meeting the growing operational challenges of migration, advance understanding of migration issues, encourage social and economic development through migration and uphold the well-being and human rights of migrants. With 165 member states, a further 8 states holding observer status and in over 100 countries.

IOM is recognized as the foremost authority on assisted voluntary return and reintegration (AVRR) with nearly 40 years' experience in this field. Through a network of field offices in over 400 locations worldwide, IOM has the ability to facilitate AVRR programmes for all stakeholders. The organization's local presence and partnerships are vital to ensure that the best services are offered to migrants. IOM is uniquely positioned to coordinate all stages of the return and reintegration process; be it with its own offices or with partners in countries of destination and origin. IOM's diversified activities in the field (in the areas of emergency, medical assistance, protection etc.) allow for addressing different needs of returning migrants in a comprehensive manner, for instance through the set-up of referral networks of local partners.

As an intergovernmental organization, IOM is privileged to act in the benefit of the migrants as a trusted interlocutor for countries of origin, transit and destination, reflecting their respective interests in a balanced manner.

ARRIVAL AND REINTEGRATION ASSISTANCE

The reintegration assistance package is delivered in-kind unless stated differently in the National Annex and the amounts vary according to the sending country, the national reintegration grants, the type of return, and the beneficiary profile and needs. Additional reintegration services will be provided to unaccompanied migrant children. Upon screening and evaluation from the ERIN partner institution before departure, as well as a further identification of needs post-return; the following services are available for ERIN SPECIFIC ACTION beneficiaries:

CASE BY CASE AIRPORT ARRIVAL ASSISTANCE

- Meet and greet and orientation service
- Onwards transportation assistance
- Referrals to urgent medical care for treatment continuity
- Emergency housing for a minimum of one week

REINTEGRATION ASSISTANCE

Post arrival counselling will be provided by qualified IOM staff in IOM offices throughout the country. IOM counsellors will inform the returnees and their families about the reintegration possibilities and will help them plan their reintegration strategy and how to spend their grant in the most thought through and constructive manner, taking into account their needs and background, as well as available resources (i.e. defined grants, individual capacities, and social and economic capital).

The reintegration grants can be used, for the following reintegration services:

- Assistance to start, to re-launch, or to partner into a **micro-business activity** for economic autonomy and income generation.
- **Wage subsidy allowance** to encourage employment: IOM can refer you through its network of partners to potential employers. If you get a job, your reintegration assistance will be released as a salary subsidy/salary top-up.

- **Vocational training** enrolment to enhance skills and employability: trainings can be identified based on availability, prior work experience, education, interest, local market demand for specific skills.
- **Temporary accommodation** to respond to immediate material needs.
- **Medical costs** coverage (medication, consultations) to enable you access to healthcare upon return.
- The grant can be used to cover the costs of education and schooling for children, and any required medical care
- **Legal/administrative costs** coverage to enable you to register yourself locally.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AND REFERRALS

IOM can provide you with administrative support with, and referrals to:

- national, regional, and local services (governmental, non-governmental, charitable, etc.)
- local employment initiatives
- micro-financial organisations
- enrolment to schools and educational institutions
- educational and vocational training
- specialised medical assistance
- psycho-social assistance
- local social network
- legal advice

THE PROGRAM BENEFICIARY SHOULD CONTACT THE IOM OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER RETURN AT:

ERIN SPECIFIC ACTION IOM POINT OF CONTACT IN AFGHANISTAN

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Refer to the **ERIN SPECIFIC ACTION AFGHANISTAN BRIEFING NOTE** for more details

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Countries	Institutions
Austria	Ministry of Interior
Belgium	Federal Immigration Office
	Federal Agency for the Reception of Asylum Seekers
Denmark	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Finland	Finnish Immigration Service
France	French Immigration and Integration Office
Germany	Federal Office for Migration and Refugees
Greece	Ministry of Public Order and Citizen Protection
Italy	Ministry of Interior
Luxembourg	Ministry of European and Foreign Affairs
Malta	Ministry for Home Affairs and National Security
Netherlands	Repatriation and Departure Service
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