



EUROPEAN REINTEGRATION NETWORK (ERIN) BRIEFING NOTE REPUBLIC OF COTE D'IVOIRE (also available in French)

Assistance for the arrival and reintegration of Ivorian nationals returning from Australia, Austria, Australia, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom

1. ERIN SPECIFIC ACTION PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The ERIN (European Reintegration Network) Specific Action Program is a joint return and reintegration program that runs from 1ST June 2016 to end of 31st June 2017 and aims to implement sustainable return and reintegration of third country nationals in their country of origin, with further cooperation among participating ERIN partner countries. This Program was built on the European Reintegration Instrument (ERI), which was implemented from 2012 to 2014 and the ERIN project which was implemented from June 2014 to June 2017.

2. IOM MISSION STATEMENT

The International Organisation for Migration (IOM) is committed to the principle that humane and orderly migration benefits migrants and society. IOM was established in 1951 to help governments to manage migration and to assist migrants in the migration process.

Today, with 401 offices and representations across the world, and 165 Member States, IOM is the leading intergovernmental organization in the field of migration. Amongst other activities, IOM supports people all over the world in returning home and building a new life under its assisted voluntary return and reintegration program (AVRR), an area of IOM expertise that has been developed through 30 years of experience. Since 1979, IOM's AVRR activities have grown to include more than 100 projects, helping individuals return to some 160 countries worldwide. In the past decade alone, IOM has assisted upwards of 3.5 million migrants to return voluntarily to their home countries.

IOM also 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.

3. ERIN AVRR SERVICES PROVIDED BY IOM ABIDJAN

Services offered to AVRR clients by IOM Abidjan starts once each case arrives in the country until the successful conclusion of the case in order to ensure the sustainability of proposed plans by returnees in Côte d'Ivoire.

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:

- ❖ the country from which the migrant returns home;
- ❖ national reinstatement premiums;
- ❖ The type of return and the profile and needs of beneficiaries.

IOM Abidjan searches for any opportunity to further enhance the sustainability aspect of each return and strives to provide tailor-made advice to clients on most feasible plans to benefit from their entitlements.

CASE BY CASE AIRPORT ARRIVAL ASSISTANCE

- ✓ Meet and greet and orientation service upon demand pre-departure;
- ✓ Onwards transportation assistance: Upon your request, IOM can provide you with onward transportation to your final destination within the country, and charges will be covered through your reintegration grant;
- ✓ Referrals to urgent medical care for treatment continuity;
- ✓ Emergency housing upon demand pre-departure;
- ✓ Small cash grant for immediate purchases;

REINTEGRATION ASSISTANCE

Qualified IOM staff will provide an extended reintegration assistance session at Returns ***in IOM offices in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, on II Vallon plateau, J 107, lot 1616.***

Operations and Logistics Officers will inform migrants and their families about reintegration opportunities, help them plan their reintegration strategy and advise them on the most appropriate and constructive way to use their subsidy, taking into account Needs and achievements, as well as available resources (Defined grants, individual capacities and social and economic capital).

The reintegration grants can be used for the following reintegration services

- ❖ **Micro-Business support:** Assistance to start, to re-launch, or to partner into a micro-business activity for economic autonomy and income generation: If you choose to start your own business, IOM helps you to identify a suitable business type. The choice of business depends amongst others on your previous experience, other businesses in your area of return etc...
- ❖ **Wage subsidy allowance to encourage employment:** IOM Abidjan can refer you through its network of partners to potential employers, and show you how to operate the relevant recruitment websites. 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.
- ❖ **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

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	Countries	Institutions
1	Australia	Department of immigration and Border Protection
2	Austria	Ministry of Interior
3	Belgium	Federal Immigration Office
4		Federal Agency for the Reception of Asylum Seekers
5	Denmark	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
6	Finland	Finnish Immigration Service
7	France	French Immigration and Integration Office
8	Germany	Federal Office for Migration and Refugees
9	Greece	Ministry of Public Order and Citizen Protection
10	Italy	Ministry of Interior
11	Luxembourg	Ministry of European and Foreign Affairs
12	Malta	Ministry for Home Affairs and National Security
13	Netherlands	Repatriation and Departure Service
14	Norway	Norwegian Directorate of Immigration
15	Romania	General Inspectorate for Immigration
16	Spain	Integration of Immigrants Migration Board
17	Sweden	Swedish Migration Agency
18	Switzerland	State Secretariat for Migration
19	United Kingdom	Home Office – Immigration Enforcement



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