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Project title:**BG/AMIF-SO2-NO2-A1 “Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration Support for Third Country Nationals”**

The project is funded by the National Program of Bulgaria under the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund 2014-2020 with the financial support of the European Union and the budget of the Republic of Bulgaria.

The **overall objective** of the project is to contribute to improving the management of assisted voluntary return and reintegration (AVRR) of third-country nationals (TCNs) through the promotion of and assistance with voluntary return, as well as by raising the awareness of TCNs of the possibilities for AVRR to their countries of origin and safe third countries.

Specific objectives:

- Raising the awareness of TCNs of the opportunities provided by AMIF concerning voluntary return assistance and the provision of reintegration support after return to their countries of origin; and
- Achieving an effective and lasting return of 350 TCNs residing without legal grounds in Bulgaria, including a minimum of 15 vulnerable persons.

The project’s **target group** are all TCNs listed in the following categories under Art. 11 of Regulation (EU) No 516/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council:

- a) Third-country nationals who have not yet received a final negative decision in relation to their request to stay, their legal residence and/or international protection in a Member State, and who may choose to make use of voluntary return;
- b) Third-country nationals enjoying the right to stay, legal residence and/or international protection within the meaning of Directive 2011/95/EU, or temporary protection within the meaning of Directive 2001/55/EC in a Member State, and who have chosen to make use of voluntary return;
- c) Third-country nationals who are present in a Member State and do not or no longer fulfil the conditions for entry and/or stay in a Member State, including those third-country nationals whose removal has been postponed in accordance with Article 9 and Article 14(1) of Directive 2008/115/EC.

In addition, the project accentuates on the support of vulnerable persons according to the criteria of Directive 2008/115/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on common standards and procedures in Member States for returning illegally staying third-country nationals, i.e. minors, unaccompanied minors, disabled people, elderly people, pregnant women, single parents with minors children and persons who have been subjected to torture, rape or other serious forms of psychological, physical or sexual violence.

The anticipated indicators within the framework of the project implementation are:

- A minimum of 500 TCNs individually consulted under the procedure for AVRR;
- A minimum of 350 individual plans for AVRR for TCNs;
- A minimum of 350 voluntarily returned TCNs as a result of the implementation of the individual plans;
- A minimum of 70 TCNs received reintegration support after their voluntary return to their country of origin or a safe third country.

Indicator	Planned under a project proposal	Achieved until the end of the project implementation
	Number	Number
1. TCNs individually consulted under the procedure for AVRR	500500	541
1.1. Including vulnerable TCNs individually consulted under the procedure for AVRR	30	79
2. Individually developed plans for AVRR of TCNs	350	374
2.1. Including individual AVRR plans for vulnerable persons	15	13
3. Voluntarily returned TCNs as a result of the implementation of the individually developed plans	350	437
3.1. Including vulnerable TCNs voluntarily returned as a result of the implementation of the individually developed plans	15	76
4. TCNs who have received reintegration support after their voluntary return to their country of origin or a safe third country	70	70
4.1. Including vulnerable TCNs who received reintegration support after their voluntary return to their country of origin or a safe third country	10	11

