



Information for the Returnees from Austria

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WHAT IS ERIN?

European Reintegration Network (ERIN) is a joint return and reintegration program of several European member states. The main purpose is reintegration assistance to third country nationals after their return to the country of origin.

Austria is an official ERIN partner since June 2016.

COUNTRIES IN WHICH YOU CAN RECEIVE ERIN REINTEGRATION

- **Afghanistan**
- **Irak Central**
- **Irak KRG**
- **Russian Federation**
- **Pakistan**

CAN YOU PARTICIPATE?

You can participate in the ERIN program if you are coming from one of the listed countries.

The final decision will be made by the Austrian Federal Office for Immigration and Asylum (BFA). You will receive more information about the specific participation requirements from the return counselor (see further information on ERIN application and assistance process).

Only one person per household is eligible to participate.

WHAT KIND OF SUPPORT CAN YOU GET?

- **Counseling** on opportunities and options based on the local situation, your educational and professional background and your life situation.
- **Financial assistance:** Cash grant of **€ 500** to address most immediate needs after arrival to your country of origin
- **In-kind assistance** in the amount of **€ 3.000**, depending on your individual plans and needs (**NOT IN CASH!**)
- Temporary housing
- Medical and social assistance
- Administrative and legal assistance
- Small business start-up assistance
- Educational or vocational trainings

ERIN APPLICATION AND ASSISTANCE PROCESS

Step 1: Consultation with the return counselor

In order to apply for the ERIN program you need to have a consultation with one of the return counseling organizations:

Verein Menschenrechte Österreich (VMÖ) Hotline: 0800 808005 Homepage: http://www.verein-menschenrechte.at/rueck.html	Österreichische Caritaszentrale (ÖCZ) Hotline: 01/897 5221 Homepage: www.caritas.at/rueckkehrhilfe
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The return counselor will assist you with filling in the ERIN application form and provide you with all the necessary information about the process.

Step 2: Confirmation of participation and preparation for return

After the approval of your application by BFA (the application will be sent by the return counseling organization) your return counselor will help you with the organization of travel logistics (including purchase of flight ticket, ID-documents).

Step 3: Departure to your country of origin

When needed, the return counseling organization will bring you to the Vienna International Airport where you can get departure assistance. You will also receive assistance in transit areas (if you have a stop-over) by the International Organization for Migration (IOM).



Step 4: Start of the reintegration process

Before your departure you will be given the contact details of the ERIN partner organization in your country. Please contact that organization straight after your return.

The ERIN partner organization can also be contacted before the return, mainly through the return counseling sessions. If you have further questions afterwards you can also contact the organization by yourself.

During the first meeting with the ERIN partner organization in your country you will receive information about further steps in your reintegration process and the delivery of reintegration support will start.