Irregular migrants who do not wish to or are not allowed to remain in the EU need to leave its territory and return to their country of origin, or, sometimes, a country they have transited through. However, that country also needs to accept them. The EU has signed a number of readmission agreements and informal arrangements with partner countries to facilitate the return of irregular migrants. These agreements or arrangements provide a framework for identification and issuance of travel documents issue that migrants need to re-enter their country or a transit country.

**WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS of readmission cooperation frameworks?**

1. Facilitate safe & dignified return
2. Make consular assistance easier while improving collaboration
3. Strengthen accountability in return and readmission processes

Contributing to the following UN Sustainable Development Goals

10. REDUCED INEQUALITIES
17. PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

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EURCAP MAIN WORKING CLUSTERS

Areas of work: thematic and cross-cutting

1. Enhance capacity to manage returns and facilitate dialogue between the EU and partner countries

2. Facilitate dignified and safe return, and sustainable reintegration

3. Raise awareness of the risks of irregular migration and the benefits of safe migration

4. Contribute to building evidence base on migration and readmission cooperation

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**KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT**

**MONITORING AND EVALUATION**

EURCAP supports governments by

- Providing technical support to build return management frameworks
- Improving public and institutional communication in partner countries
- Using lessons learned to inform readmission policy and practice
Between 2017 and 2020, EURCAP developed three RCMS in Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka in order to digitize the flow of information between actors involved in the return and readmission process.

Inspired by existing electronic platforms in Sri Lanka and Georgia, EURCAP has developed a Model RCMS that can be easily tailored to specific circumstances and needs of a given partner country of the EU. It is a unified system that standardizes processes, fostering time and resource efficiency.

As a part of the Model RCMS, a readmission capacity-building package including the ‘how to’ information is available for return and readmission practitioners and policy makers.

Model RCMS characteristics

- Fully web-based with easy registration process
- Uses an open-source code that is flexible and adjustable
- Compliant with existing legal frameworks, including on data protection
- Enables real time communication and secure access to readmission applications, reports and statistics
- Includes reliable data security configurations
The EURCAP Facility contributes to effective and efficient cooperation between the EU and partner countries in the area of migration governance through capacity-building initiatives.

**A UNIQUE OPERATIONAL APPROACH**

- Share expertise and lessons learned among a community of practitioners.
- Facilitate ongoing dialogue with countries of origin, destination and transit.
- Develop indicators to better understand good readmission cooperation and underpinning factors.
- Contribute to the effective implementation of readmission agreements and arrangements at the request of both parties.

**CREATES SYNERGIES**

to develop readmission best practice and sustainable technical solutions (ICT)

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