

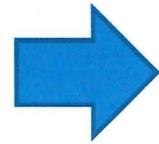
Workshop on Voluntary Returns

(Warsaw, 9 Dec 2019)

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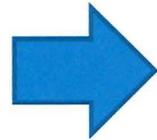
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New Regulation
art. 48



Support (assisted)
voluntary returns

Aim of the
workshop



PROCEDURES

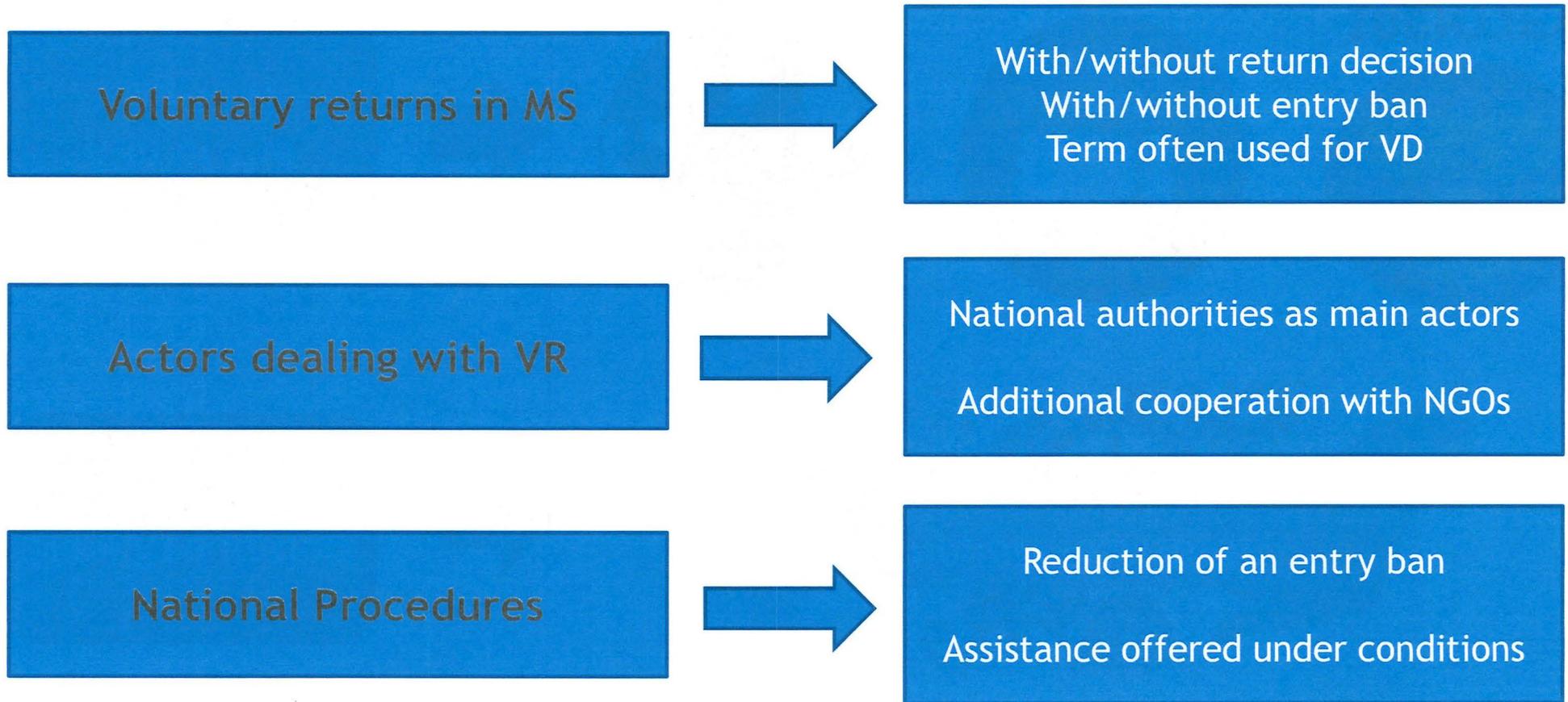


BEST
PRACTICE



IDENTIFY
NEEDS

Outcomes of the workshop



CONCLUSION

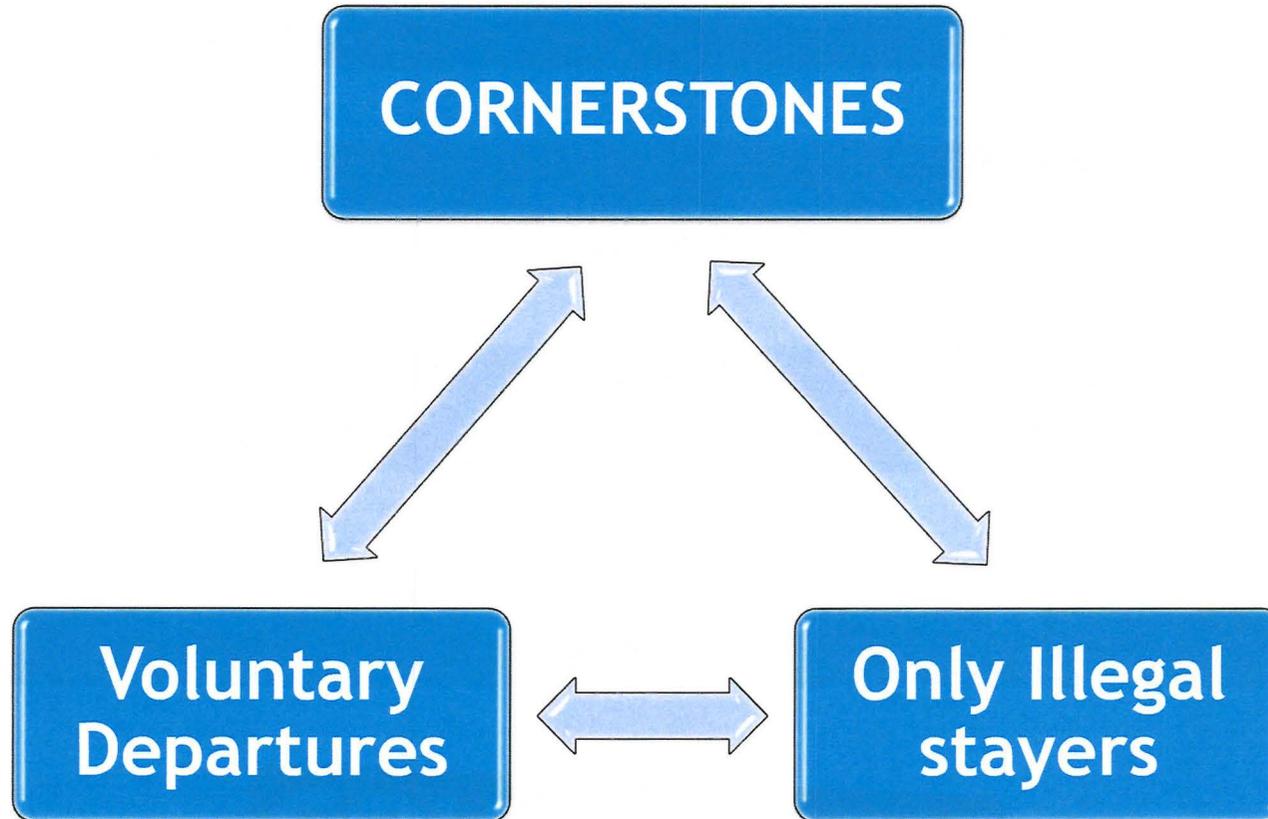
Different understanding of the term voluntary return.

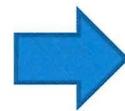
Various governmental & non-governmental actors involved in the process

Different national practices: issuance of return decision and the entry ban.

Assistance offered to voluntary returns differs among Member States.

Outcomes of the workshop





Advantages: effective & humane

Voluntary returnee = regular passenger

VOLUNTARY 11%
vs.
FORCED 30%



Lower risk of cancellation



Low impact on vulnerable groups



Returnee always accepted by airline

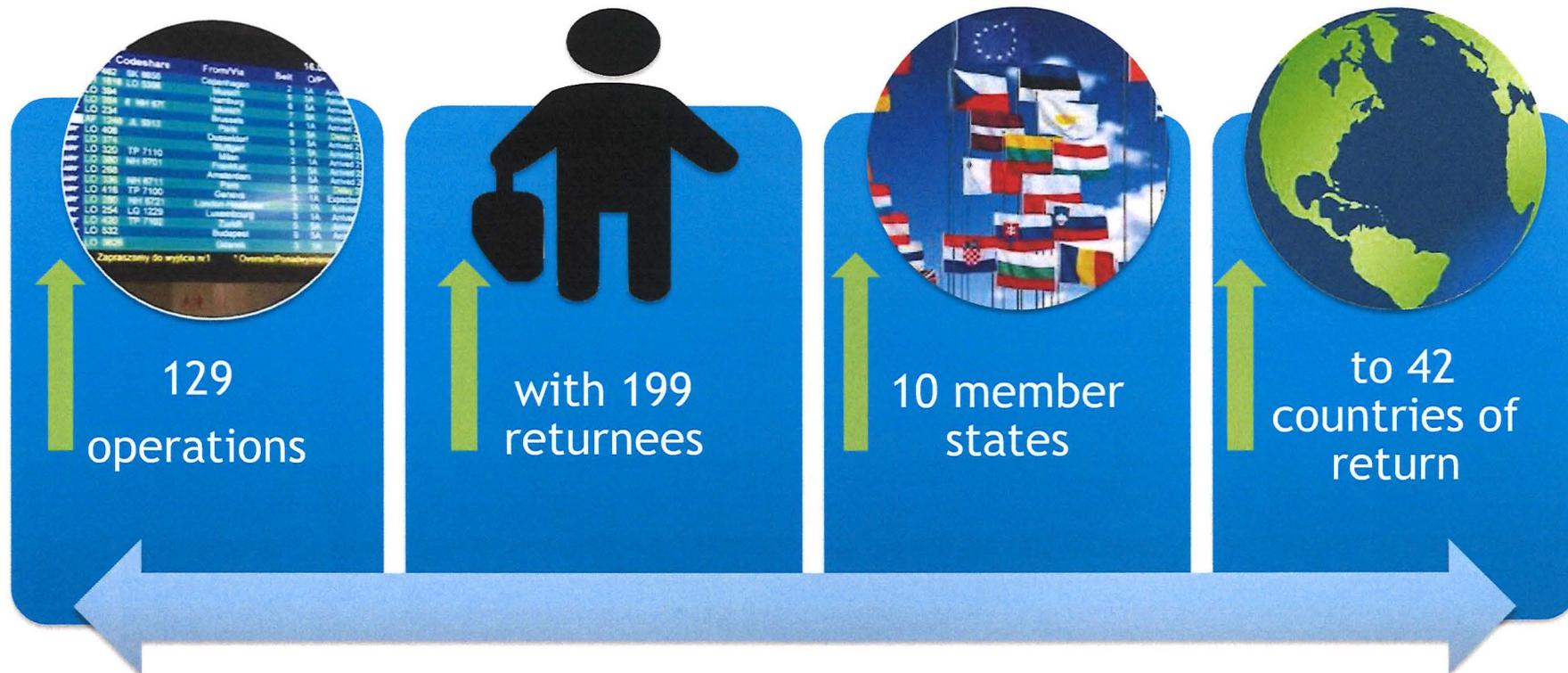


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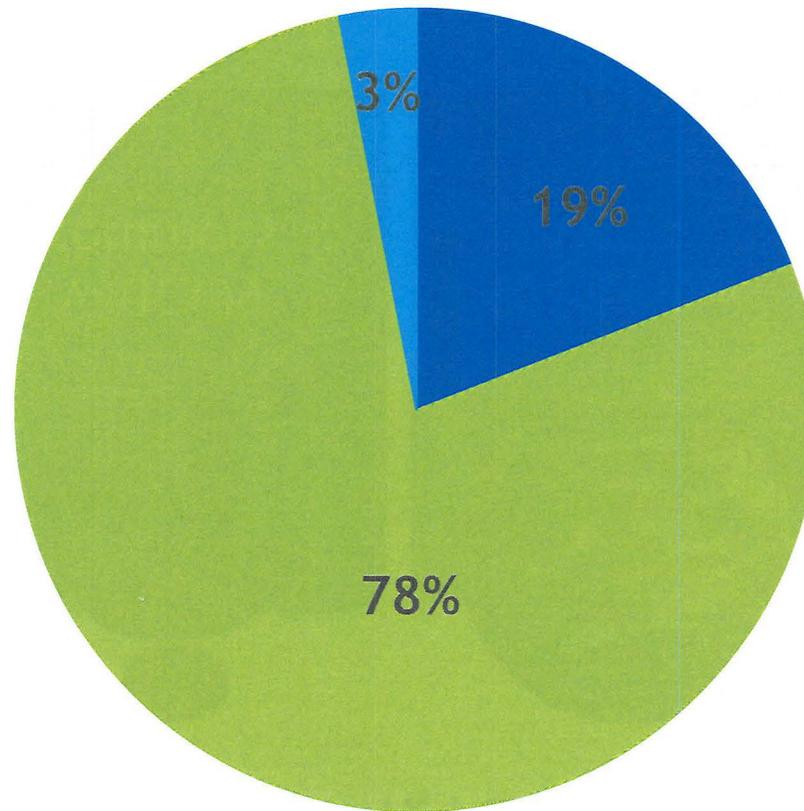


Transit in TC

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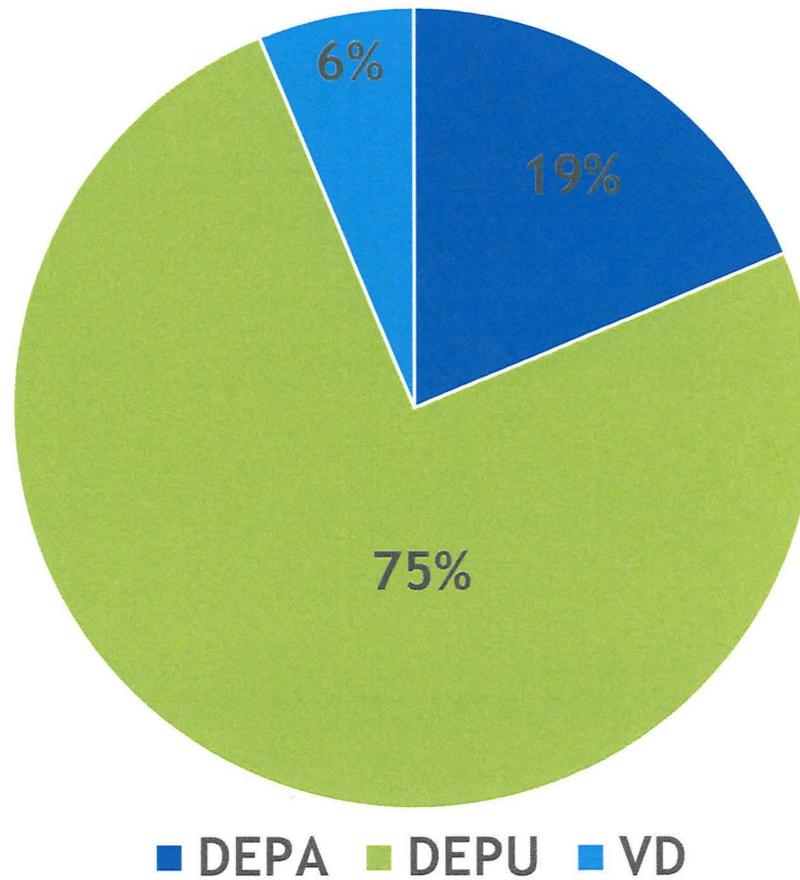


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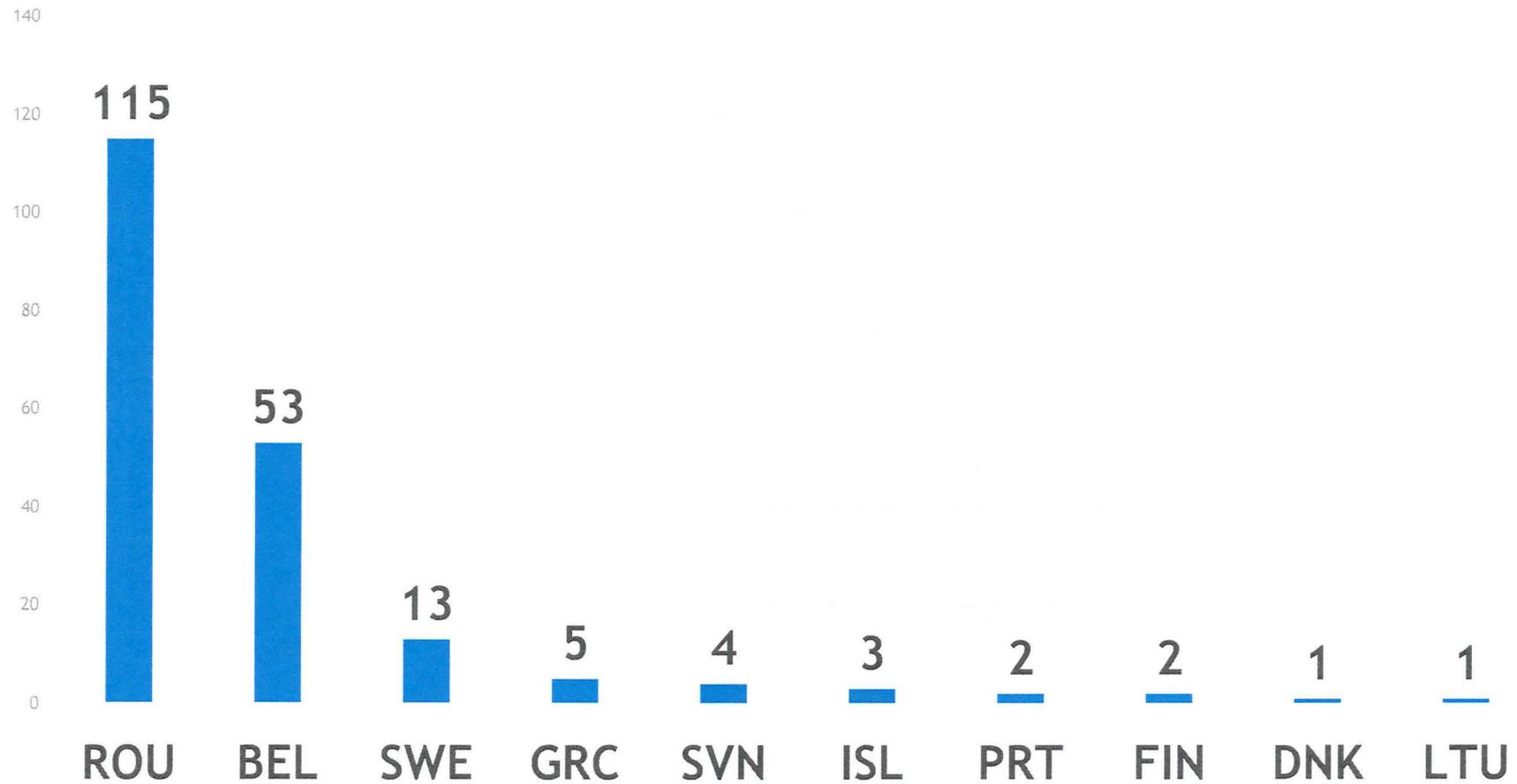


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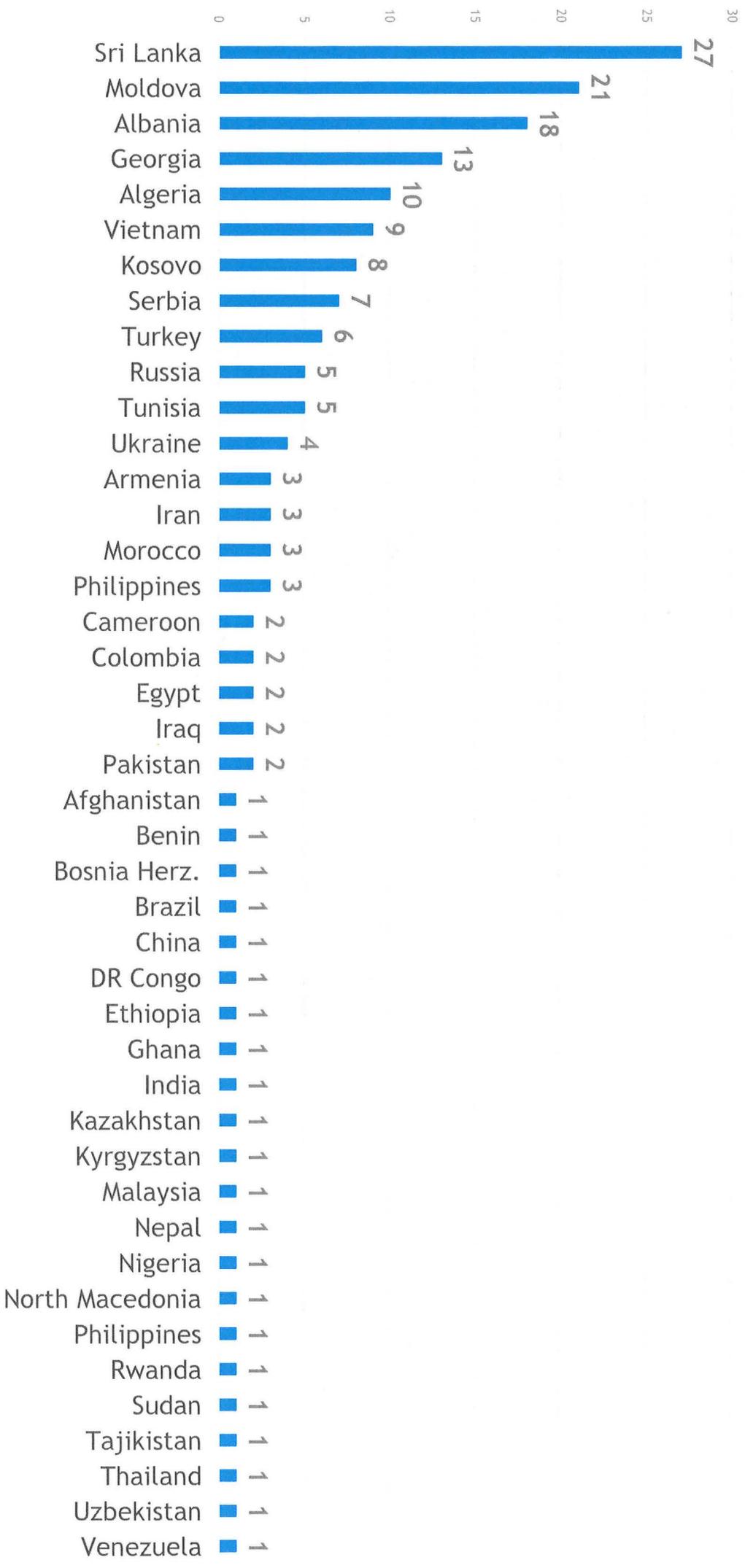


Voluntary Departures 2019-2020



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Voluntary Departures by COR 2019-2020



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

Information:

Justification No 6

Scheduled Flights Team



54th meeting with Direct Contact Points in Return Matters (DCP)

13 February 2020, Zagreb, Croatia



Summary of discussion groups and wrap-up combined session

Discussion topic 1: ERRIN

- **General discussion: Added value of Frontex engaged in reintegration assistance:**
 - Duplication of work of existing IOs and NGOs should be avoided
 - Engagement of Frontex should lead to complementary activities and useful competition -> lower costs (especially for MS with low return numbers), faster services and more transparency
 - Possible added value in case of gaps on short notice

Discussion topic 1: ERRIN

- Wishlist of priority TC and regions, e.g.:
 - Asia and Middle East: [REDACTED]
 - Europe: [REDACTED]
 - Africa: [REDACTED]
 - Latin America
 - Maghreb

- Not suitable for reintegration assistance:
 - Visa-free countries in the eastern neighbourhood and WB: Could serve as a pull factor!

- Pilot:
 - E.g. [REDACTED] special groups of returnees

Justification No 1

Discussion topic 1: ERRIN

Justification No 2

- Return counselling:
 - Often done by independent entities like IOM
- Challenge: Returnees reluctant in spite of assistance pledged
- Role of Frontex: Especially to provide standardized training, needs to consider national legal bases

Discussion topic 2: comments on the pre-return action plan

- **Exchange programme**

Increase length, well structured and organized, also detention centre staff. Risk to turn into tourism trip

- **GDPR working group**

More focused on technical solutions than legal details but aware of national specifics, clear picture on how GDPR attributed in different MS and systems, not to be too ambitious

- **English course**

Useful but should be digitalized (online)

- **Bilateral visits**

Should not be another Schengen evaluation.

Not to create extra workload for MS, rather informal.

NEW Bilateral visits should be extended to other actors (international organizations, TCs).

- **Return counselling**

Cautiousness needed due to language barriers, NGO involvement, different group specifics, national specifics, training for counsellors and general guidelines very much needed. SC might not be the answer.

Multidisciplinary activity.

Discussion topic 2: comments on the pre-return plan

- **Consular engagement/international negotiation training**

Cultural mediation trainings would be well appreciated.

NEW Support to consular engagements for advising on practical arrangements on how to get travel documents issued by consulates in different MS - creating a certain network of these experiences.

- **Capacity building activities for TC**

Exchange of post return experiences, handover is not enough. Training to migration officers in TC's.

- **Return project management office**

Focus on supporting MS with different initiatives (laboratory approach)

Discussion topic 3: needs for medical staff on board of return operations - conclusions

- **No added value** from a ‘pool’ of medical staff managed by Frontex - current reimbursement system sufficiently covers MS needs
- Well established national procedures
- **Possible obstacles:**
 - Responsibility for the returnees and liability in case of incidents
 - Varying national procedures and/or legislation
 - Trust (communication, familiarity with cases)
 - Competition with national authorities
 - Availability
- Possible added value only in case of gaps on short notice

Returns in the EU - outcome of the survey completed by MS

Aim of the survey

Collect info on RO:

- Carried out at national level
- With Frontex support and without

Why:

- New mandate - better planning
- Assess operational assistance

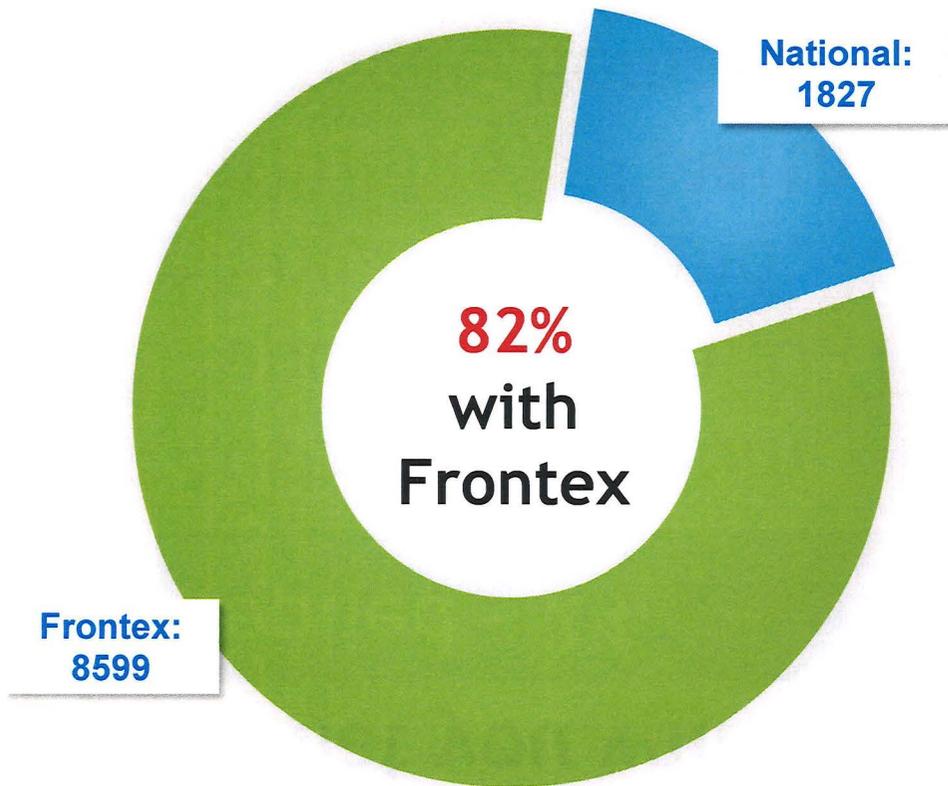
What you will see is based on these replies

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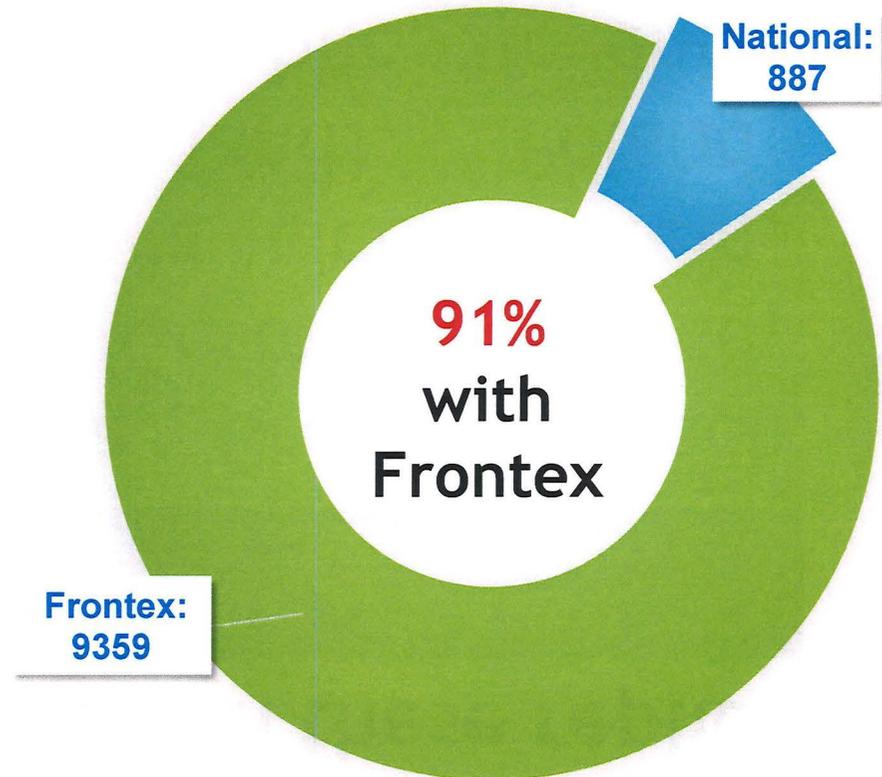
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Third Country Nationals returned by charter flights (Survey)

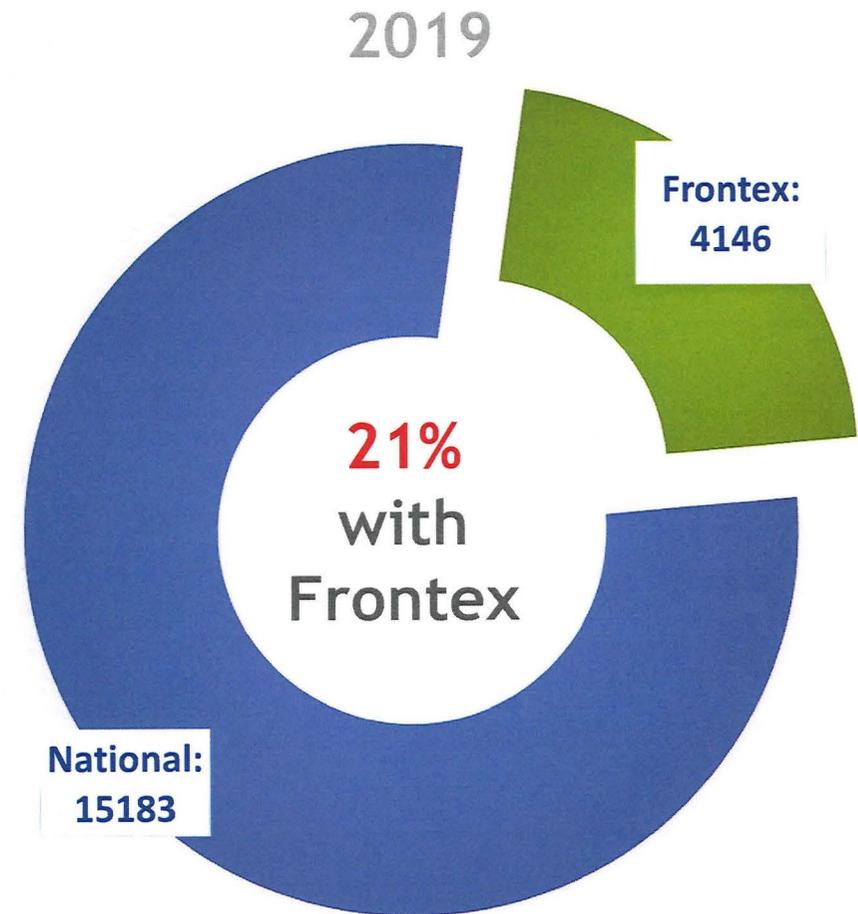
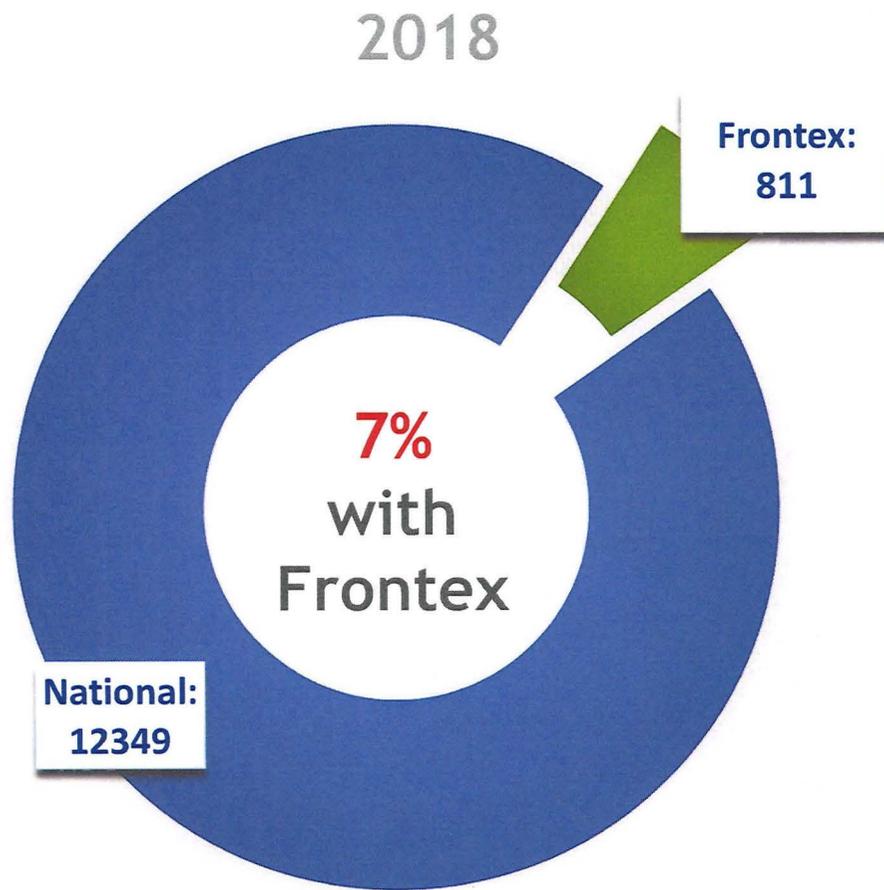
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Third Country Nationals returned by scheduled flights (Survey)



Type of return in 2019 (Survey)

