



Any question that is related to the issue of returning home is a valid one.

The examples are numerous.

What happens at the airport if the authorities find out that I have been asking for asylum elsewhere? How much will it cost to transport my goods to the interior of the country? What with custom regulations? Can I get my old property back or can I be compensated for its loss? Which formalities do I have to fulfil to start my own business? Can my illness be treated effectively over there? Where can I find a school for my autistic child? Can I continue to practice my new religion? What if...

This is what we do

While information is one thing, communication is equally important. Information is giving out; communication is getting through.

The service we offer is threefold.

1/ We run an information desk where potential returnees or their assistants can ask specific and individualised questions in order to decide on a return or its preparation. We will always try to find an adequate answer through desk research first. If the result does not prove satisfactory, the question is transferred to our local partner.

2/ On our website www.cri-project.eu, we provide country fact sheets with general "things you should now about..." information on the 19 target countries of our project. These files are documented by local research and partially based on international reports.

3/ We train grass roots organisations to become key players in collecting and transferring return related information. They act as points of reference towards the larger migrant community, making our project and its results widely known among them.

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RETURN ...

not necessarily a step
backward

Return Information Project and Vulnerable Groups



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Information

A key to return counselling and assistance



Are you considering a definitive return to your home country?

Are you a social worker assisting asylum seekers?

Do you volunteer to help undocumented migrants?

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And do you want to know more about the situation in the country of return?

Find all the information you need on

www.cri-project.eu.

Or contact our information desk to make specific inquiries on return opportunities.

HELPDESK RETURN
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Making choices

Coming full circle or not?

Today politicians and opinion makers often put forward "return to the home country" as a solution when dealing with undocumented migrants. But in many cases this assertion is presented without nuance or based on insufficient background information.

We think return can be a valid option on condition that it is indeed the returnee's own personal choice and his safety is guaranteed. In order to make that decision, potential returnees must be well informed about their perspectives upon return.

The Country of Return Information project aims to do just this: helping people to decide whether they should stay or go. And if they choose to go, helping them with the preparations. And this by providing all the necessary information returnees need, focused on their personal situation.



Know before you act

"The one who asks questions doesn't lose his way"



Candidates for return obviously have a lot of questions. Relatives and friends back home are usually called upon for answers. But too often their response is biased, incomplete or inaccurate.

The Country of Return Information project provides information on territorial access, reintegration opportunities, accommodation, employment, social security, health care, education, etc.

To that end we encompass a network of local partners, all trained for the job.

We collaborate with local partners in the following countries:

Africa: Algeria, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ghana, Guinea, Morocco

Europe: Albania, Armenia, Bosnia, Georgia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Russia and Serbia

South-America: Argentina, Bolivia, Ecuador