



Project Title: HE.RE.: “Health and Return of illegal residents: best practice for basic requirements in the provision of health care to returnees (voluntary and forced), with a particular focus on vulnerable groups (women, children and disabled persons) prior to departure.

Project Reference: Grant Agreement N° JLS/2006/Return/028

MAPPING EXPERIENCES IN EUROPE RELATED TO THE PROVISION OF HEALTHCARE TO RETURNEES¹

CONTEXT

In the framework of the project “*Health and Return of illegal residents: best practice for basic requirements in the provision of health care to returnees (voluntary and forced), with a particular focus on vulnerable groups (women, children and disabled persons) prior to departure*”, and during the kick off meeting held in Verona, 21-22 January 2008, it was agreed to design an ad hoc questionnaire, for mapping experiences in Europe on the provision of healthcare to returnees.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- On 17 April 2007 the European Commission awarded a **Grant Agreement Contract (Ref: Grant Agreement Number – JLS/2006/Return/028)** “Health and return of illegal residents: best practice for basic requirements in the provision of health care to returnees (voluntary and forced), with a particular focus on vulnerable groups (women, children and disabled persons) prior to departure” to Ulss 20 Verona and a group of leading European partners.
- The **specific objective** of the project is to identify Best Practices in the Member States in the provision of health care for returnees, with a particular focus on vulnerable groups (women, children and disabled persons), prior to departure from country of illegal residence.
- One of the activities foreseen by the project is to carry out a **mapping exercise of experiences in Member States and third countries** (e.g. pilot projects) and documents (e.g. protocols) with relation to the provision of healthcare to returnees.

PURPOSE OF THE MAPPING EXERCISE:

1. To collect individual experiences at all levels (local, regional and national) on practices relating to the provision of healthcare to returnees.
2. To consolidate information in an easily consultable inventory to be uploaded on a future website (URL TBD) for consultation.
3. To provide a resource tool for key stakeholders operating in the field of illegal immigration and return.

¹ A returnee is a person who undergoes the process of return, defined as follows: “The process of going back to one’s country of origin, transit or another third country, including preparation and implementation. The return may be voluntary or enforced.” (Ref: Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on a Community Return Policy on Illegal Residents) COM(2002) 564 final

INSTRUCTIONS

- The present questionnaire serves to collect information about experiences in Europe related to the provision of healthcare to returnees, in order to come up with a comprehensive mapping.
- The questionnaire is self-administered and Ulss 20 Verona is responsible for the supervision and distribution to appropriate parties/participants.
- The questionnaire should be completed according to the notes provided below and one questionnaire format should be used for each documented individual experience.
- Each questionnaire has a box in the upper right that needs to be filled out by participants with the following information: country where the experience occurred and questionnaire number (e.g. questionnaire 01, 02, etc.). Please see example below:

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- Feel free to distribute this questionnaire to other individuals and institutions that you believe would be interested in participating either in this survey or in the network (or both)
- Please note that all participants need to provide their signature and the date signed on the last page of the questionnaire
- Completed questionnaires need to be submitted electronically (Times New Roman 12 preferred font) via email to here@ulss20.verona.it **and** the originals (with signatures) mailed to the following address:

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- For further clarifications please contact Cristina Benedetti at the following e-mail address: cbenedetti@ulss20.verona.it or telephone number : 0039 0458076040.

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**QUESTIONNAIRE
FOR MAPPING EXPERIENCES IN EUROPE RELATED TO THE PROVISION OF
HEALTHCARE TO RETURNEES**

GENERAL QUESTIONS

1	NAME OF THE IMPLEMENTING ORGANISATION (Institution/Individual) (1)	National Police Headquarters, Hungary General Directorate of Law Enforcement Department of Border Policing Division of Alien Policing
	CONTACT PERSON (2)	Dr. László Balázs police colonel Head of Division balazslaszlo@orfk.police.hu
2	ADDRESS (Please provide main address details)	Budapest, XIII. Teve u. 4-6. Postal address: 1903 Budapest, PO Box: 314/15
3	WEBSITE OF INSTITUTION/INDIVIDUAL	www.police.hu
4	TYPE OF INSTITUTION (please tick most relevant, multiple entries permitted)	<input type="checkbox"/> Academic Institution <input type="checkbox"/> Research Centre/Think Tank/ Policy Institution <input type="checkbox"/> Governmental Organisation <input type="checkbox"/> Inter-Governmental Organisation <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Governmental Organisation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)
5	GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE OF INSTITUTION OR INDIVIDUAL	<input type="checkbox"/> Global <input type="checkbox"/> Asia

		<input type="checkbox"/> Middle East and North Africa <input type="checkbox"/> Sub-Saharan Africa <input type="checkbox"/> Americas <input type="checkbox"/> Europe <input type="checkbox"/> Specific countries: Please specify
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QUESTIONS RELATING TO A SPECIFIC ACTION

6	ACTIVITIES RELATED TO HEALTH and RETURN: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is the issue of health and return (forced and voluntary) an issue for your organization/government/institution” ? - Is there legislation in your country which lays down the procedures for returning illegal residents to their country of origin and if yes, is there any reference to healthcare in such legislation? - Did you experience problems with health related issues when returning third country nationals? If yes, which are the most striking ones? - Which countries of return are in this respect the most problematic and why? 	<p>During the alien policing procedures the Police is responsible (in issue of return and health) for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • controlling foreigners • expulsion • custody of illegal migrants • deportation (forced returns) • in case of health problem: organize the medical support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are 2 acts pertaining to alien policing in Hungary. <p>These acts stipulate the procedures for returning, and these acts stipulate healthcare during procedures. (Acts of 1/2007 and 2/2007 and many related regulations, which include healthcare)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • readmission agreements <p>Hungary hasn't got any problems with health related issues during return operations.</p>
7	TYPE OF ACTION (3)	Voluntary and forced returns by land and air

8	NAME OF PARTNER ORGANISATIONS INVOLVED (4)	Immigration and Nationality Office, Hungary (governmental) International Organization of Migration (IOM) (Non-governmental)
9	RESOURCES (5)	Persons expelled must cover the expenses generally. If they do not have sufficient financial means the costs must be advanced by the initiating authority.
10	INITIATION (6)	In 2007 the Police executed 1174 return procedures: 39 was initiated by the Immigration and Nationality Office
11	DATE AND DURATION (7)	According to the alien policing acts, forced returns must be executed immediately in case all conditions are established for the action. The Police uses special force-return vehicles. The Győr-Moson-Sopron Count Police HQ organizes long-route field-return services once a week (Győr-Budapest-Tompa (Serbian Border)-Nagylak (Romanian Border)-Záhony (Ukrainian Border)-Budapest-Győr). Other county police HQ and the Office of Immigration and Nationality may join the service if needed. In other cases deportations must be carried out immediately.
12	DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION (8)	If a third-country national stays illegally in the territory of Hungary, the Hungarian alien policing authority orders the custody of the person. Before the execution of the custody, the illegal migrant has a medical check-up. As a result of the check-up he stays in the detention centre (there are separate rooms for sick persons not requiring special medical attention). In case the person needs special medical attention he must be taken to a health care institute where he is guarded by police officials. Every detainee gets the same medical care as the Hungarian citizens. During the term of the custody, detainees are under medical control. In the detention centres there are well-trained medical guards in 24 hours. In case of any serious health problem (emergency or any infectious

		disease), the Police have agreements with hospitals and with other medical authorities. If the alien policing authority expels the migrant, mostly it is executed by force. But if somebody needs any medical care, it is organized by the executive authority. It means that during the forced return necessary medical care is available. The host country is informed about the health problem by the competent authority (Police) of course. The medical rules are stricter during forced returns by air.
13	KEY PROBLEMS/CHALLENGES/CONSTRAINTS (9)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • infectious disease Task for the Police: isolating the person, informing the competent authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hunger-strike Task: checking the persons in the detention centre in every 20 minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • attempt at suicide Task: continuous control and informing the competent medical authority
14	REFERENCE DOCUMENTS (10)	

Notes

- (1) Please indicate the name of the implementing organisation.
- (2) Please indicate the name and contact information of the contact person for the action.
- (3) Please indicate the type of action (individual experience) that has been undertaken (e.g. information campaign, mediation, accompanying of returnees).
- (4) Please indicate the name of partner organisations involved and specific nature of the partnership – if appropriate.
- (5) Please indicate the source of funding of the action.
- (6) Please indicate whether the action was due to the initiative of the implementing organisation or whether another organisation (e.g. Government) was the initiating party.
- (7) Please indicate commencement date and duration of the action.
- (8) Please describe the type of action that has been undertaken. (max.250 words)
- (9) Please list problems/challenges/constraints associated with the action.
- (10) Please list and provide (if possible) any relevant reference/resource documents.

Signature

Date

According to the Italian law 196/2003 and EC regulation Directive 95/46/EC, I freely give my consent to Ulss 20 Verona, as the entrusted organisation for the treatment of personal/institutional data, to use any information provided only for those purposes strictly connected with activities of the mapping exercise within the legislative, statutory and contractual provisions of both the Italian and the EC framework.

Signature

Date