



## The Assisted Voluntary Return (AVR) in Italy and the RIRVA Network

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### AVR, what it is

The assisted Voluntary Return is a program allowing to voluntarily go back to one's country of origin in security and with the due assistance.

In compliance with the Return Directive (2008/115/EC), the Italian Law n. 129 of August, 2011 and related Guidelines - DM 27.10.

### Who is eligible for the AVR?

Any third country national who is a regular stayer in situation of vulnerability, an irregular migrant, or who is at risk of irregularity .

Ineligible people are: European Union citizens or persons with dual citizenship -one of which belonging to the EU, according to art. 7 of the Return Directive (2008/115/EC); people holding a long-term permit of stay

**In order to verify whether a specific case is eligible and obtain further details on the programme please check out our website at [www.reterirva.it](http://www.reterirva.it) or contact the Return Help Desk (From Mondays to Fridays 9.30-13.30, tel. 0492023830, email [info@reterirva.it](mailto:info@reterirva.it))** It must be underlined that beneficiaries of AVR programmes waive their status and renounce to their permit of stay. Yet they are not subject to a re-entry ban in the Italian territory;

### How the AVR is implemented

Since 2009 AVRs were realised thanks to the projects co-funded by The European Return Fund (2008-2013) and the Italian Ministry of Interior, Department for Civil Liberties and Immigration. Each year the Ministry of Interior selects some projects in order to :

- Implement the AVRs, thanks to three type of action (action 1, 2 and 3);
- Systematic actions as the RIRVA Network (ac. 7), to provide information on the measure and report the cases



## **ONGOING AVR PROJECTS (FR 12)**

### **Action 1. PARTIR V (and VI)**

**Last departures by 30.03.2015.** Implementing body: IOM Rome

**Beneficiaries: 830 migrants from any Third Country residing in any Italian region.**

**Eligible migrants:** Categories as referred to in the current legislation. Vulnerable migrants will have priority

**Services provided:** Pre-departure consulting, travel arrangements and purchase of the ticket, provision of € 100 in cash (per person) before departure; reintegration assistance: up to € 1.100 allowance given in-kind (goods and services). (The reintegration assistance is the same in case of either a single person or a family)

### **Action - AUSILIUM**

**Last departures by 30.06.2015;** Implementing body: IOM Rome

**Beneficiaries: 950 migrants from any Third Country residing in any Italian region**

**Eligible migrants:** Migrants belonging to one of the categories as referred to in the current legislation. Priority will be given to irregular migrants or to those at risk of irregular stay

**Services provided:** Pre-departure consulting, travel arrangements and purchase of the ticket provision of € 200 in cash (per person) before departure. Reintegration assistance will NOT be provided

### **Action 3 - RETURN REINTEGRATION**

**Lat departures by 30.03.2015 .** Implemented by CIR with OXFAM Italy and CISP

**Beneficiaries: 40 +80 Third country nationals from TUNISIA, GHANA, NIGER, ECUADOR and COLOMBIA,** mainly residing either in Lombardy or Lazio. Nevertheless migrants residing in other regions can also apply for the programme

**Eligible migrants:** vulnerable migrants holding a permit of stay about to expire and no longer renewable, and irregular migrants

**Services provided:** return counselling and drafting of reintegration schemes and possible professional training, travel arrangements and ticket purchase; provision of € 400 in cash (per person) before departure, reintegration assistance: up to € 1.100 allowance given in-kind (goods and services)

### **Action 3 - BACK TO FUTURE**

**Last departures by 30.04.2014.** Implementing body: Xenagos Foundation in partnership with Connecting People.

**Beneficiaries: 81 third country nationals from TUNISIA,** residing mainly in Piedmont, Lazio and Sicily. Nevertheless also migrants residing in other regions can apply for the programme.

**Eligible migrants:** vulnerable migrants, asylum seekers, migrants holding a permit for international or humanitarian protection who waive their status, irregular stayers or those at risk of irregular stay.

**Services provided:** return counselling, draft of reintegration schemes; travel arrangements and ticket purchase, provision of € 400 in cash (per person) before departure, assistance in the realisation of the entrepreneurial projects in the country of origin thanks € 1.100 allowance given in-kind (goods and services)