

Migration and asylum

Supporting readmission of migrants in the Russian Federation

Ensuring compliance with international obligations

"This project is useful, timely, well-balanced from the point of the practical application and methodological provision, and in line with the needs and requests of the Federal migration service".

Mikhail Utiatskiy, Head of the Citizenship Department of the Federal Migration Service of Russia



EU Partners

International Organisation for Migration (IOM)

Federal Migration Service, Russian Federation (FMS)

Facts and Figures

- EU contribution: €470 676 (100% of total)
- Duration: 2009 - 2011

Context

This project is about rendering assistance to Russian competent authorities in practical implementation of EU-Russian Federation Readmission Agreement, especially in the part concerning readmitting third country nationals and stateless persons. It aims to enhance the capacity of the Federal Migration Service of Russia in the sphere of Readmission, setting up and strengthening working contacts with competent authorities of the EU Member States and getting familiarized with the best EU practices, including human rights securing.

Objectives

- Refine mechanisms of readmission agreements implementation, both for Russian nationals' and third country nationals' related parts.
- Enhance capacity of the relevant Russian authorities in implementing readmission agreements.

Impact

- Further development of Russian legislation in the sphere of readmission.
- Recommendations for developing a pilot software package for optimizing applications workflow.
- Comprehensive training programme and manuals for readmission centres personnel of the FMS Russia developed, more than 200 Russian officials were trained.
- Development of an information brochure for migrants in 8 languages and production of a video clip informing on merits of legal migration.



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The journey back home

In February 2010, Russian Federal Migration Service (FMS) received a readmission application from the Lithuanian Republic regarding **Mr K.**, 55 years old Russian national from Rostov-on-Don region, suffering from cerebral palsy, with no accommodation in Lithuania, no family and care.

Based upon the results of the readmission application papers provided by the Lithuanian authorities, the Russian FMS reached a positive decision to readmit Mr K. However, taking into account Mr K's difficult health conditions, the Russian authorities took the initiative to return Mr K not under the readmission procedure but as Assisted Voluntary Returnee so that he would be better treated and assisted.

Russian FMS meticulously prepared Mr K's return: while travelling he was accompanied by a medical specialist, back in Russia he was offered an accommodation in a social care institution located in Rostov-on-Don region where he would be able to get all necessary medical support. All this was coordinated with the Russian Ministry of Health and Social Development.

At present Mr K enjoys a decent living standard, has access to the necessary medical assistance and social welfare, and is being duly taken care of. The FMS of Russia monitors the situation closely.

As a result of this readmission project, the right contacts, information and synergies had been established to ensure that a person on the Readmitted list was, due to his health and economic situation, returned in the best possible and humane manner.



Readmission centre in Rostov-on-Don