

**Question for written answer E-005257/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Assessing ERRIN

In its Communication of 27 April on 'The EU strategy on voluntary return and reintegration'¹, the Commission states that 'Out of 491 195 illegally staying third country nationals ordered to return in 2019, 142 320 effectively returned to a third country' and 'The share of voluntary returns is currently 27% of all departures from the EU'.

The Commission alludes in this regard to work undertaken by ERRIN², an EU-funded network of 15 Member States and Schengen Area countries³. 'The [ERRIN] Network has become a key stakeholder in the assisted voluntary return and reintegration process' 'Since it was set up in mid-2018, the Network ... has supported the participating Member States to achieve the successful return and reintegration of nearly 25 000 migrants'. In actual fact, this adds up to returning 1 666 migrants per European member country of the network, less than 600 per year.

As a member of the Management Board of ERRIN, what does the Commission intend to do to improve these results?

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/en/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:52021DC0120&from=EN>

² European Return and Reintegration Network

³ Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland