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EUROPEAN BORDER AND COAST GUARD AGENCY

European Centre for Returns Division

ECRET structure and mandate

Familiarisation visit of Mauritanian delegation,

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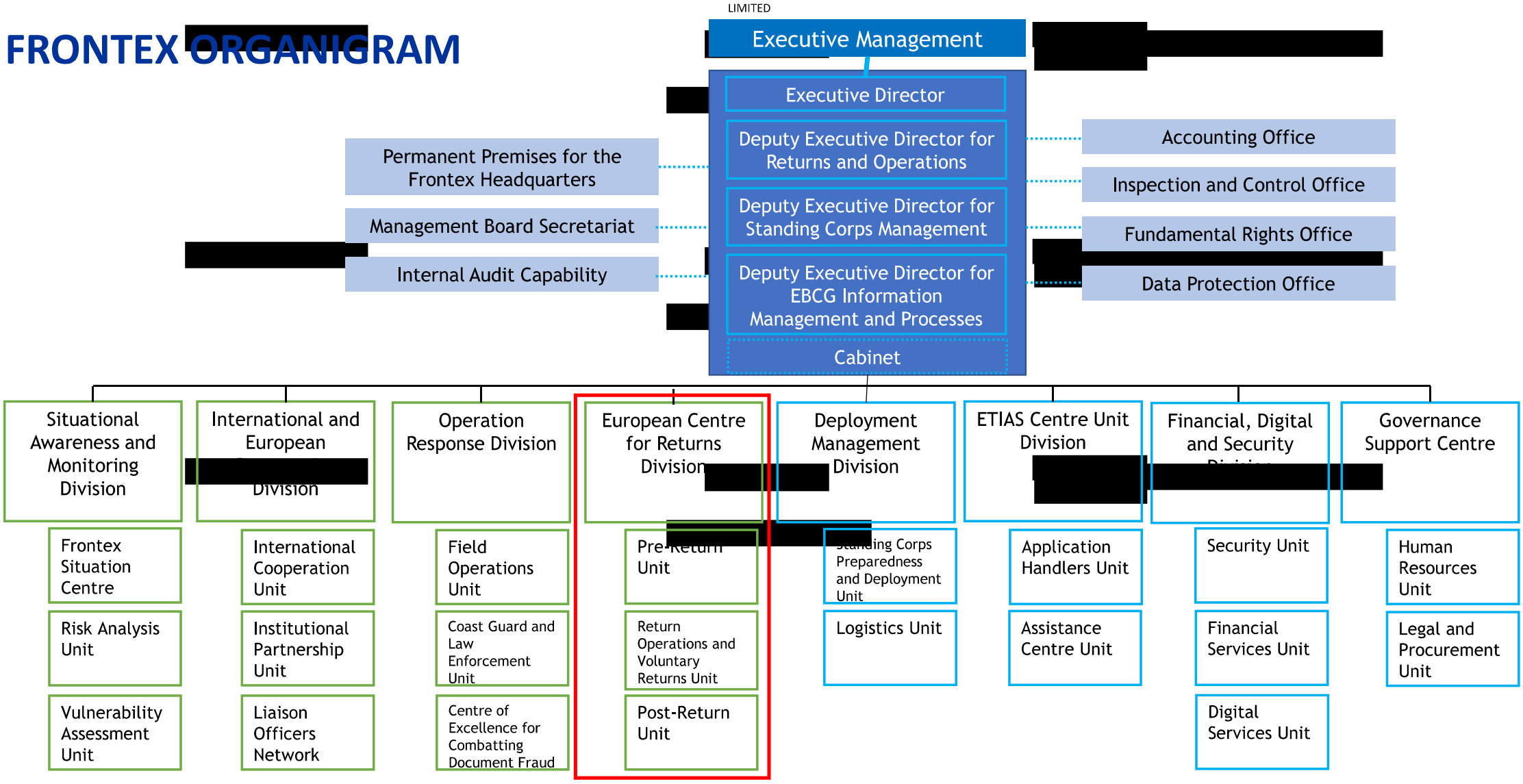

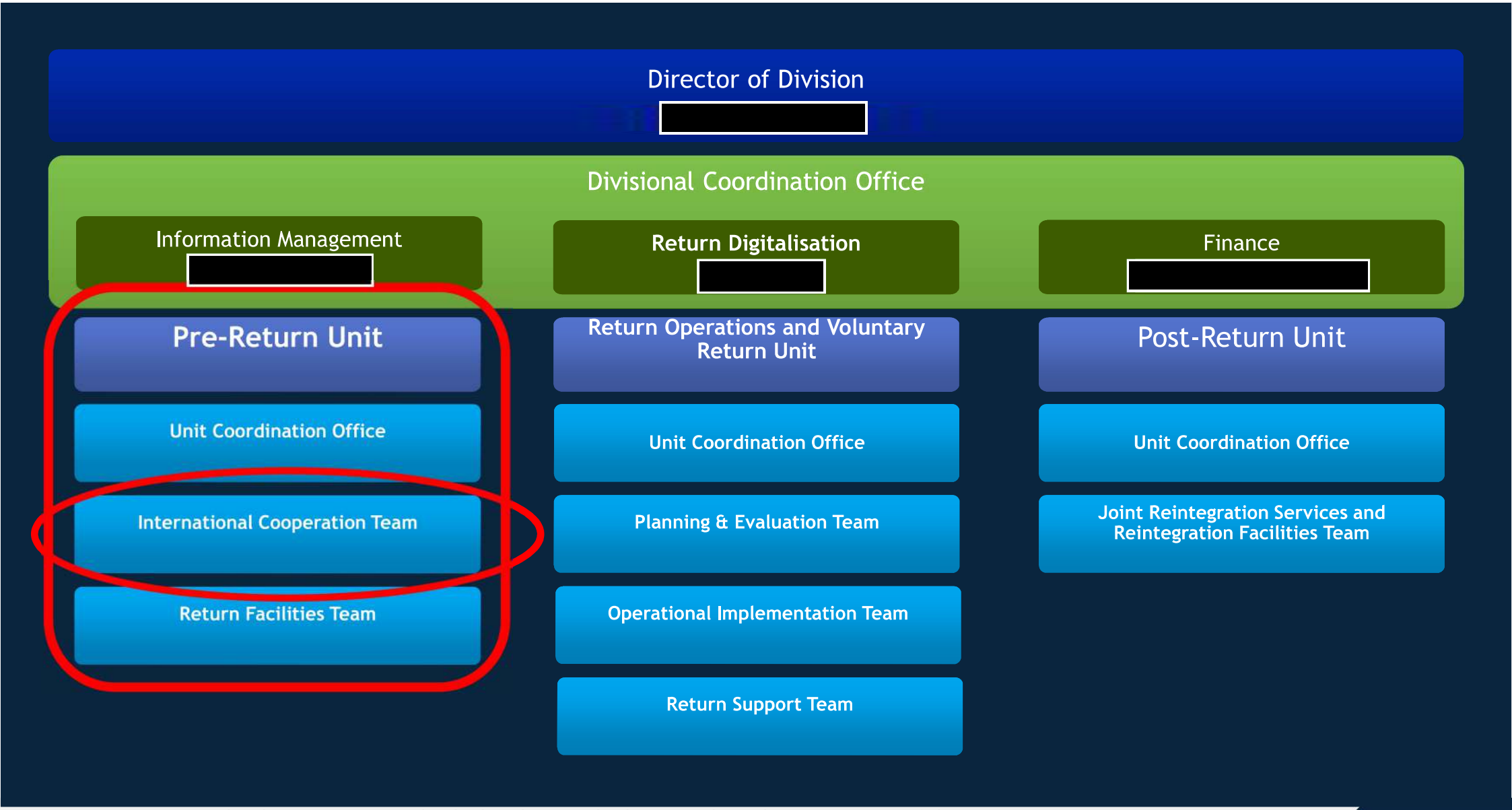

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FRONTEX tasks (Frontex Regulation 2019/1896)

Article 10: Tasks of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency

→ to provide assistance **at all stages of the return process**

without entering into the merits of return decisions

Article 48: Action of the Agency in the area of returns

→ collection of information for issuing RD, identification of TCN, acquisition of TD,

→ VR, ROs,

→ address MS challenges in return

→ digitalisation of return system

→ exchange of practical information and pooling best practices

→ interpretation services, equipment and resources

Articles 49-53: integrated return management platform for processing and information exchange, return operations, forced-return monitors, return teams, return interventions

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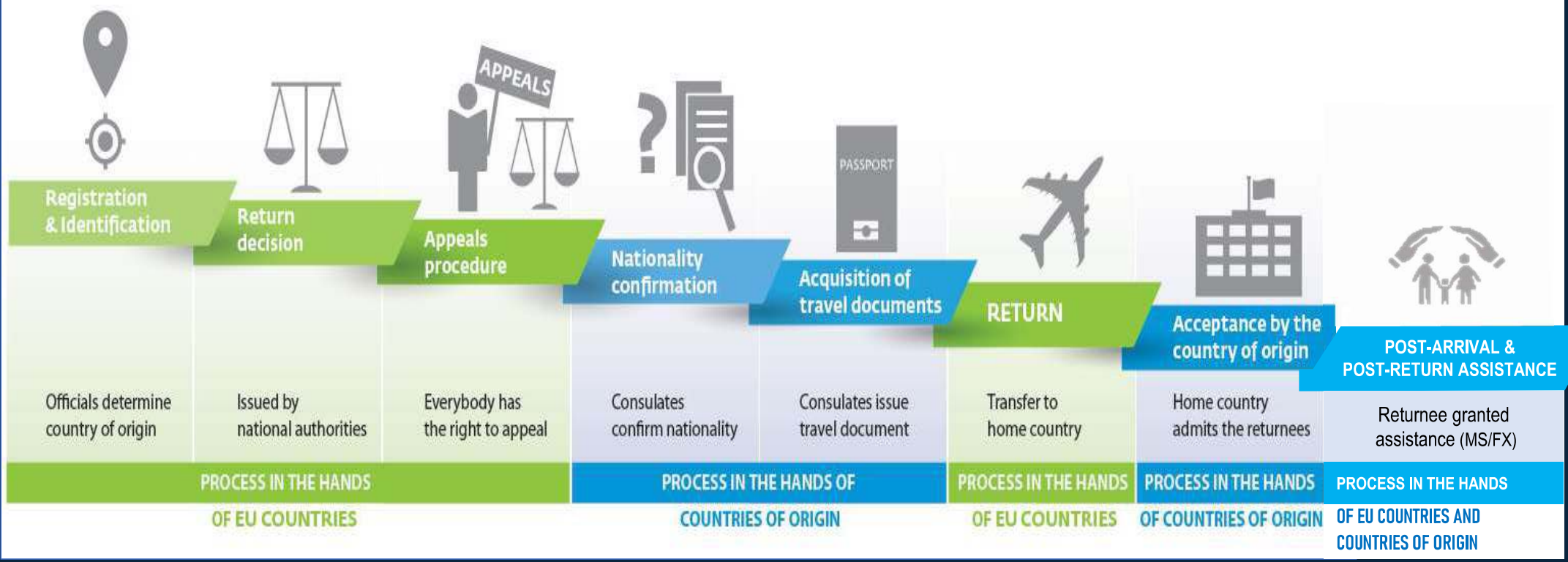
THE RETURN PROCESS STEP-BY-STEP



Forms of Frontex assistance

FAR/IRMA

Chartering of aircrafts

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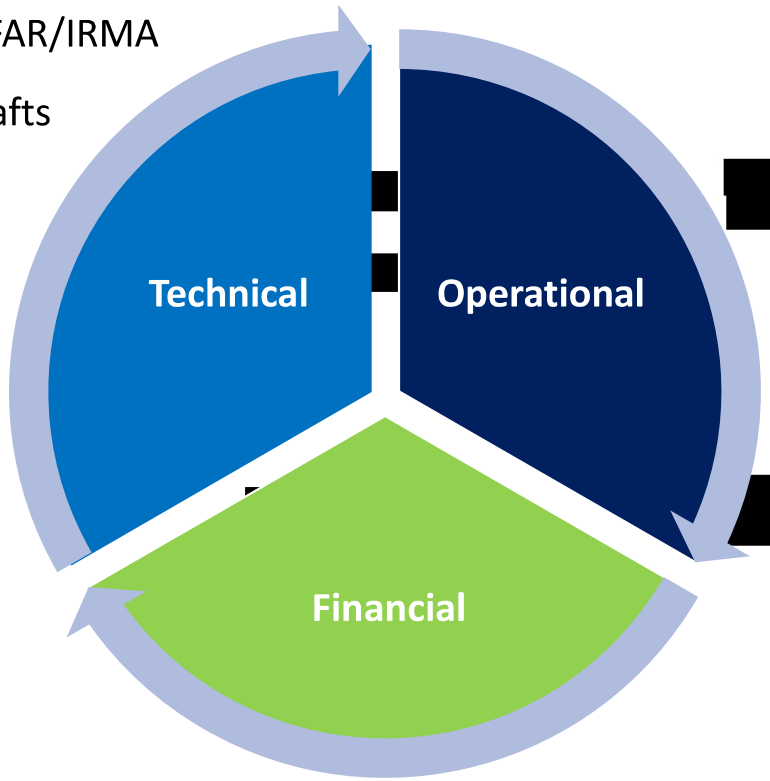
Interpretation services

Capacity building for returns

Reintegration services



Standing Corps:
up to 10 000 officers,

Identification & acquisition of travel documents (incl, VC)

European Return Liaison Officers

To EU/ Schengen Member States

To participating Countries of Return (directly/ indirectly)

Complementary activities:
familiarization, networking, knowledge-sharing, training activities

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Pre-return Unit

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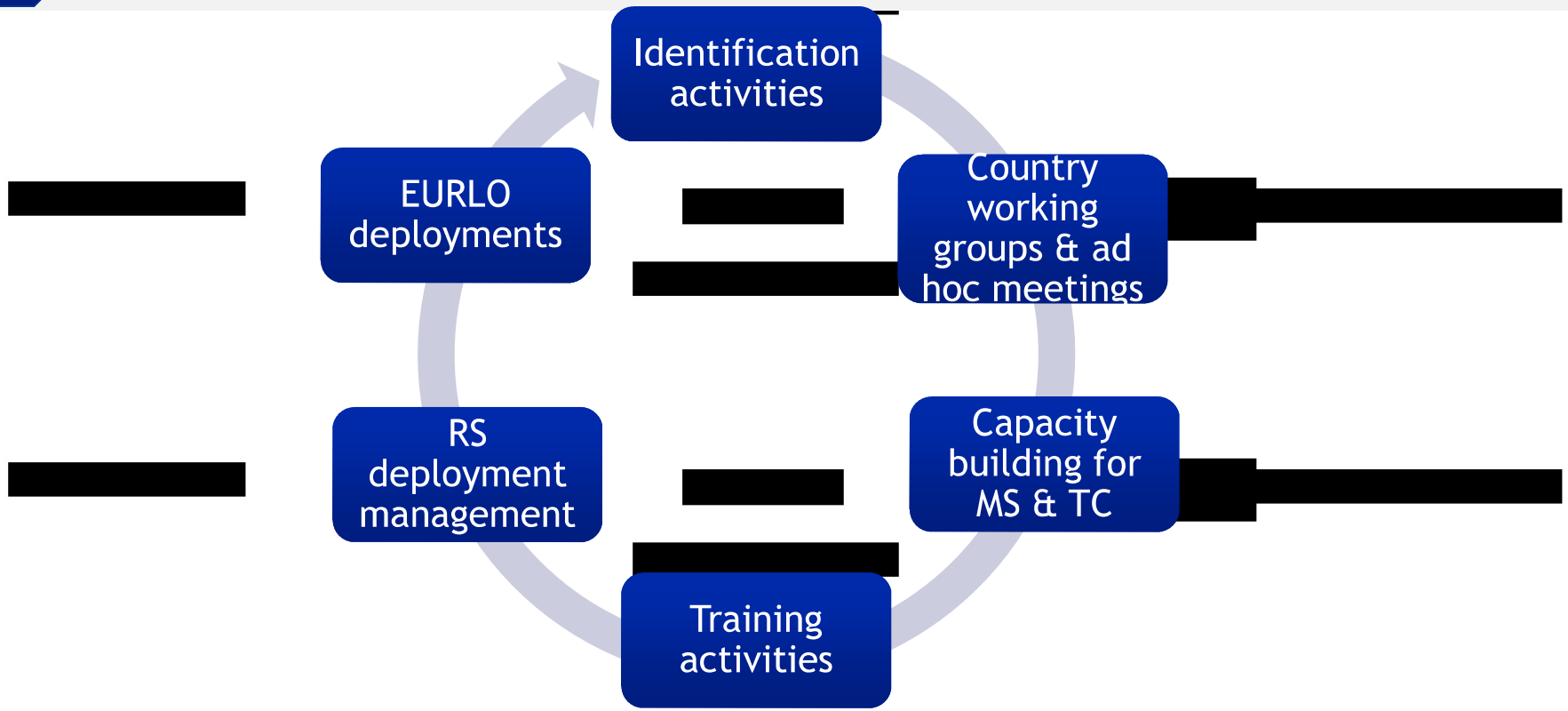
Pre-return assistance



Pool & share information & practice

Building synergies & capacities

Operational support

PRE-RETURN ACTIVITIES

- Identification and documentation activities
- Overall TC cooperation
- EURLO deployments
- CWGs and ad-hoc meetings/workshops
- CAB4RRR
- IT solutions

- Operational and technical assistance to MS
- Deployment of Return Specialists (SC)
  - Good practices
  - Toolbox for children in return
  - Mobility programme
- (alternatives for) detention
- Cooperation with EUAA

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INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR RETURNS

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Assistance on Third Country cooperation

Operational assistance

Identification Missions
- Intra-EU
- Extra-EU

European Return Liaison Officers deployments (EURLO)
- 8 Frontex fully-fledged supported
- 2 under AMIF (by end 2022)

Upcoming: FRELO, Identification via VC/IT solutions

Technical assistance

- 10 Country Working Groups
- Ad-hoc Workshops
- Capacity building (now CAB4RRR)
- Technical and operational advice to MS and COM

9 desk officers:

5 TC desk officers for 8 Regions + 3 for EURLO + 1 for horizontal matters

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European Return Liaison Officers deployments (EURLO)

Africa

Ethiopia

Egypt

The Gambia

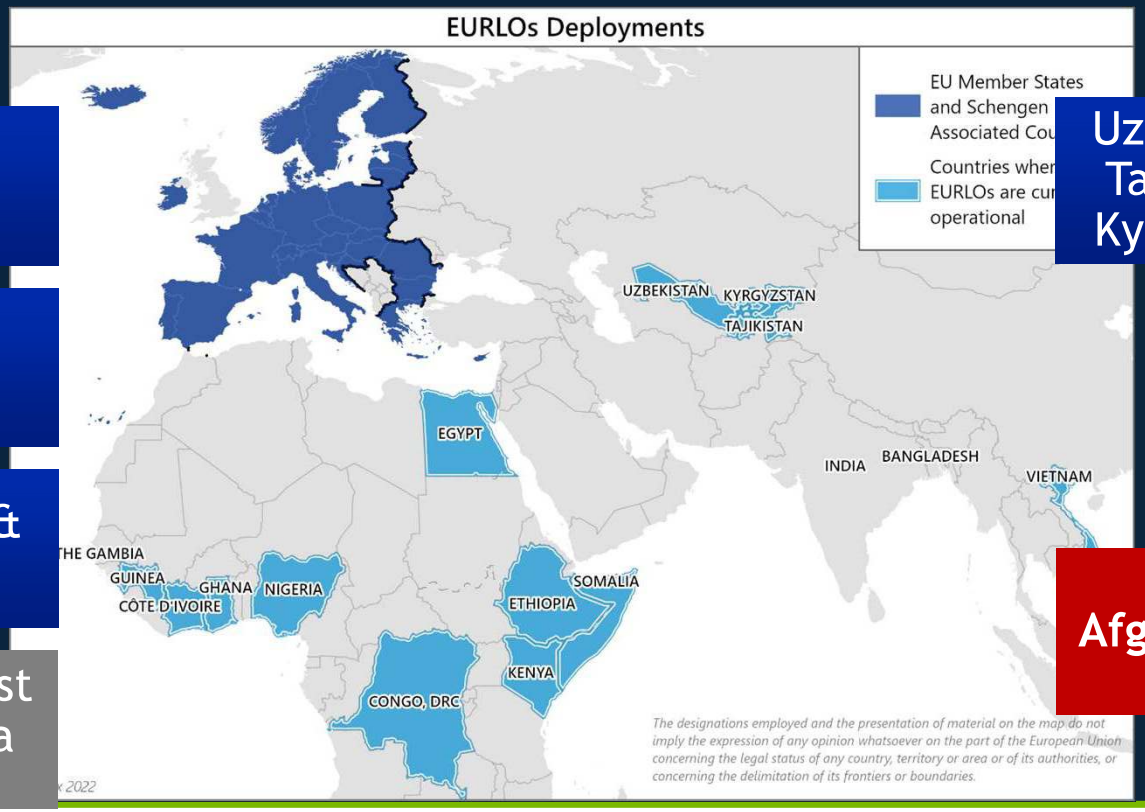
Ghana

Nigeria

Somalia & Kenya

Democratic Republic of Congo *(AMIF)*

Ivory Coast & Guinea *(AMIF)*



Asia

Uzbekistan
Tajikistan
Kyrgyzstan

Vietnam

Discontinued

Afghanistan

Bangladesh & India

Frontex Return Liaison Officer (FRELO)

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Return Operations and Voluntary Returns Unit

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The role of the Return Operations and Voluntary Returns Unit (RVR)

- Coordination or organization of return operations and voluntary returns by charter flights
- Support forced and voluntary returns by scheduled flights
- Assistance in readmission operations under the EU-TR statement by sea and air
- Chartering of aircrafts
- Managing the deployment of forced-return monitors from the pool and SC FRESO
- Pooling of best practices and training
- Management of operational information on return and readmission operations

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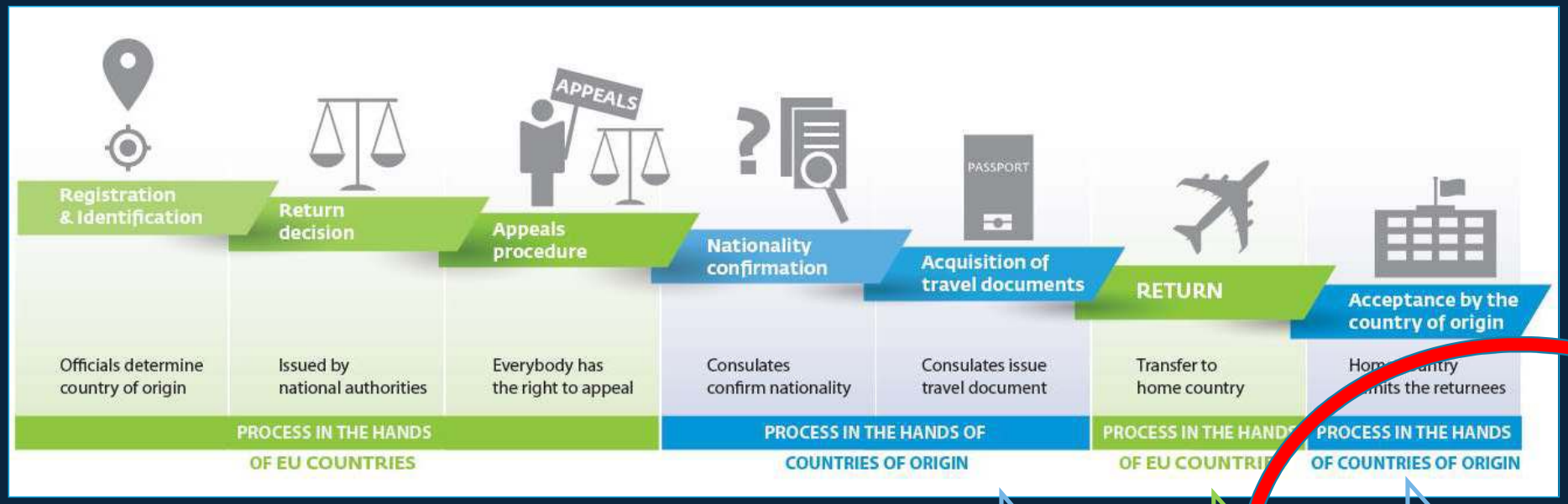
Frontex mandate in Post-Arrival/Post-Return



Pre-return assistance

Return operations

Post-arrival assistance

Post-return assistance

Capacity Building for TC on Return, Readmission and Reintegration (CAB4RRR)

CAB4RRR Strategic Programme

Period: 3-year cycle as ICS (exc. 2022-2023)

Aim: set framework for MS requesting Agency's support

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Objectives, Priority regions, Activities (Pillars), Core Assessment Criteria, Governance

Consultation → *ED Decision*

CAB4RRR Project Portfolio

Each MS	Each Project Portfolio	Each Project
1 Project Portfolio	**1 or more Projects**	**1 or more Activities**

Consultation → *ED Decision*

CAB4RRR Rolling Plan

Approved Projects and Activities

Implementation

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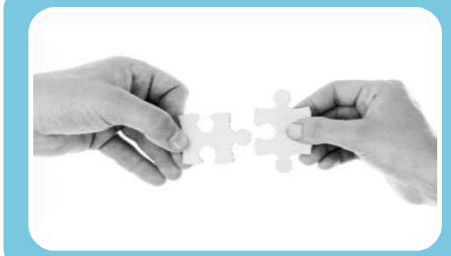
[redacted] Frontex Reintegration Programme [redacted]

Joint Reintegration Services

- JRS Pilot Project under implementation
- Preparation for the roll-out of JRS activities in 2022
- Discussions with OFII

Return Counselling

- Training for Standing Corps members finalised
- Return Counselling training framework – alignment with CADRE initiative (ICMPD)



Reintegration Capacity Building for third countries

- Development of a framework for return, readmission and reintegration (CAP4REIN)
- Possible activities in EGY

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Digitalization

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DIGITALIZATION

IRMA

- Secure and restricted electronic platform
- IRMA 2.0: Project

RECAMAS

- Reference Model
- Financial and Technical Support

Return Data Collection

- Quantitative Data Collection
- Qualitative Assessment

Support to processes, activities and projects with IT component – digital improvement

Fundamental rights safeguards

Code of conduct

Sets out procedures for returns and assures they are conducted in a humane manner and in compliance with fundamental rights.

Complaints mechanism

Accessible to everyone who considers himself or herself to have been the subject of a breach of his or her fundamental rights .

Forced-return monitors

Trained experts who carry out independent monitoring of return operations in accordance with relevant EU and national law.

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