

**Rete Italiana per il Ritorno Volontario Assistito – Rete RIRVA, VI fase –
Fondo Europeo per i Rimpatri 2008-2013 – Bando AP 2013 – Az. 6- Prog. 106699**

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

For further information please visit our website www.reterirva.it, section “La Rete RIRVA” and “I progetti RVA”

What is Assisted Voluntary Return?

The Assisted Voluntary Return is the possibility offered to third country nationals 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?

According to the EU legislation the programme addresses any **third country national who is in situation of vulnerability, an irregular migrant, or who is at risk of irregularity.**

Ineligible cases

Ineligible people are: European Union citizens or persons with dual citizenship -one of which belonging to the EU, according to articles 5 and 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 or contact the Return Help Desk (From Mondays to Fridays 9.00 a.m.- 4 p.m., toll-free num. **800722071**, email 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 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 (action 6), to provide information on the measure and report the cases



ONGOING AVR PROJECTS (Return Fund 2013)

LIST

Action 1 - PARTIR VI

Operated by IOM– Rome, following PARTIR V
Last departure by 31.03.2015

Action 2- AUSILIUM II

Operated by IOM – Rome, following AUSILIUM
Last departure by 30.06.2015

Action 3.– INTEGRAZIONE DI RITORNO II

Operated by CIR in partnership with OXFAM Italia and CISP- Comitato Internazionale per lo Sviluppo dei Popoli, following the project INTEGRAZIONE DI RITORNO I
Last departure by 31.03.2015

Action 3 - REMPLOY III

Operated by IOM – Rome in partnership with AFP Patronato San Vincenzo and Etimos Foundation onlus
Last departure by 31.03.2015

Action 3 - ERMES

Operated by CIES onlus, CEFA Italia , VIRTUS Italia onlus and COOPAS
Last departure by 31.03.2015

Action 3 - SAHEL SVILUPPO

Operated by Sviluppo 2000
Last departure by 31.01.2015

HOW TO REPORT A CASE

In case a person decide to apply for the AVR, the application form must be emailed to the implementing body.

Required application forms are available for download at www.reterirva.it (section “Come si segnala un caso”)

Action 1 - PARTIR VI

operated by IOM, International Organisation for Migration – Rome

Last departures by 31.03.2015

See also the project informative sheet (available at www.reterirva.it, section “I progetti RVA attivi”).

Beneficiaries

- ▶ **1.055 migrants from any Third Country residing in any Italian region, belonging to one of the following categories as long as they also are in a vulnerable condition like:** people with disabilities, elderly persons, pregnant women, single parents, victims of trafficking or torture, people with serious mental and/or physical problems, ect)
- third country nationals irregularly staying in the Italian territory;
- foreigners holding an expiring permit of stay who no longer meet the requirements in order to obtain the renewal of that permit;
- third country nationals subject to a deportation order who have been granted a period of voluntary departure in accordance with *art. 13, par. 5* of the Immigration Consolidation Act.;
- migrants holding a permit for international protection who choose to waive their status;
- asylum seekers who decide to waive their status; and failed asylum seekers who appealed

Services provided

- ▶ Pre-departure consulting
- ▶ **Journey:**
 - Travel arrangements, purchase of the ticket, accompanying the person to the airport
 - 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)

Required documents in order to apply:

- AVR application form

Available at www.reterirva.it, section “Come si segnala un caso”

In addition: copy of documents such as: passport, permit of stay, medical documentation, etc.

To be sent to

- **Implementing body, OIM:** ritorno@iom.int; emarkgjonaj@iom.int; gvillone@iom.int; adagostino@iom.int, or via fax al 06 4402533
- **Help desk RIRVA:** info@reterirva.it

Action. 2 - AUSILIUM II

Operated by IOM, International Organisation for Migration – Rome

Last departures by 30.06.2015

See also the project informative sheet (available at www.reterirva.it, section “I progetti RVA attivi”).

Beneficiaries

► **950 migrants from any Third Country residing in any Italian region**, belonging to one of the following categories:

- third country nationals irregularly staying in the Italian territory;
- foreigners holding an expiring permit of stay who no longer meet the requirements in order to obtain the renewal of that permit;
- third country nationals subject to a deportation order who have been granted a period of voluntary departure in accordance with *art. 13, par. 5* of the Immigration Consolidation Act.;
- migrants holding a permit for international protection who choose to waive their status;
- asylum seekers who decide to waive their status; and failed asylum seekers who appealed

Services provided

► **Pre-departure consulting**

► **Journey:**

- Travel arrangements, purchase of the ticket, accompanying the person to the airport
- Provision of € 200 in cash (per person) before departure

No reintegration plan is envisaged.

Required documents in order to apply:

- AVR application form

Available at www.reterirva.it, section “Come si segnala un caso”

In addition: copy of documents such as: passport, permit of stay, medical documentation, etc.

To be sent to

- **Implementing body, OIM:** ritorno@iom.int; emarkjonaj@iom.int; gwillone@iom.int; adagostino@iom.int, or via fax al 06 4402533
- **Help desk RIRVA:** info@reterirva.it

Action. 3 - RETURN REINTEGRATION 2

Implemented by CIR with OXFAM Italy and CISP

Last departures by 31.03.2015

See also the project informative sheet and the multilingual leaflet (available at www.reterirva.it, section "I progetti RVA attivi").

Beneficiaries

► **80 Third country nationals from da ALGERIA, GHANA, ECUADOR, COLOMBIA e PERU**, mainly residing either in Lombardy or Lazio. Nevertheless also migrants residing in other regions can apply for the programme.

Migrants belonging to one of the following category: vulnerable migrants holding a permit of stay about to expire and no longer renewable, hence at risk of becoming irregular; irregular migrants even if they have already received a deportation order or have been rejected at the borders (upon agreement with the local Prefettura), victims of trafficking, asylum seekers and refugees who will waive their status.

Services provided

► **Pre-departure assistance:** return counselling, draft of reintegration schemes and possible professional training;

► **Journey:**

- Travel arrangements and ticket purchase
- Provision of € 300 in cash (per person) before departure
- Assistance in completing the necessary pre-flight procedures at the airport (Milan or Rome)

► **Reintegration:**

- Reintegration assistance: up to € 2000 allowance given in-kind (goods and services) depending on the reintegration plan agreed upon before departure.
- Post-return support: monitoring of the post-return reintegration assistance carried out by the officers in the country of return

Required documents in order to apply:

- AVR application form

Available at www.reterirva.it, section "Come si segnala un caso"

In addition: copy of documents such as: passport, permit of stay, medical documentation, etc.

To be sent to

- the implementing body CIR

*Cases in Rome or centre and south of Italy: galosi@cir-onlus.org; fidone@cir-onlus.org;

*Cases in Milan or North of Italy: milano@cir-onlus.org; fidone@cir-onlus.org;

- **Help desk RIRVA:** info@reterirva.it

Action. 3 - REMPLOY III “Support in the testing of assisted voluntary return paths for specific categories of migrants”

Operated by IOM – Rome in partnership with AFP Patronato San Vincenzo and Etimos Foundation onlus

Last departures by 31.03.2015

See also the project informative sheet and the multilingual leaflet (available at www.reterirva.it, section “I progetti RVA attivi”).

Beneficiaries

► **80 Third country nationals from da MAROCCO, TUNISIA, GHANA, ECUADOR, BOLIVIA and PERU** who are irregularly present in Italy or at risk of irregularity and who desire to voluntarily go back to their country and start up a new business

Services provided

► **Pre-departure assistance:** return counselling, professional training to start and manage a new business in the country of origin;

► **Journey:**

- Travel arrangements and ticket purchase
- Provision of € 400 in cash (per person) before departure
- Assistance in completing the necessary pre-flight procedures at the airport

► **Reintegration:**

- Technical and financial support in order to carry out a micro-business activity thanks to an allowance up to € 2000 depending on the project, the migrants skills, and the economic context of the country of origin

Monitoring of the post-return reintegration assistance carried out by the officers present in the country of return

Required documents in order to apply:

- AVR application form

Available at www.reterirva.it, section “Come si segnala un caso”

In addition: copy of documents such as: passport, permit of stay, medical documentation, etc.

To be sent to

– **Implementing body, OIM:** ritorno@iom.int; cdekeyser@iom.int gwillone@iom.int; or via fax al 06 4402533

– **Help desk RIRVA:** info@reterirva.it

Action. 3 - ERMES

Implemented by CIES onlus, CEFA Italia , VIRTUS Italia onlus e COOPAS

Last departures by 31.03.2015. Project's conclusion June 2015

See also the informative sheet and the multilingual leaflet at www.reterirva.it, section "I progetti RVA attivi"

Beneficiaries

► **80 Third country nationals from da MAROCCO, TUNISIA, ALBANIA**, who are irregularly staying in Italy or are at risk of irregularity mainly residing either in Emilia Romagna, Lazio or Umbria. Nevertheless also migrants residing in other regions can apply for the programme.

Services provided

► **Pre-departure assistance:** social, and legal counselling, psychological support, trainings. It will be arranged meetings with cultural mediators and social workers in order to draft a tailored reintegration plan for each migrant. In case one is interested in setting up a small business, he will be offered a support in drafting a business plan or a help in the preparation of a CV

► **Journey:**

- Travel arrangements and ticket purchase
- Up to €150 for baggage expenses
- Provision of € 150 in cash (per person) before departure
- Assistance in completing the necessary pre-flight procedures at the airport

► **Reintegration:**

- Reintegration assistance: up to € 2000 allowance given in-kind (goods and services) depending on the reintegration plan agreed upon before departure.

Monitoring of the post-return reintegration assistance carried out by the officers present in the country of return

Required documents in order to apply:

- Expression of interest

Available at www.reterirva.it, section "Come si segnala un caso"

To be sent to

- **Implementing body, CIES onlus** ermesritorno@virtusitalia.it; v.brattelli@cies.it
- **Help desk RIRVA:** info@reterirva.it

Action 3 - SAHEL SVILUPPO Attività produttive nel Paese di origine degli immigrati maliani

Implemented by Sviluppo 2000

Last departures 31.01.2015

See also the informative sheet at www.reterirva.it, section "I progetti RVA attivi"

Beneficiaries

► 80 citizens from Mali

Services provided

► Pre-departure assistance

► Journey:

- Travel arrangements and ticket purchase
- Assistance at the airport of departure and arrival

► Reintegration:

- Reintegration assistance tailored for each migrant

Required documents in order to apply:

- Application sheet

Available at www.reterirva.it, section "Segnala un caso"

In addition: copy of documents such as: passport, permit of stay, medical documentation, etc.

To be sent to

- **Implementing body, Sviluppo 2000:** info@sviluppo2000.org
- **Help Desk RIRVA:** info@reterirva.it



Ongoing AVR projects FR AP 2013

Project/action/Implementing bodies	Beneficiaries	Services provided
Az. 1 PARTIR VI OIM	<u>1.055 migrants from any Third Country residing in any Italian region.</u> <i>Beneficiaries: venerable irregular migrants or at risk of irregularity</i>	Pre-departure consulting - Travel arrangements, 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)
Az. 2 AUSILIUM II OIM	<u>950 migrants from any Third Country residing in any Italian region.</u> <i>Beneficiaries: irregular migrants or at risk of irregularity</i>	Pre-departure consulting, Travel arrangements, purchase of the ticket. Provision of € 200 in cash (per person) before departure. No reintegration plan is envisaged.
Az. 3 INTEGRAZIONE DI RITORNO II CIR con OXFAM Italia e CISP	<u>80 Third Country nationals from da MAROCCO, TUNISIA, GHANA, ECUADOR, BOLIVIA and PERU residing in either Lombardia or Lazio (they are eligible also if residing in other regions).</u> <i>Beneficiaries: irregular migrants or at risk of irregularity (included those in vulnerable conditions), coming from the above mentioned countries</i>	Pre-departure assistance, Travel arrangements and ticket purchase. Provision of € 400 in cash (per person) before departure. Technical and financial support in order to carry out a micro-business activity thanks to an allowance up to € 2000 in the country of origin
Az. 3 ERMES CIES con CEFA, VIRTUS Italia e COOPAS	<u>80 Third Country nationals from da MAROCCO, TUNISIA, ALBANIA</u> mainly residing either in Emilia Romagna, Lazio or Umbria. Nevertheless also migrants residing in other regions can apply for the programme. <i>Beneficiaries: irregular migrants or at risk of irregularity, coming from the above mentioned countries</i>	Pre-departure assistance: social, and legal counselling, psychological support, trainings. Travel arrangements and ticket purchase, Up to €150 for baggage expenses, Provision of € 150 in cash (per person) before departure. Reintegration assistance: up to € 2000 allowance given in-kind (goods and services)
Az. 3 REMPLOY III OIM con AFP Patronato San Vincenzo e Etimos Foundation	<u>80 Third Country Nationals from da MAROCCO, TUNISIA, GHANA, ECUADOR, BOLIVIA and PERU</u> residing in any Italian region, irregularly staying in the country or being at risk of irregularity	Pre-departure assistance: return counselling, professional training to start and manage a new business in the country of origin; Travel arrangements and ticket purchase, Provision of € 400 in cash (per person) before departure. Technical and financial support in order to carry out a micro-business activity thanks to an allowance up to € 2000
Az. 3 SAHEL SVILUPPO Attività produttive nel Paese di Origine degli immigrati maliani Sviluppo 2000	<u>80 citizens from Mali residing in any Italian Region</u> <i>Beneficiaries: irregular migrants or at risk of irregularity coming from Mali</i>	Pre-departure consulting; drafting of a tailored reintegration plan; cash before departure, plane ticket purchase, support in the carrying out of an agricultural project to be carried out through a cooperative

How to report a case

- Filling in the application form with the migrant, available for download at www.reterirva.it, section "Come si segnala un caso"
- Sending the application form to the email addresses listed in the same page

Information

www.reterirva.it; Help desk Ritorno **Numero Verde 800 72 20 71**,
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