

Effective forced return monitoring systems 2017

EU MS	Organisation responsible for monitoring forced return in 2017	Operational	Monitoring organisation is at the same time the National Preventive Mechanism ¹	Number of monitored operations	Number of flights with monitors on board	Number of monitors
AT	Human Rights Association Austria (<i>Verein Menschenrechte Österreich</i>)	✓	NO	47	47	10
BE	General Inspectorate of the General Federal Police and the Local Police (AIG) (<i>Inspection générale de la police fédérale et de la police locale, Algemene inspectie van de federale politie en van de lokale politie</i>)	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
BG	Ombudsman (Общественен омбудсман) , Centre for the Study of Democracy	✓	YES	5 ¹	3 ²	4 ³
CY	Office of the Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman)	X	YES	0	0	0
CZ	Ombudsman, Public Defender of Rights (PDR) (<i>Veřejný ochránce práv, VOP</i>)	✓	YES	24	6	2
DE	Fora at various airports (Frankfurt , Hamburg, Düsseldorf , Berlin)	(X) ⁴	NO	110 ⁵	0	2 ⁶
DK	Parliamentary Ombudsman (<i>Folketingets Ombudsmand</i>)	✓	YES	10	5	5
EE	Estonian Red Cross (<i>Eesti Punane Rist</i>)	✓	NO	26	5	3
EL	Greek Ombudsman (<i>Συνήγορος του Πολίτη</i>)	✓	YES	40	19	11
ES	Ombudsman (<i>Defensor del Pueblo</i>)	✓	YES	10	9	7
FI	Non-Discrimination Ombudsman (<i>Yhdenvertaisuusvaltuutettu</i>)	✓	NO	29	17	3
FR	General Inspector of All Places of Deprivation of Liberty (<i>Contrôleur général des lieux de privation de liberté</i>)	✓	YES	5	4	4
HR	Croatian Ombudsman Croatian Law Centre (<i>Hrvatski pravni centar</i>)	✓	YES	44	6	4
HU	Prosecution Service of Hungary (<i>Magyarország ügyészsége</i>)	✓	NO	8	8	2
IE*	No monitoring system in law	-	-	-	-	-
IT	National Authority for the Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty (<i>Garante nazionale dei diritti delle persone detenute o private della libertà personale</i>)	✓	YES	16	6	25
LT	Lithuanian Red Cross Society (<i>Lietuvos Raudonojo Kryžiaus draugija</i>)	✓	NO	13	2	3
LU	Luxembourg Red Cross (<i>Croix-Rouge luxembourgeoise</i>)	✓	NO	6	5	9 ²
LV	Ombudsman's Office (<i>Tiesībsarga birojs</i>)	✓	n/a	61	1	3
MT	Monitoring Board for Detained Persons	✓	YES	4	4	3
NL	Inspectorate of Justice and Security (<i>Inspectie Justitie en Veiligheid</i>)	✓	YES	43	43	10
PL	Various NGOs, e.g. the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights , Rule of Law Institute Foundation , Halina Nieć Legal Aid Centre , MultiOcalenie Foundation	✓	NO	1	1	n/a
PT	General Inspectorate of Internal Affairs (<i>Inspecção-geral da Administração Interna, IGA</i>)	✓	NO	14	0	2
RO	Romanian National Council for Refugees (<i>Consiliul Național Român pentru Refugiați, CNRR</i>) (NGO)	✓	NO	63	26	5
SE	Swedish Migration Agency (<i>Migrationsverket</i>)	X	NO	n/a	n/a	n/a
SI	Karitas Slovenia	✓	NO	3	1	2
SK	Ministry of Interior	X	-	-	-	-
UK	Her Majesty's Inspector of Prisons (HMIP), Independent Monitoring Boards (IMBs)	✓	YES	10	10	10

¹ National Preventive Mechanisms established under the Optional Protocol to the United Nations Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (OPCAT) have the power to examine the treatment of any person deprived of their liberty, including those who are deprived of liberty during forced returns.

Notes:

For some EU Member States the number of monitored operations includes Dublin returns. Ireland and the United Kingdom are not bound by the Return Directive and therefore not under the EU law obligation to establish an effective return monitoring system.

¹ One forced return operation was monitored by the Ombudsman (Омбудсманът) and 4 by Center for the Study of Democracy.

² One forced return operation was monitored by the Ombudsman (Омбудсманът) and 2 by Center for the Study of Democracy.

³ One monitor was working for the Ombudsman (Омбудсманът) and 3 for the Centre for the Study of Democracy.

⁴ In Germany, the return monitoring system covers only parts of the country.

⁵ Number refers only to operations monitored by Diakonie RWL.

⁶ Number refers only to Berlin and Brandenburg as well as North Rhine-Westphalia.

⁷ In 2017 no Red Cross Staff worked as monitors, 9 volunteers were trained and acted as monitors.

✓: Operational

X: Not operational

n/a: Information not available

- : Not relevant

