



WHAT IS THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP?

The Technical Working Group (TWG) on Reintegration and Development (R&D) was established to create and operate in a technical working space, where migration experts and practitioners on the one hand, and development actors on the other, can explore possibilities for closer, more coherent and pragmatic cooperation benefitting both reintegration and development efforts simultaneously, and ultimately returnees, encompassed in a practical and non-political atmosphere.



The TWG R&D was established in 2018 to facilitate closer cooperation between migration and development fields.

20+
EU* MEMBER
STATES

The TWG R&D has the participation of 20 EU Member States, including return and reintegration departments and agencies. 100+
PRACTITIONERS
AND EXPERTS

The TWG R&D convenes more than 100 migration and development experts and practitioners.

50+
DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMMES
LINKED

The TWG R&D links reintegration services to over 50 development programmes and services offered by various initiatives.



OBJECTIVES OF THE TWG R&D

The TWG R&D has evolved given more shape to its purpose and objectives. EU Member States (MS) and development stakeholders have become more and more interested in navigating into possibilities that could incorporate reintegration to longer-term development planning.

The TWG R&D also represents an opportunity for its members to share their ideas on the subject matter, identify complementarities and align their objectives, striving towards a coherent programming approach to reintegration.





EVOLUTION OF THE TWG R&D OBJECTIVES

Established in November 2018.

PHASE I

- Screening EU-funded and national programmes in the sector of R&D aid.
- Launch and implementation of the three pilot initiatives in Bangladesh (2) and Nigeria (1), which focused on mapping, linking and referring returnees to existing R&D initiatives in both

countries.

PHASE II PHASE III

- Preparation of an assessment report with the results and lessons learnt from the pilot projects.
- Development and validation of the Operational Framework (OF).

- RRF

- Preserve the structural and ongoing strategic dialogue.
- Embed referral mechanisms in RRF projects and initiatives.
- Explore programming mapping to improve linkages and joint activities.



STRENGTHENING SUSTAINABLE REINTEGRATION

THE IMPORTANCE OF LINKING REINTEGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Linking reintegration services with existing development programmes is a key focus of the Technical Working Group on Reintegration and Development (TWG R&D), because it creates opportunities to support returning migrants and facilitate their sustainable reintegration. In this section, we explore why this linkage is crucial and how it is achieved.



MORE OPPORTUNITIES

Linking reintegration services with exisiting development programmes creates more opportunities to support returning migrants, whilst facilitating their sustainable reintegration.



The creation of a technical working space, where migration and development practitioners and experts can convene to explore options for closer and coherent cooperation in a non-political setting is a key component for the TWG R&D.





A FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION

The **Operational Framework** is a practical document to guide and assist the work of practioners from both fields to contribute to the sustainable reintegration of returning migrants.

THE TWG R&D TODAY



CURRENT STATE OF PLAY

The TWG R&D will continue its activities under the Return and Reintegration Facility (RRF) umbrella, enabling the continuation of an informal and technical space to discuss, exchange and steer the implementation of the Operational Framework Reintegration & Development.

The TWG R&D meets on a regular basis, in person or virtually, to discuss a variety of topics related to the implementation of the OF. *Ad hoc* meetings can equally be organised upon request.

TWG R&D CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP

STATUS	WHO CAN JOIN?	CHARACTERISTICS	ATTENDANCE
Core members	 Return and reintegration departments/agencies (migration authorities) National/international development agencies/ institutions 	National institutions from an RRF MS with a clear mandate in the field of return/reintegration or development	All meetings
Observers and / or contributors	 Research institution (Local) reintegration partners in countries of return Civil society organisations (nongovernmental-organisations, international non-governmental-organisations) with specific work areas within return and reintegration 	 Partner of a Core Member involved in a specific relevant action (e.g. research activity relevant to TWG R&D) Institution (nominated by a Member) with a relevant link to the work of the TWG R&D Intitution (nominated by a Member) involved by the implementation of some specific activities, e.g. mapping 	Specific thematic meetings (or sessions) and/or ad hoc meetings

TWG MEMBERS WILL ACT AS A "SOUNDING BOARD" IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OPERATIONAL FRAMEWORK REINTEGRATION & DEVELOPMENT BY:



Playing an advisory role in providing guidance and validation of certain work processes and items



Continuing to steer the collaborative dialogue



Supporting the establishment of relevant partnerships



MEMBER STATES



Belgium (co-chair)



Austria



Denmark



Finland



France



Germany



Iceland



Netherlands





Portugal



Sweden



DEVELOPMENT ACTORS







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