




AT A GLANCE

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, encompassed in a practical and non-political atmosphere.




Objectives of the TWG R&D

 <p>2018 Established</p>	 <p>20+ EU member states</p>	 <p>100+ practitioners and experts</p>	 <p>50+ development programs linked</p>
<p>The TWG R&D was established in 2018 to facilitate closer cooperation between migration and development fields.</p>	<p>The TWG R&D has the participation of 20 EU Member States, including return and reintegration departments and agencies.</p>	<p>The TWG R&D convenes more than 100 migration and development experts and practitioners.</p>	<p>The TWG R&D links reintegration services to over 50 development programs and services offered by various initiatives.</p>

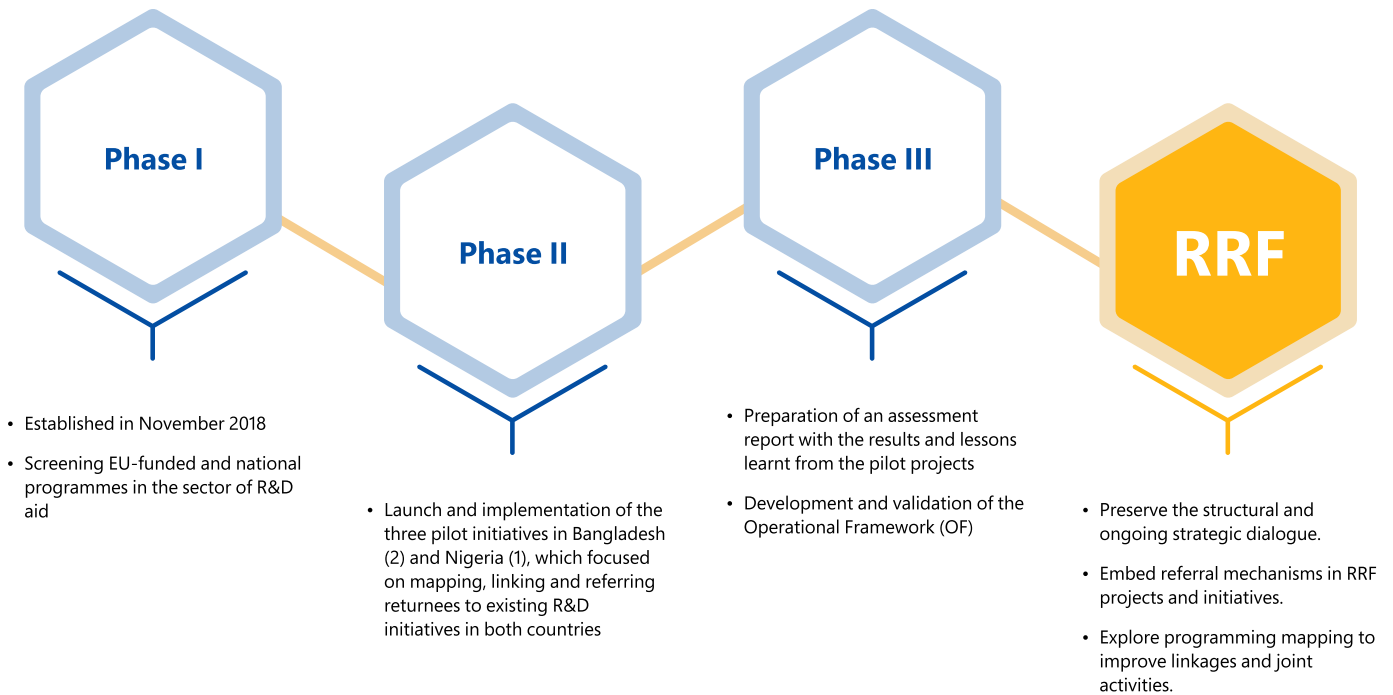
The TWG R&D has evolved given more shape to its purpose and objectives. EU Member States (MS) and development stakeholders have become more and more interested in navigating into possibilities that could incorporate reintegration to longer-term development planning.

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.

The TWG R&D aims primarily at:

 <p>Strengthening Synergies</p> <p>The TWG R&D strengthens synergies between reintegration and development initiatives. Experts and practitioners cooperate to benefit both efforts.</p>	 <p>Access to Programs</p> <p>The TWG R&D enables returnees from EU to access programs in their countries of origin. Linking reintegration services with development programs creates opportunities for sustainable reintegration.</p>	 <p>Operational Framework</p> <p>This practical document guides practitioners to contribute to the sustainable reintegration of returning migrants, and helps to ensure that reintegration is integrated into longer-term development planning.</p>
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Evolution of the TWG objectives



STRENGTHENING SUSTAINABLE REINTEGRATION


The importance of linking Reintegration & Development

Linking reintegration services with existing development programs 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's achieved.




More opportunities

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



More coherent cooperation

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 practitioners 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.

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?	Conditions	Attendance
Core members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return and reintegration departments/agencies (migration authorities) National/international development agencies/institutions 	National institution from an RRF MS with a clear mandate in the field of return/reintegration or development	All meetings
Observers and/or contributors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research institution (Local) reintegration partner in countries of return Civil society organisations (non-governmental organisations, international non-governmental organisations) with specific work areas within return and reintegration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Institution (nominated by a Member) involved in 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 OF by:



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



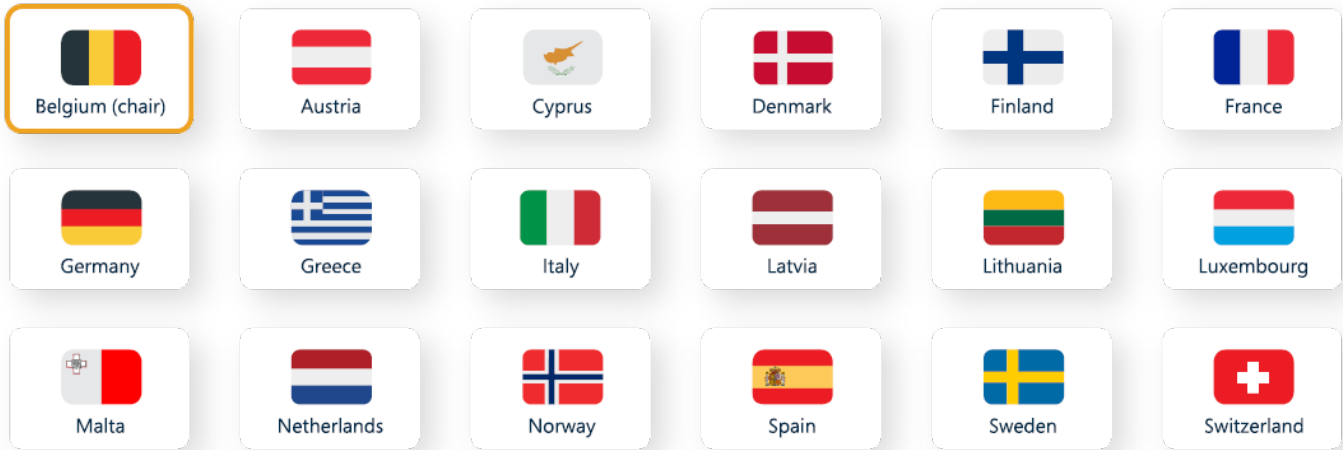
Continuing to steer the collaborative dialogue



Supporting the establishment of relevant partnerships

Governance

Member States



Development actors



European Commission



Frontex



Implementing Partners



The **European Return and Reintegration Network (ERRIN)** was a network of 16 European partner countries, established to facilitate cooperation between migration authorities. As of 1 July 2022, ERRIN came to an end. Its activities relating to joint reintegration were transferred to Frontex; see Reintegration (Europa.eu). Other activities were transferred to the Return and Reintegration Facility (RRF) implemented by the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)BC11, including the Technical Working Group Reintegration and Development.