

# RABAT-proces

Assisted Voluntary Return  
Outreach towards migrants in  
irregular stay.



Towards a more integrated migration  
policy, made possible by the AMIF

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RECEPTION OF ASYLUM SEEKERS

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# Fedasil

“Federal Agency for the Reception of Asylum Seekers”

Legal mandate:

- Reception of asylum seekers (appr. 35.000 reception places).
- Reception of Unaccompanied Minors.
- Resettlement.
- Organization of Assisted Voluntary Return.

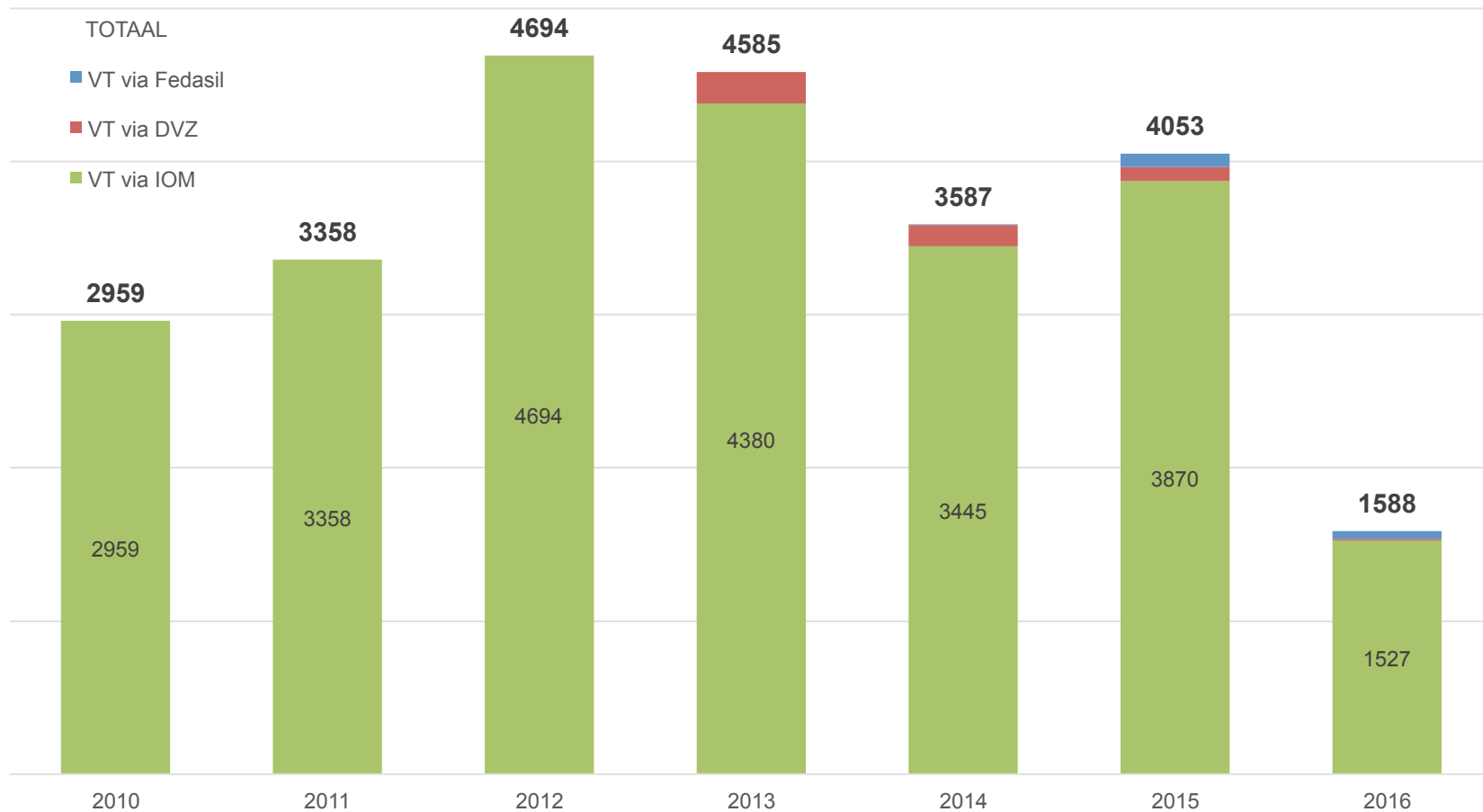
No responsibilities in migration management.

# Assisted Voluntary Return

## Key facts

- AVR = social assistance (OBJ: assist migrants wanting to return make a return feasible).
- Core values: voluntariness, confidentiality.
- Broad target group (asylum seekers, migrants in irregular stay).
- Organization of return: IOM.
- Re-integration assistance: based on administrative situation and individual social assessment. Between appr. 500 and 2.500 EUR
- Service providers: IOM and Caritas / ERSO.

# Assisted Voluntary Return - figures



# Assisted Voluntary Return - outreach

## THINKING OF RETURNING TO YOUR COUNTRY?

**Voluntary return can help you get there.**

Fedasil organises and finances your return journey. And we examine with you if we can give you any additional support.



☎ **0800 327 45** (free number)

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# Assisted Voluntary Return - outreach

Communication and outreach:  
Operational responsibility of Fedasil.

## Objectives

1. Target group must be informed (directly and indirectly) about the existence / possibilities of AVR and about how to make use of the program.
2. AVR-program must be easily accessible for the target group.

# AVR - Accessibility

Geographical and institutional differentiation.

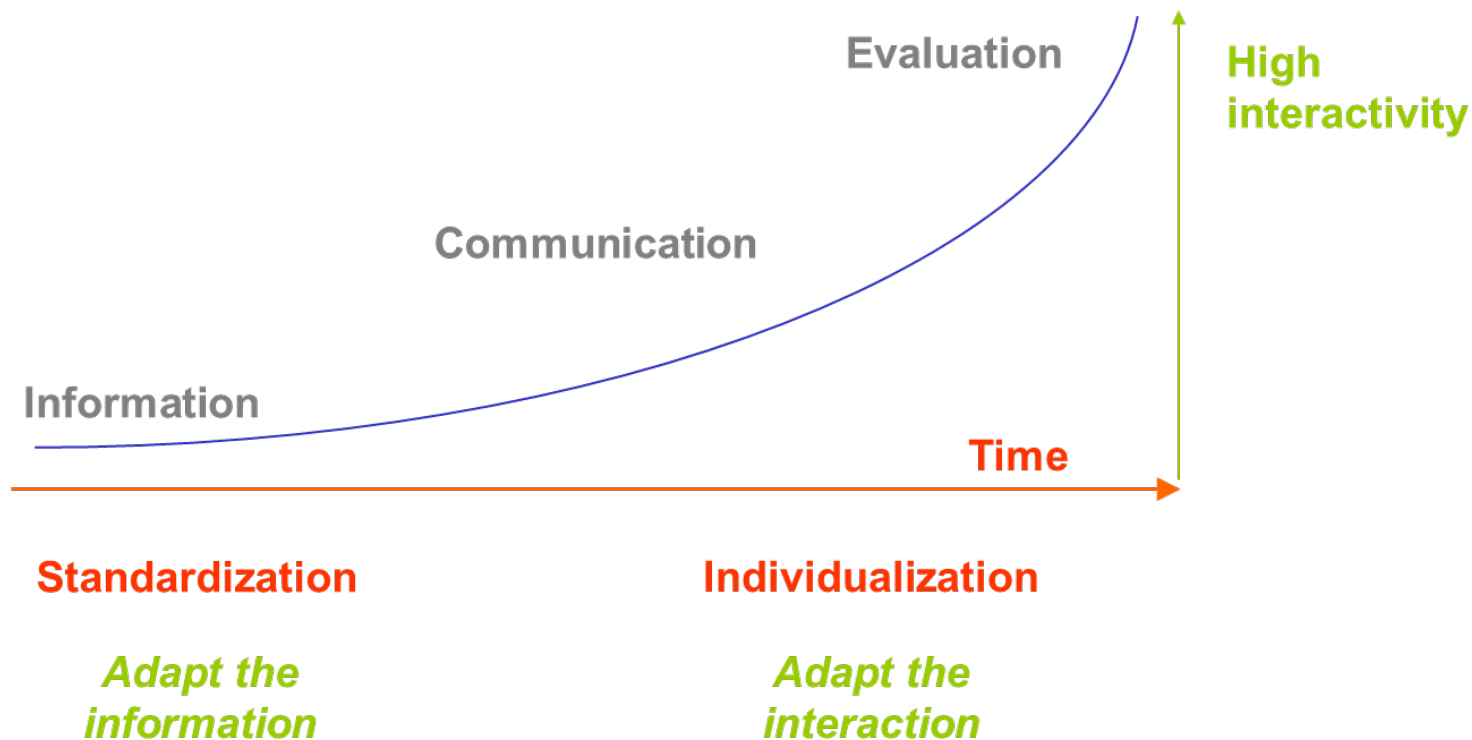
- 5 Return Desks (direct management Fedasil).
- > 20 Return Partners (ngo's, migrant communities).



# AVR - Information

1. Asylum seekers staying in reception centers.

“Return Path”





# AVR - Outreach

## 2. Migrants in irregular stay – outside reception.

- No systematic interaction with external actors (government, non-governmental).
- Difficult to get clear view on communities.

### First conclusion:

- Impact of top-down / centrally managed approach is limited.
- Alternative approach: key-persons, credible within – towards communities.

# AVR – Consular representatives

- Unique character of voluntary return.
- Possibility of referral.



# AVR – Local municipalities

Migrant communities → urban areas.

Local municipalities (formal – informal) → relation with migrant communities:

- Integration activities.
- Social services.
- Projects – subsidies – cultural centers.

Key person within city administration / civil society.

ToR:

- Inform formal and informal representatives.
- Regular information campaigns.
- Create a dynamic (cross-over with other activities).

# AVR – Local municipalities

## State of play

° 2012: Gent.

2016: Gent, Antwerpen, Oostende, Charleroi.

2017: project in 24 urban areas.

# AVR – Conclusion

Important that every migrant is informed about AVR.

- Asylum seekers in reception centers: structure.
- Migrants in irregular stay: no formal contacts.

Develop alternative strategies in necessary.

Potential for co-operation between EU MS and countries of origin/transit ?