

## Circular Migration and Return Policies and Practices

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on migration, asylum and refugees

### Questions to be addressed

**How Circular Migration and Return interact?**

**Return Policy and Readmission Agreements: the Rationale, the Actors, the Implementation and the Data**

**Strengthening Cooperation between Countries of Origin and Destination**



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- **Intergovernmental Consultations on Migration, Asylum and Refugees**
  - **Informal InterGovernmental Forum for Policy Discussion and Information Exchange**
  - **Common Challenges/Concerns**
  - **Non-Decision-Making**
  - **16 Participating States, European Commission, IOM, UNHCR**
  - **Activities include: Circular Migration, Return and Readmission, Immigration and Integration**

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### Circular Migration and Return

- **Definition** : Return to Country of Origin and Destination ("Circularity")
- **Interests**: **Win, Win, Win, Win**
- **"Brain Circulation"**
- **Facilitating Circularity**: **Secure Status or Enforcing Return?**
- **Facilitators**: **Residence, Access to Citizenship, Dual Nationality, Portability of Pensions, Multiple Entry Visas, Facilitating and Managing Remittances, Reintegration**
- **Migration/Return Nexus**: **Circular Migration = Policy Tool for pressure for Illegal Entry and Work?**
- **Pilots and Bilateral Agreements** (conditional upon Return to continue participating/reapply)
- **Discussions in different Fora** (**EU, Global Forum on Migration & Development**)

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## Return and Readmission and Cooperation



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## Return Policy and Practice



### WHO?

- Return Migrants, Return of Qualified Nationals, Rejected Asylum Seekers, No longer in Need of Protection, Illegals, Criminal Illegals, Security Cases

### WHEN?

- No need for International Protection, No Right to Remain

### WHY?

- Sovereignty, Credibility, Management of Migration/Asylum, Public Opinion

### HOW?

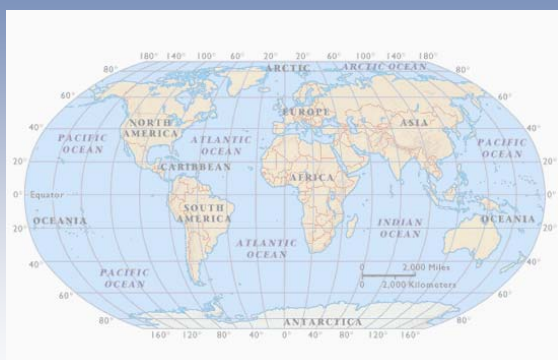
- Political Will, Whole of Government Approach, International and Regional Instruments, Cooperation of Country of Return (Migration and Development) and Returnee, Location, Identification, Documentation, Transportation, Forced/Voluntary (Assisted)

### WHERE?

- Country of Origin, Transit, Third Country OR Remain in Country of Destination or Disappear

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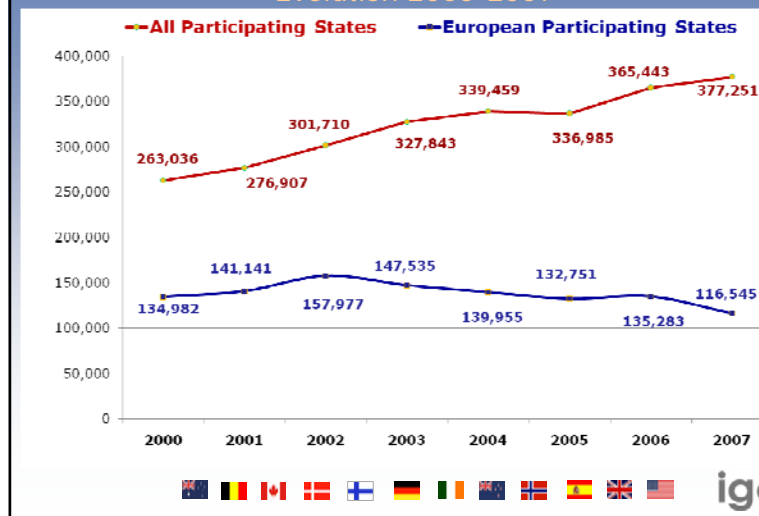
## The Data on Returns



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## All Implemented Returns

Evolution 2000-2007




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### Assisted Voluntary Returns



	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Evolution 2007/2006
Australia	60	47	10	47	78	↗
Belgium	2,814	3,275	3,755	2,811	2,593	↘
Denmark	252	243	88	18	7	↘
Finland	142	78	41	35	38	↗
Germany	11,835	10,813	7,517	5,848	4,741	↘
Ireland	430	388	218	176	231	↗
Netherlands	2,912	3,714	3,510	2,918	1,559	↘
New Zealand	n/a	n/a	1	1	1	↔
Norway	1,494	1,143	557	476	469	↘
Spain	199	396	392	545	1,268	↗
Sweden	97	86	23	3	33	↗
Switzerland	126	367	379	372	302	↘
United Kingdom	2,462	2,733	3,661	6,251	4,157	↘

N.B: assisted returns under Qualified Nationals programmes are not included.  
Source: Migration Management Services Department, IOM Headquarters, April 2008

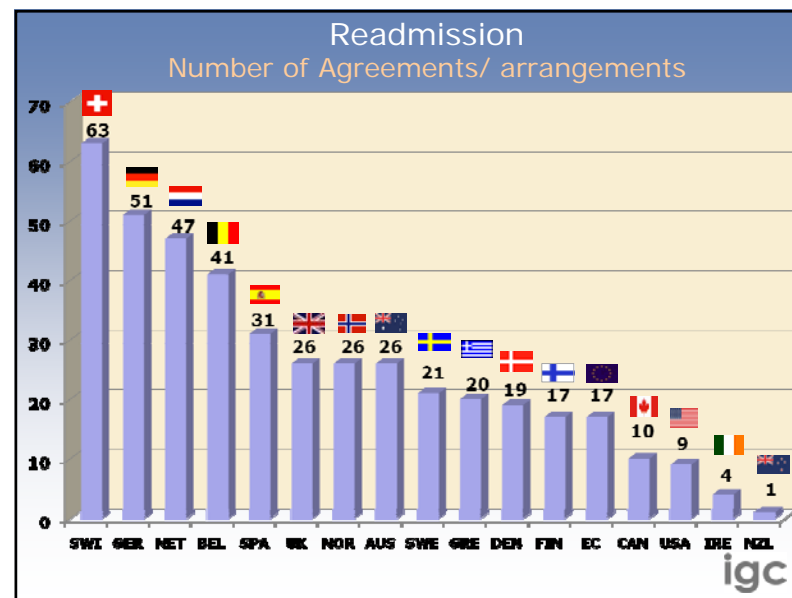
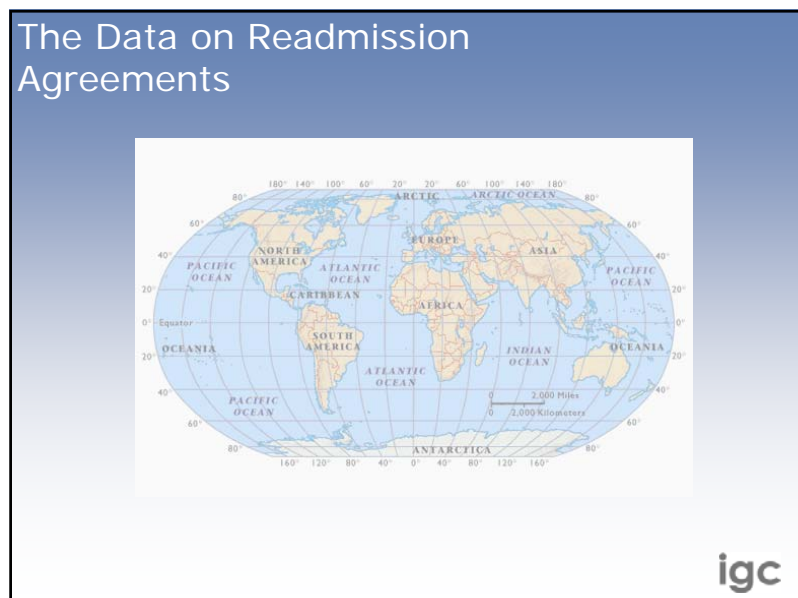


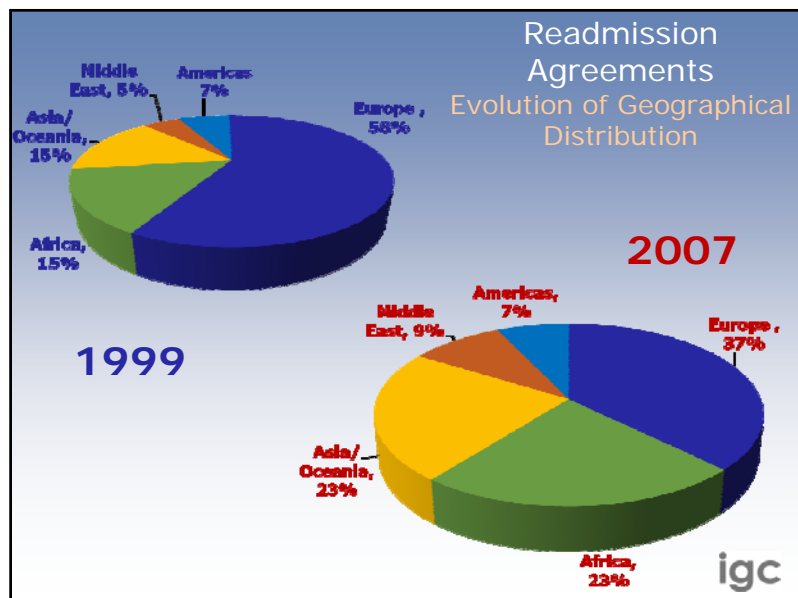
### Readmission agreements



- WHY?**
  - International Obligation exists for **Nationals**. So **Why?** Procedure and **3<sup>rd</sup> Country Nationals** and **Stateless**
- WHO?**
  - Nationals, Third Country Nationals, Stateless**
- TYPE?**
  - Bilateral**
- NUMBERS of AGREEMENTS**
  - Over **400** Readmission **Agreements, Model Agreements, EC Agreements, Readmission Clauses in other Agreements**
  - Clauses based on **Illegal Stay** not **Illegal Entry**







## Strengthening Cooperation and Dialogue between Countries of Origin and Destination



- Dialogue/Partnership/Whole of Government Approaches
- Understanding Positions and Systems
- Common Issues/Interests
- Information Exchange (Biometrics) Visa Applications
- Return/Migration Nexus
- Sustainable System (Win, Win, Win)
- Returnee? (Identification, Documentation, Transportation, Reintegration)

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