

Ad-Hoc Query on removals by air of illegally staying third-country nationals
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Reply requested by 20th May 2015 to 9 Member States (Austria, Belgium, Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden and United Kingdom)

Background information:

The French Ministry of the Interior is reflecting on the rationalization of removals via non-commercial flights. In this context, the Ministry would like to learn about practical experiences of Member States issuing most of removal orders. Member States concerned were: Austria, Belgium, Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, and United Kingdom.

Questions:

- 1) Does you MS have one or more State aircraft(s) in order to carry out removals? What type of aircraft is used and under what conditions (rent, leasing, property, interministry sharing...)?
- 2) On the total of forced returns carried out in your MS, what is the share operated through this mean? What is the average cost per third-country national returned by this mean?

The main results can be briefly summarized as follows:

8 Member States (+ France) provided answers. Please note that 2 MS (FR and BE) have provided answers only for closed dissemination.

Most Member States do not use a State aircraft to carry out removals by air. On an exceptional basis, some Member States use a State or police aircraft (rented or owned), in the case of joint returns or returns of a high number of foreigners of the same nationality.

The average cost per third-country national returned by this mean depends on a number of factors including flight distance, prevailing aircraft costs, returnee numbers and number of escorts.