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## Response to a request under the Czech Republic's Freedom of Information Act No. 106/1999 Coll.

Based on your request under the Czech Republic's Freedom of Information Act No. 106/1999 Coll. dated on 26/08/2019, we provide you with answers bellow.

1. In 2018, a total of 6,528 administrative return decisions were issued. In 2017, there were in total 5,893 administrative return decisions issued.

Sources: European Migration Network (EMN) Annual Report on Asylum and Migration 2017 and 2018 – Czech Republic. Report for 2017 is available here: https://www.emncz.eu/files/books/202.pdf

Report for 2018 is available only in Czech language (https://emncz.eu/files/books/229.pdf), however, it will be published soon also in English on the website or the Czech national contact point of the European Migration Network: <u>https://emncz.eu/</u>.

You can find more information about the system of returns in the Czech Republic in the reports.

2. Joint migrant return operations were not realized. The Czech Republic realizes only returns on an individual basis. Only statistics for the whole year are available.

Third-country nationals returned (by nationality (top 5) and gender)

2017																		
Returned as part of forced return measures							Returned voluntarily						Among TCNs returned voluntarily, the number of TCNs returned as part of an assisted return programme					
Total	F	м	Minor	Top 5 nationalities	Top 5 countries of Return	Total	F	м	Mino r	Top 5 nationalities	Top 5 countries of Return	Total	F	м	Minor	Top 5 nationalities	Top 5 countries of Return	
144	8	136	0	Ukraine	Ukraine	627	162	455	10	N/A	N/A	523	118	395	10	Ukraine	Ukraine	
				Vietnam	Vietnam					N/A	N/A					Moldova	Moldova	
				Moldova	Modova					N/A	N/A					Vietnam	Vietnam	
				Nigeria	Kosovo					N/A	N/A					China	China	
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Total	F	м	Minor	Top 5 nationalities	Top 5 countries	Total	F	м	Mino r	Top 5 nationalities	countries of Return	Total	F	м	Minor	Top 5 nationalities	top 5 countries of Return	
	11			Ukraine	Ukraine	705	186	498	21	Ukraine	Ukraine	531	125	390	16	Ukraine	Ukraine	
219				Vietnam	Germany					Moldova	Moldova					Moldova	Moldova	
		204	4	Afghanistan	Vietnam					Uzbekistan	Uzbekistan					Uzbekistan	Uzbekistan	
				Serbia	Slovakia					Russian Federation	Russian Federation					Russian Federation	Russian Federation	

<u>Note on the category "Returned voluntarily":</u> CR does not have statistics of independent returns due to the fact,, that CR has only air external borders, so we can provide only data for third country nationals (TCNs) returned as a part of an assisted return programme (please see column no. 3) and TCNs to whom the Directorate of Alien Police Service ensured transit through the neighbouring state (so called Annex transfers). The category voluntary departure includes Annex transfers + assisted returns with Department for Asylum and Migration Policy of the Ministry of the Interior + assisted returns with Refugee Facilities Administration of the Ministry of the Interior + IOM assisted returns. As the methodology was changed in 2018 and the table for 2017 is recounted according to the new methodology, the nationalities and countries of return are not available for 2017.

3. See available information above.

**4.** As of 31 December 2018, the CR had bilateral readmission agreements in effect with a total of 16 states: Austria, Poland, Germany, Slovakia, Romania, Hungary, Canada, Croatia, Bulgaria, Slovenia, Moldova, Vietnam, Switzerland, Armenia, Kazakhstan and Kosovo.

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