Actors/institutions involved in return policy (Defined and Authorised by the Law)

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Authority (English and original name)	Tier of government	Type of organisation	Area of competence in the fields of return	Link
Ministry of Migration and Asylum - Directorate of Returns and Withdrawals (Υπουργείο Μετανάστευσης και Ασύλου - Διεύθυνση Επιστροφών και Ανακλήσεων)	National	Government	Coordinates, monitors and participates in the planning of the management of readmission, return, deportation or relocation procedures.	https://migration.gov.gr/e n/ https://migration.gov.gr/g as/dioikisi/
Ministry of Migration and Asylum – Asylum Service (Υπουργείο Μετανάστευσης και Ασύλου – Υπηρεσία Ασύλου)	National/ Regional	Government	Receives and processes international protection applications; contributes to the formulation of Greek policy on international protection; cooperates with international organisations and EU institutions	https://migration.gov.gr/e n/gas/
Ministry of Migration and Asylum - Appeals Authority (Υπουργείο Μετανάστευσης και Ασύλου – Αρχή Προσφυγών)	National	Government	Examines applications for international protection at second instance, issues return decisions	https://migration.gov.gr/e n/appeals/
Ministry of Migration and Asylum – General Directorate for the Coordination and Management of Programs on Migration and Internal Affairs (Υπουργείο Μετανάστευσης και Ασύλου – Γενική Διεύθυνση Συντονισμού και Διαχείρισης Προγραμμάτων Μετανάστευσης και Εσωτερικών Υποθέσεων)	National	Government	Responsible for the coordination of the funded actions from AMIF, including those that aim at developing capacities for effective and sustainable return and reducing incentives for irregular migration	https://migration.gov.gr/d g-coordination- management-amif-isf- otherfunds/
Hellenic police - Ministry of Citizen Protection (Ελληνική Αστυνομία - Υπουργείο Προστασιας του Πολίτη)	National/ Regional	Government	Issues return and administrative expulsion decisions, implements removal operations, runs detention facilities.	https://www.astynomia.gr/ ?lang=en

Department of Analysis and Documentation of the National Coordinating Centre for Border Control and Surveillance (NCCBS) - Ministry of Citizen Protection (Τμήμα Ανάλυσης και Τεκμηρίωσης του Εθνικού Συντονιστικού Κέντρου Ελέγχου και Επιτήρησης Συνόρων (ΕΣΚΕΕΣ) - Υπουργείο Προστασιας του Πολίτη)	National	Government	Monitors the process of returning migrants	https://www.minocp.gov.gr/ ethniko-syntonistiko-kentro- elegchou-kai-epitirisi- synoron-eskees/diarthrosi- eskees/
Department of International Relations of the National Coordinating Centre for Border Control and Surveillance (NCCBS) - Ministry of Citizen Protection (Τμήμα Διεθνών Σχέσεων του Εθνικού Συντονιστικού Κέντρου Ελέγχου και Επιτήρησης Συνόρων (ΕΣΚΕΕΣ) - Υπουργείο Προστασιας του Πολίτη)	National	Government	Monitors the initiatives of the competent authorities to conclude police cooperation agreements and readmission agreements with the competent authorities of other States and ensure their implementation	https://www.minocp.gov.gr/ ethniko-syntonistiko-kentro- elegchou-kai-epitirisi- synoron-eskees/diarthrosi- eskees/
Decentralized Administrations - Foreigners and Immigration Services (Αποκεντρωμένες Διοικήσεις -	Regional	Regional government	Receives and processes applications of TCNs	https://www.ypes.gr/apoken tromeni-dioikisi- aytodioikisi/
Frontex	European	Supranational	Organises, coordinates and conducts return operations.	https://www.frontex.europa.eu/
Greek Ombudsman (Συνήγορος του Πολίτη)	National	Independent Authority	Monitors the system of returns to ensure transparency and protection of fundamental rights	https://www.synigoros.gr/en
IOM Greece (Διεθνής Οργανισμός Μετανάστευσης Ελλάδας)	International	International Organisation	Organises and implements AVRR	https://greece.iom.int
Civil society actors (Φορείς της Κοινωνίας των Πολιτών)	International/ National/ Local	NGOs, International Organisations, etc.	Provide health care and medical treatment services in the detention facilities; Mediate to inform the TCN about the return decision; Provide confirmation of the voluntary departure	
Greek National Commission for Human Rights (GNCHR) (Εθνική Επιτροπή για τα Δικαιώματα του Ανθρώπου (ΕΕΔΑ)	National	Independent Authority	Implements a Recording Mechanism of Informal Forced Returns	https://nchr.gr/en/recordin g-mechanism.html