

# STANDARDS FOR FORCED-RETURN MONITORING IN BULGARIA

PRESENTATION

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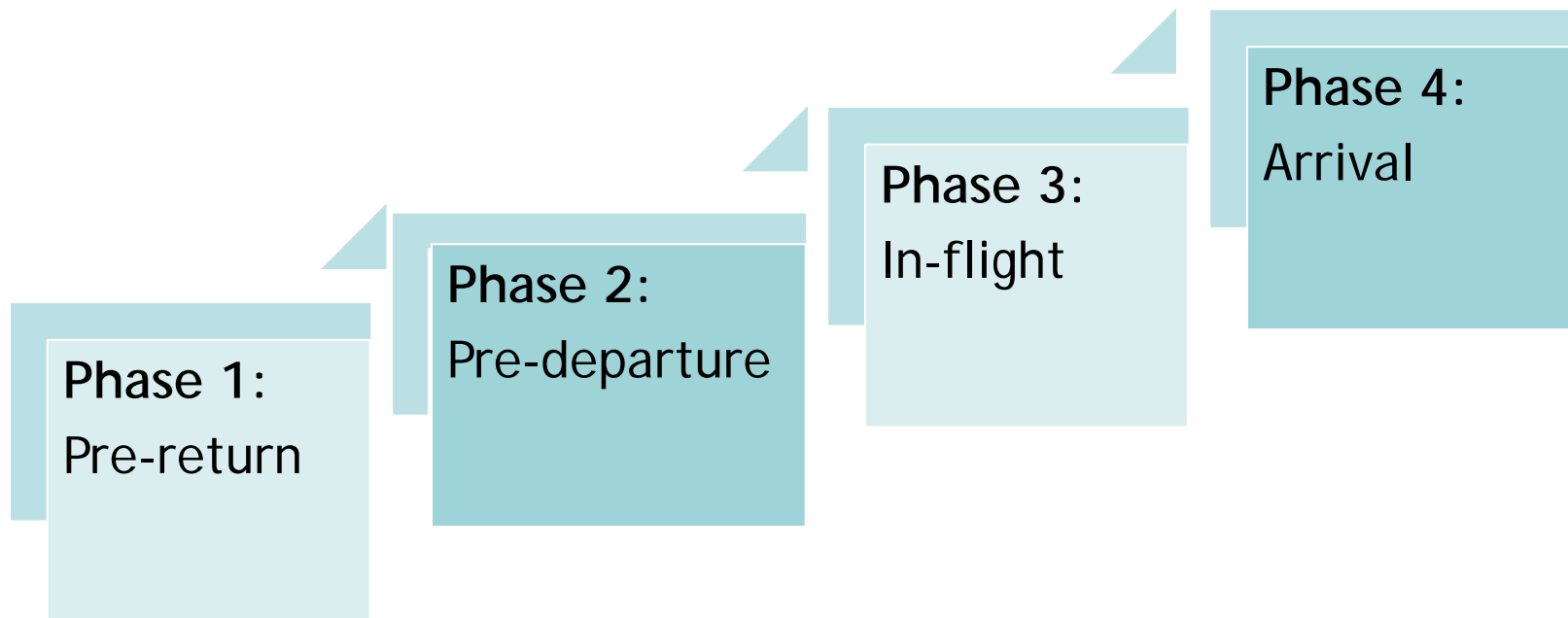


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# Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct Applicable to Monitors

- Monitors must be **independent**.
- Monitors must be **neutral**.
- Monitors must treat all participants in the forced-return procedure with **respect**.
- Monitors ought to conduct themselves in a **professional** manner.
- It is of particular importance that the monitors have maximum unrestricted **access to information**.
- They must use all information in strict compliance with the principle of **confidentiality**.
- A good knowledge of the **rights and obligations** of all participants in the operation, as well as of the **restraint techniques** and **coercive measures**.
- **No intervention powers** at any given moment during the operation!
- **Flexibility and adaptability** - Changes and delays can occur at any time.

## Phases of a Forced-Return Operation



# Checklist

Standard	Sources and checking methods	Criteria for implementation	Yes	No	Comments
<p><b>All necessary documents for the person's return have been issued</b></p>	<p>The monitor ought to review all documents in the returnee's personal file.</p> <p><i>Note: Copies of all documents are kept in the returnee's personal file stored either in the MD's building or at the SHTAF.</i></p>	<p>There exists a properly issued written order to impose the coercive administrative measure of 'return' on the returnee</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		<p>Where the returnee is detained in a special home for temporary accommodation of foreigners, there exists a written order on his or her placement in a SHTAF</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		<p>Where the returnee is detained in a SHTAF, there exists a written record of his/her accommodation</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		<p>Where the returnee is detained in a SHTAF, there is a written record (acceptance certificate) of all personal belongings, money, and valuables seized from him or her and handed over for safekeeping</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		<p>Where the returnee is detained in a SHTAF, a medical examination was performed on him or her upon reception and a certificate of his or her state of health was properly issued</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

## Role of the Monitor

- Observing facts!
  - Analyzing observations against the checklist.
  - Taking notes while observing.
  - Paying specific attention to use of force and means of restraint!
  - Reporting.
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- No intervention powers!
  - Does not communicate with the returnees without permission!



**Thank you!**

