



## 'The Shape of Life' Painting Exhibition

The opening of the painting exhibition "The Shape of Life" took place on 1/6/2018 with success. Five artists from Iran, Syria, Afghanistan, shared their artworks with the citizens of Athens. The Exhibition was organized with the support of the [European Commission - Civil Protection & Humanitarian Aid Operations - ECHO](#). Read more about the [Exhibition](#)

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## AVRR Information Campaign in Crete

With the active participation of the local community, the institutions and the authorities of Heraklion and Chania cities on the island of Crete, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) implemented two information events in the framework of the project "The Implementation of Assisted Voluntary Returns including Reintegration measures" (AVRR). During the reporting period, 446 third country nationals returned to their home country, among them 180 were from Iraq, 98 from Pakistan and 54 from Georgia. [Read more](#)

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## Upgrading Andravida's Open Accommodation Center

IOM upgraded the 38 apartments and communal buildings in Andravida's open accommodation center for migrants and refugees, through reparations of ceilings, electromechanical connections, door window frames, mosquito nets, kitchen cabinets and A/Cs) and refurbished 4 new apartments, including one for Persons with Special Needs with the support of the [European Commission - Civil Protection & Humanitarian Aid Operations - ECHO](#). [Read more](#)

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[Satnam](#) "IOM not only gave me the opportunity to see my family again, but I also managed to enhance my fragile medical situation."

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## 1st IOM European Security Focal Point Training



The 1st IOM European Security Focal Point Training took place in Athens, at the Oasis Hotel Apartments with participants from 21 countries. [Read more](#)



## Greece: Back to School for Migrant, Refugee Children

Another school year has come to an end for all students in Greece. For a second consecutive year, IOM, the UN Migration Agency, ensured the safe transportation of migrant and refugee children from open accommodation centers to primary and secondary schools and the distribution of necessary school material. View the [video](#)

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## World Environment Day

On World Environment Day 05/06/2018, IOM, the UN Migration Agency, added its voice to the chorus of global actors seeking to combat plastic pollution and environmental degradation around the world. [Read more](#)

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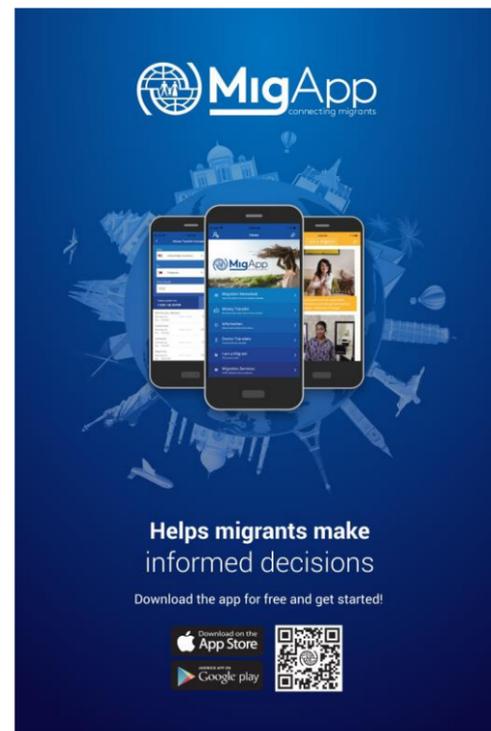
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## Global Study on Smuggling of migrants



At least 2.5 million migrants were smuggled worldwide in 2016 for a profit of \$5.5-7 billion, says UNODC - United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime new report on Migrant Smuggling. [Read more](#)



IOM [#MigApp](#) responds to the need to help migrants make informed decisions throughout their migration process by providing a platform of relevant and up-to-date information. [Read more](#)