

May 2017



EU Relocation Scheme Joint Press Conference

The total through the end of May was 13,831 asylum seekers who have been relocated from Greece since the launch of the EU Relocation Scheme in October 2015, continuing a clear upward trend.

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466 third country nationals returned to their home country with safety and dignity



During the reporting period, IOM Greece assisted 466 third country nationals to return to their home country. Amongst them, 190 were from Pakistan, 76 from Algeria and 38 from Georgia.

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YouTube Video



Refugee Children: Education and Relocation

In Greece, there are rumors spreading that once migrant families have enrolled in the education programme, they may no longer be eligible to relocate to other countries. Watch the [video](#) on IOM Greece YouTube channel.

National Consultation Committee Meeting



IOM's Office in Greece and IOM Regional Office in Brussels, organized a [National Consultation Committee meeting](#) under the Re-Health project. The project is co-funded by the European Commission (EC) through the General Directorate for Health and Food-DG SANTE. Read more [Re-Health Programme](#)

EU Relocation Scheme: 1,335 asylum seekers were relocated from Greece to other EU Member states



During April 2017, IOM Greece has helped 1,335 asylum seekers relocate safely from Greece to other EU member states. 520 were relocated to Germany, 161 to Finland and 116 to the Norway.

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Migrants Stories



Edris, 8, from Afghanistan

"My son has missed more than a year of his education because of the journey but now he's attending the Greek elementary school and he's really happy to learn new things", says Zayminia, the mother of 8-year-old Edris from Afghanistan. Read his [story](#)

UN Migration Agency Director General's Message on International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia



"Every person experiences migration differently. Gender identity and sexual orientation can have an impact on a migrant's journey - unfortunately, often in a negative and even dangerous way". [Read on](#)



Relocation to Croatia: Sawsan from Syria

"We've learnt that Croatia is a beautiful country and a very popular travel destination, visited by people from all over the world. So, we're happy to go there". Sawsan and her children have recently relocated to Croatia. Learn more about [their journey](#).

Baby boxes distribution



IOM Greece staff distributed baby boxes to the new mothers staying at the open accommodation center of Oinofyta, north of Athens to a happy crowd of young refugee and migrant families. With the financial support of Directorate-General (DG) Migration and Home Affairs of European Commission.

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Mustafa and Abdulbasid, two brothers from Afghanistan

Mustafa, 8 and Abdulbasid, 7, two young brothers from Afghanistan made the difficult journey to Europe together with their family. They are now staying at the open accommodation centre of Malakasa and have started attending the nearby Greek elementary school, in the context of the refugee children education programme.

Read their [story](#)

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