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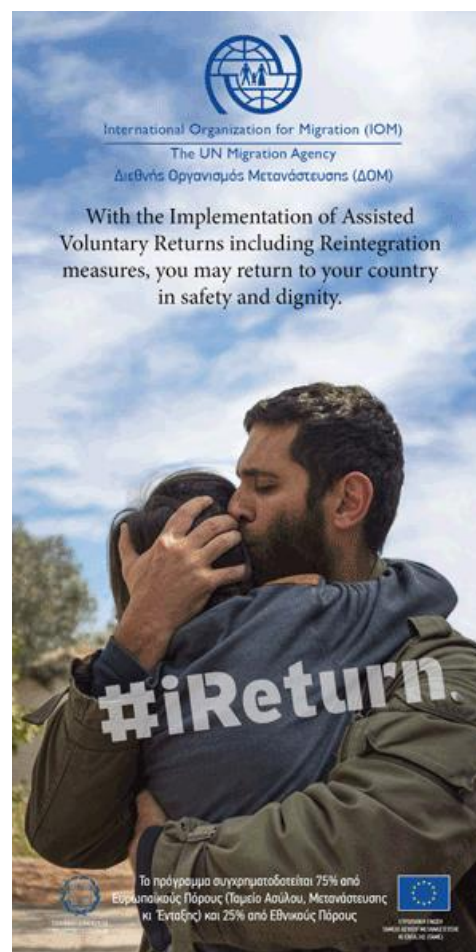


"Do you know where I'd really like to be relocated? To Cyprus!" Khaled says. Read his story on [IOM Migrants Stories](#)

IOM urges swifter pace as over 10,000 asylum seekers relocate under EU plan

Over 10,000 asylum seekers have now been relocated from Greece and Italy to other European Union (EU) member states through the EU relocation programme, according to IOM, which is facilitating the operation. [Read on](#)

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



With the implementation of [Assisted Voluntary Returns and Reintegration programme](#), you may return to your country in safety and dignity.

During the reporting period, IOM assisted 418 third country nationals to return to their home country, while during 2016, thanks to IOM contribution 6,153 migrants returned voluntarily to their home country with safety and dignity. Among them, 109 were from Iraq, 94 from Pakistan and 54 from Algeria. [Read on](#)

179 beneficiaries received reintegration assistance thanks to IOM Greece



During the reporting period, 179 beneficiaries received reintegration assistance. 113 were from Pakistan, 33 from Georgia and 15 from Bangladesh. Furthermore, 298 counselling sessions were conducted by IOM Greece reintegration counsellors. [Read on](#)

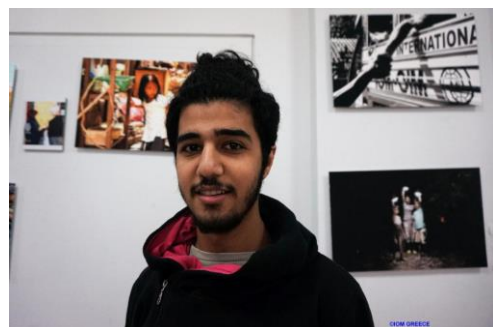
Joint IOM - UNHCR statement on President Trump's refugee order



Resettlement places provided by every country are vital; The International Organization for Migration (IOM), the UN Migration Agency and UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, hope that the US will continue its strong leadership role and long tradition of protecting those who are fleeing conflict and persecution. [Read on](#)



#iReturn: See IOM Greece new TV spot on Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration Programs (AVRR) on [IOM Greece YouTube channel](#).



"I am very happy, because IOM staff informed me that I am eligible for the Reintegration Programme". Read more about [Ahmed's story](#)



[IOM Greece staff provides winter clothing and shoes to 109 beneficiaries](#), staying at Marathon Beach Resort in Nea Makri. Men, women & children happily received jackets, athletic shoes and outfits as well as gloves, socks and beanies.



Through the Programme **SOAM**, IOM Greece supports organizations that assist migrant asylum seeking population in Greece. See more on [SOAM](#).

31 refugee and migrant children enjoy their first day at school

Songs, balloons, flowers, clapping and cheering. 31st of January, was a big day for 31 migrant children, as they could hardly wait to start their first day at Greek school. The new pupils arrived singing Greek songs to a warm welcome by tens of local residents. [Read on](#)



Letter of IOM Bus Escorts: IOM bus escorts working at the Eleonas Accommodation Centre have sent a moving letter, describing their experience so far working with refugee children who are attending the Greek public education system. You can read the letter [here](#)

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