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EU Relocation Scheme: 1.622 asylum seekers were relocated from Greece to other EU Member states

During July 2017, IOM Greece has helped 1.622 asylum seekers relocate safely from Greece to other EU member states. 533 were relocated to Germany, 321 to France and 315 to the Sweden. [Read on](#)

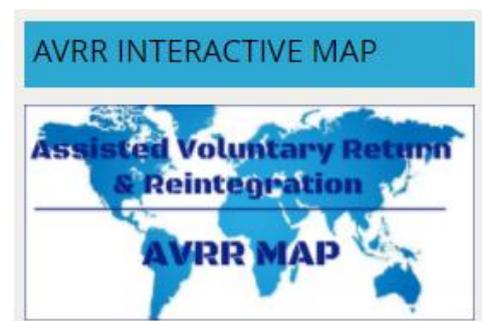
553 third country nationals returned to their home country with safety and dignity



During the reporting period, IOM Greece assisted 553 third country nationals to return to their home country. Amongst them, 209 were from Pakistan, 98 from Algeria, 50 from Georgia, 44 from Bangladesh and 33 from Iraq. [Read on](#)



The Hellenic Red Cross opened a [new accommodation centre](#) in Athens, aimed at providing secure accommodation to unaccompanied minors. The beneficiaries can have access to primary health care services, legal counselling, psychosocial support, language courses, intercultural and recreational activities. The accommodation centre has been renovated by IOM Greece with funding from the European Commission, Civil Protection & Humanitarian Aid Operations – ECHO.



New online informative tool on IOM Greece website: Online Interactive AVRR Map showing all countries data : <https://greece.iom.int/worldmap>

#StopMindBorders campaign – “The coffee house”



Hans-Joachim Fuchtel, Germany’s Deputy Minister of Economic Cooperation and Development, visited the open accommodation centre for migrants and refugees in Drama, Northern Greece. IOM Greece fully reconstructed the site at Drama and is now present in the field on a daily basis providing Site Management Support (SMS), with funding from the European Commission - Civil Protection & Humanitarian Aid Operations – ECHO. [Read on](#)

#StopMindBorders: "The most dangerous borders are those drawn in our minds".

Watch "[The Coffee House](#)" video, part of IOM Greece Awareness raising campaign against stereotypes, racism, xenophobia and discrimination in cooperation with the Ministry of Migration Policy and the support of the Directorate-General (DG) Migration & Home Affairs of European Commission.

The Story of Sofia, IOM school-bus escort



My name is Sofia Arishvili and I’m 32 years old. I came to Greece in 2007, just to see it and eventually I stayed. I married a fellow countryman and we had children. [Read more](#)



[Colourful activities](#) took place at the IOM office in Athens, during a cultural orientation session in the context of the EU relocation programme. While the adults received useful information on their new home –this time, Sweden– the children engaged in drawing, under the watchful eye of IOM Greece staff.

“First Line Responders” training under the framework of the project on “Protecting Children in the context of the refugee and migrant crisis in Europe”



Alternate Minister of Migration Policy, Giannis Balafas, visited IOM Greece Premises. [Read on](#)

On July 6th 2017, IOM Greece in collaboration with its local staff implemented the third “First Line Responders” training on Samos island that took place under the framework of the project on “Protecting Children in the context of the refugee and migrant crisis in Europe”. The project is funded by [EU Justice and Consumers](#). [Read more](#)

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