



IOM Supports the Greek National Health System's Preparedness and Migrants' Access to Health Services

From April 2021 to February 2023, IOM's support contributed to enhance the national health system preparedness with the provision of medical equipment and supplies and provided support to medical personnel deployed across the country, including migrant communities.

As part of this intervention, IOM provided medical equipment and supplies to Greek public hospitals, primary health care facilities, and migrant Reception and

Identification Centers (RICs) including eight new mobile medical units fully equipped with a microbiological clinic, radiological unit, consultation rooms and a four-bed capacity hospitalization room each. This equipment will facilitate access to health services for migrants staying in reception facilities on the mainland.

The activity was implemented in coordination with the Ministry of Health (MoH) and the Ministry of Migration and Asylum (MoMA) in Greece, with funding from the European Union (EU).



IOM Participates in International Meeting on Migration Challenges and Opportunities with Orthodox Partners Around the Globe

The International Organization for Migration in collaboration with SMART Media and with funding from 24 Media, organized in Athens an International Meeting with the participation of more than 15 Orthodox churches around the world active in the field of migration, under the auspices of the Ministry of Migration and Asylum.

In the epicenter of this international dialogue was how current and future migration challenges and opportunities

can be addressed through increased partnerships and effective synergies.

The event was graced by the presence of IOM Director General, Antonio Vitorino, through an online intervention. This was the first meeting between IOM and the Eastern and Oriental Orthodox stakeholders aiming at facilitating meaningful consultations and recommendations on how to improve global cooperations.

‘WELCOME 2023’ Career Days in Athens

For the third consecutive year, with the participation of 42 companies and emphasis on women's empowerment, IOM under the HELIOS integration project funded by the Ministry of Migration and Asylum, was part of WELCOME 2023.

Migrant, refugee and local population together with representatives of private organizations had the chance to meet and be part of the event focused on the needs and challenges of the Greek labor market. In total 2,500 interviews with potential employees took place, while a group of business representatives discussed the challenges of women's integration into the labor market, with a focus on good practices for the inclusion of women in the workplace.





IOM Greece Welcomed Officials from Fedasil, Caritas and Cities of Charleroi and Stad Gent

During the exchange visit the delegation accompanied by IOM Belgium and Luxembourg had several meetings with representatives of the Municipalities of Athens and Piraeus discussing local policies, coordination mechanisms and good practices towards the protection and integration of third country nationals at City level.

Moreover, the Officials had the opportunity to learn

more on IOM Greece's migration management activities and visit the Open Center for Migrants Registered for Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (OCAVRR), the Integration Learning Center (ILC) of HELIOS Project- funded by the Ministry of Migration and Asylum- run by the Catholic Relief Services/Caritas Hellas and the Migrant Integration Center- City of Athens.



IOM Supported More Than 400 Asylum Seekers Access the Greek Labor Market

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) assisted 447 asylum seekers hosted in open accommodation facilities on mainland Greece to find a job on the Greek labor market through HARP project. More specifically, 2,393 asylum seekers have received orientation services on how to access the Greek labor market, 789 people were supported in the job application process, 447 secured a job, 446 Greek and English language courses were implemented. A total of 547 people, half women and half men, completed a Greek language short-term course, with close to 50 per cent being youth aged 18 to 29.

Learn more: <https://bit.ly/3Zjhjll>

The project is funded by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs (DG HOME).



Working Together with Local Authorities to Ensure Emergency Preparedness & Safety of Migrant Accommodation

IOM and the Ministry of Migration & Asylum with the participation of the departments of the Hellenic Police, Hellenic Fire Service, EUAA, National emergency center (EKAB) and National Public Health Organization organized 6 exercises regarding the accommodation facilities at the

locations of Katsikas, Leros and Kyllini, to ensure the preparedness, response and recovery actions of the local authorities and actors to manage emergencies. The project was implemented with the support of the European Commission - DG Reform.

Tatia Returns Home with Safety and Dignity

After spending 3 years in Greece working as an elderly carer, Tatia, decided to return to her home country Georgia, with the assistance of IOM.

As part of the personalized reintegration plan that Tatia and IOM reintegration counsellors developed, she decided to restart her old family bakery in Georgia. IOM purchased bakery supplies and equipment for Tatia.

Since September 2022, IOM Greece is implementing the project "Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration of Migrants in situations of vulnerability" under the programme Asylum and Migration (Addressing urgent needs for the reception and screening of asylum seekers and for the accommodation of vulnerable groups) of the EEA Grants. IOM has been implementing AVRR projects since 2010, supporting more than 58,000 migrants to return home with safety and dignity and over 10,000 migrants to successfully complete personalized reintegration plans.

