



IOM and EBRD organize the first entrepreneurship seminar for Ukrainian citizens in Thessaloniki

IOM and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) wrapped up a first-ever seminar in Thessaloniki on entrepreneurship for Ukrainian citizens, who are beneficiaries of temporary protection in Greece. The 32 Ukrainian participants in the three-day seminar benefitted from the expertise of experienced lawyers and business consultants from “EY Greece”, who shared knowledge about the entrepreneurial landscape in Greece, the opportunities and challenges of the Greek labor market, and provided guidance on how to develop their own business activities.

“From the workshop, my goal is to gain practical knowledge on how to integrate more effectively into the Greek labour market. Although I have some previous experience in Greece, I recognize that each country presents unique characteristics and challenges in the field of job opportunities,” said Mariia Spasibo from Ukraine. “My goal is to understand the current state of the Greek labour market and identify areas that need new and innovative ideas.

The seminar was organized under IOM’s HELIOS funded by the Ministry of Migration and Asylum, which supports the integration of beneficiaries of international and temporary protection into the Greek society.





IOM's Deputy Director General, Ugochi Daniels, attends Delphi Economic Forum

It was a pleasure welcoming IOM's Migration Deputy Director General, Ugochi Daniels, at the Delphi Economic Forum, organized in April in Greece. Many positive strategic discussions took place on establishing, expanding and enhancing pathways for regular migration, as IOM seeks to deepen its cooperation with Greece in harnessing the full potential of human mobility for development and prosperity.

More than 4,740 relocations under EU Solidarity Mechanism

Until April 2024, IOM has successfully supported the relocation of more than 4,740 asylum applicants and beneficiaries of international protection from Greece, Cyprus, Italy, Malta and Spain to other European countries under the EU Voluntary Solidarity Mechanism.

The project is implemented with the support of the European Commission and DG Home.



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Completion of vocational trainings: Emergency Management, Home Care, Awareness raising on Trafficking in Human Beings, & Environment Protection

768 beneficiaries from over 30 countries through which 337 women and a total of 322 expert trainers completed vocational trainings across all thematic areas: Emergency Management, Home Care, Awareness raising on Trafficking in Human Beings, & Environment Protection. Within the framework of the RRF-funded projects, “Promotion of the integration of the refugee population into the labour market” and “Enhancing the social integration of third-country nationals and their awareness, through capacity-building on crisis management”, a series of thematic vocational trainings were delivered aiming at strengthening the skills of the refugee population in Greece. The action is implemented in the framework of National Recovery and Resilience Greece 2.0 with the funding of the European Union – NextGenerationEU.



Final Hybrid workshop for MiNetwork Project marks its successful completion

The Final Hybrid workshop for MiNetwork Project marked the successful completion of the action, implemented in close collaboration with the Ministry of Asylum and Migration with the support of the European Commission, DG Reform. MiNetwork project aimed to promote the integration of Ukrainians and third country nationals in the Greek socio-economic life in line with their skills, qualifications and aspirations, as well the local communities' needs and labor market context.



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AVRR visits to Crete and Lamia

IOM conducted an information visit to Crete and Lamia, to discuss the current migration situation and the implementation of the project “Implementation of Assisted Voluntary Returns and Reintegration Measures as well as Operation of Accommodation Center for Applicants of Voluntary Return” which began in September 2023. IOM Greece is informing about voluntary returns and reintegration in locations all around Greece, aiming at expanding the network of collaboration with various agents and to maximize the dissemination of information on the project’s procedures and benefits. Since September 2023, IOM has assisted more than 1,500 beneficiaries to return back to their home country. The current project is being implemented through the Home Affairs Funds with co-funding by the European Union.

Visit to Pournara reception facility

Facilitating orderly and humane migration is at the heart of IOM’s mandate and vision. Together with the Fundamental Rights Officer of the Ministry of Migration and Asylum and the Cyprus police, IOM visited Pournara reception facility to discuss with local authorities ways to strengthen and streamline the protection and promotion of fundamental rights in border management activities.

“Rightlines: Drawing fundamental rights policies and actions at the Greek and Cypriot borders”, is implemented with the support of the European Commission.



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