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## IOM DDG Visits Greece

IOM's Deputy Director General, Ambassador Laura Thompson visited the migrants' accommodation sites in Thiva and Serres, accompanied by the Minister of Migration Policy, Ioannis Mouzalas and IOM Greece Chief of mission, Daniel Esdras. [Read on](#)

## Information event in the framework of the Programme "The Implementation of Assisted Voluntary Returns including Reintegration Measures"



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**Re-health –Training:** Regional Office Brussels and IOM Greece together with UNFPA co-organized a three-day training course in Athens for health mediators, health professionals and other specialists working with migrants and refugees in the fields of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Gender Based Violence (SRH-GBV). [Learn more](#)



**EU Relocation Scheme:** French Prime Minister Bernard Cazeneuve visits pre-departure cultural orientation session. [Learn more](#)

## Migrants Stories



**#MigrantRefugeePhotoStory #iamamigrant**

Sana is a young man from Pakistan who, after spending 1.5 year in Greece, decided to go back to his country as a beneficiary of the "[Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration Programme](#)". [View his story](#)

## IOM Welcomes Milestone as 10,000 Asylum Seekers Relocated from Greece under EU Plan



Over 10,000 asylum seekers have now been relocated from Greece to other European Union (EU) and Associated States since the start of the EU relocation programme according to IOM, which is implementing the scheme. [Read on](#)

## 734 third country nationals returned to their home country with safety and dignity



During the reporting period, IOM Greece assisted 734 third country nationals to return to their countries of origin. Amongst them, 292 were from Pakistan, 118 from Iraq and 62 from Algeria and 62 Georgia. [Read on](#)



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“Now, Murad is happier and calmer than ever before. For the first time in his life he’s staying in a proper house, he didn’t know what it’s like to live in a house, as until now he has lived only in tents”. With the financial support of Directorate-General (DG) Migration & Home Affairs of European Commission. [Read his story](#)

## PAOK FC and PAOK Action in collaboration with IOM Greece – Stand with refugees



PAOK F.C. together with IOM Greece showed actively their support in visiting the accommodation centre of Mouries and distributing clothing and other basic non-food items (NFIs). [Read more](#)

## CEB Vice-Governor for Social Development Strategy visits IOM Greece



“IOM cooperation with Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB) during the past 13 months has been excellent and significantly contributed to the humanitarian response in Greece. The programme had a positive impact on improving the conditions of migrant and refugee population in Greece”, the chief of the IOM’s mission in Greece, Daniel Esdras said. [Read on](#)

## Reintegration Assistance: IOM conducted 366 interviews



During the reporting period, IOM approved 235 reintegration plans for beneficiaries who have already returned to their country of origin, while 366 interviews were conducted with potential beneficiaries.

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