



Relocation of applicants for international protection

Information leaflet for Greece EN



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If you are in need of international protection and eligible to participate in the European Union Relocation Programme:

- Notify an EASO or UNHCR representative or the Greek authorities of your intention to apply for international protection and join the relocation programme
- Go to a Regional Asylum Office of the Asylum Service, or
- Call through Skype, user ID: asylum.service.relocation every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 9:00a.m. to 10:00a.m. to book an appointment for your application.

'What is relocation?'

Relocation is the transfer of asylum seekers who are in clear need of international protection from Greece to another participating European country. The application for international protection will only be examined in the country of relocation. Relocation is a safe and legal way for asylum seekers to be transferred from Greece to other European countries. There is no fee or payment to participate in the programme. Accommodation during the procedure and transfer to the country of relocation is free of charge.



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To where can I be relocated?

You can be relocated to a European country that participates in the Relocation programme.

Am I eligible for the Relocation Programme?

You will be registered in the relocation programme if you are an asylum seeker in clear need of international protection, if you entered Greece after 24 March 2015, and you are a national of Syria, Eritrea, Iraq, Central African Republic, Bahrain, Yemen and Swaziland, or a stateless person previously residing in one of these countries. The list of eligible nationalities is updated every quarter.



IMPORTANT

Relocation step by step:

- 1) You must submit an application for international protection in Greece.
- 2) You must present all documents you have that verify your identity as well as all documents provided to you by the Hellenic Police.
- 3) You will be provided with accommodation once you register for relocation.
- 4) Accommodation will be provided to you free of charge while you are waiting for transfer to the country of relocation.
- 5) The truthfulness of your statements and the authenticity of the documents you present will be checked by the Asylum Service and the European country of relocation.
- 6) As soon as Greece is informed by that European country that you and your family members (husband/wife and children) are accepted, Greece ensures that you will be transferred there safely, legally and free of charge as swiftly as possible.
- 7) You will be notified of the relocation decision in writing.
- 8) You will be provided with information about the transfer to the country of relocation.
- 9) When you arrive in the country of relocation, your application for international protection will be examined and your basic needs will be covered

Can I choose the country to which I will be relocated?

You cannot choose the country of relocation. For the decision, certain aspects will be taken as much as possible into consideration: special needs, state of your health, family links, language skills and any cultural or social ties that you may have with the country of relocation. Other factors are also taken into consideration, such as the number of places available in the participating countries.

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- After being granted international protection by a European country, in principle you will have to remain in that country for at least five years.
- You are not allowed to leave from that European country unless you are given permission by the authorities.
- If you leave without permission, you will be returned to the country to which you had been relocated.

Do not:

- give money to smugglers;
- travel illegally;
- put yourself and your family in danger & hardship.

List of Asylum Offices you may visit:

Regional Asylum Offices	Street
ATHENS	2, P. KANELLOPOULOU ST, 101 77 ATHENS
THESSALONIKI	EX KTEO B BUILDING-PONTOU-LAHANAGORA AREA (GREEN GROCERY MARKET) 540 01 KALOHORI, THESSALONIKI
SOUTH EVROS	1B, MAKRIS AVE. 68 100 NEA CHILI, ALEXANDROUPOLIS
NORTH EVROS	First Reception Centre, 680 06 FYLAKIO, ORESTIADA
RHODES	1, ELEFTHERIAS SQUARE, RHODOS, TRAFFIC POLICE BUILDING, 85100 RHODES
LESVOS	Nationality Identification Centre, MORIA, 811 00 LESVOS
SAMOS	VATHI, SAMOS

Asylum Offices	Lesvos, Chios, Samos, Leros, Kos
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Map of Greece



For more information you can also contact EASO on: info@easo.europa.eu



