

International Organization for Migration

Relocation Assistance

What is Relocation?

Relocation within the European Union enables those who requested asylum in one EU Member State to travel to another EU Member State, where their asylum application will be further processed. Intra-EU relocation is an expression of internal EU solidarity and responsibility sharing. In particular, it supports those countries at the external borders of the European Union that are most affected by sudden increases in the arrival of persons who seek international protection. Through this tool, EU Member States can help one another to cope with the pressure on their asylum systems by relocating persons in need of international protection who have requested asylum. (<https://eea.iom.int/relocation>)

IOM assists Member States in the resettlement process in the following key phases of the process:



Providing pre-migration health activities



Holding pre-departure orientation sessions



Implementing movement management and travel operations



Facilitating early integration support to receiving communities

Providing assistance to beneficiaries of international protection relocated from Greece to Portugal

This project, implemented by IOM, is intended to provide comprehensive relocation support for 100 beneficiaries identified by the Government of Portugal for relocation from Greece to Portugal within the pilot scheme for a period of six months.

IOM Portugal relocation assistance is focused on preparing beneficiaries for their relocation from Greece to Portugal, by ensuring beneficiaries are well informed through the provision of pre-departure orientation and counseling and ensuring that beneficiaries are healthy and can travel in safety.

Relocation of 100 beneficiaries from Greece



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IOM Activities:

Pre-migration health activities (PMHA)

- Implementation of a health protocol validated by the Portuguese Directorate-General of Health (DGS);
- Assessment of health status of beneficiaries prior to departure which includes the collection of clinical history, performance of physical exams, additional consultations and treatments and vaccinations;
- Performance of a pre-embarkation check (PEC) before departure to establish fitness to travel;
- Transmission of medical information to medical focal points in each Regional Health Administration in Portugal.

Pre-Departure Orientation (PDO)

- Organization of a 1-day pre-departure orientation in Greece to prepare beneficiaries and to provide practical information on the destination country;
- Use of participatory, beneficiary-centered and interactive methodologies with various activities and hands-on exercises;
- Creation of a safe space, with favorable conditions for sharing of concerns, expectations and doubts.

Movement management and operations

- Provision of movement and travel assistance including the transfer of beneficiaries from their locations of current residence to the relocation country;
- Provision of airport assistance at departure, transit and arrival;
- Organization of medical and/or operational escorts during the flight, whenever necessary.

Early integration support to receiving communities

- Organization of online information sessions for municipalities and other reception actors on the relocation process, IOM's role and cross cutting issues.

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