

All of the rumours are collected among refugees passing through Europe. By identifying misinformation and hearsay and responding to it with relevant, factual information NewsThatMoves aims to keep the refugee population at the forefront of our communication response.

#1 RUMOUR: "Germany has only taken 40 people in the relocation program so far."



ANSWER

By 15 June this year, Germany had relocated 37 people from Greece through the relocation program and pledged to accept another 140 people. Across all European Union countries that are taking part in the EU relocation program, a total of 1,503 people have been relocated from Greece. Between 20 March and 14 June 5,683 people in Greece have been accepted on to the program and pledged places in EU countries.

For more information:
<http://goo.gl/ZiJUog>

#4 RUMOUR: "If you apply for the relocation program they send you to Venezuela."



ANSWER

Venezuela is a country in South America, therefore Venezuela is not part of the European relocation program because it is not an EU country. You cannot be sent to a country other than the 28 EU member states as part of the relocation program. There is a ferry boat that is called the "Venizelos" which is named after a former Greek prime minister.

For more information:
<https://www.easo.europa.eu/about-us/what-relocation/questions-and-answers-relocation>

#2 RUMOUR: "Everyone in military camps and big camps are now getting a year residency permit in Greece."



ANSWER

The Greek Asylum Service has been sending teams to official camps to pre-register people. If you go through the pre-registration process you will be given a white asylum seekers card. This is not a residency permit but will replace your 'kharti' and is valid for up to one year while you wait for your appointment with the Greek asylum service. When the asylum service has completed pre-registration in official camps, it will then undertake pre-registration with people living in other accommodation in towns and cities. Everyone who pre-registers will receive an asylum seekers card.

For more information:
http://asylo.gov.gr/en/?page_id=1278

#5 RUMOUR: "If you stay in Greece for 6 months, you will automatically get a passport and documents."



ANSWER

You will not automatically get a passport or documents related to citizenship and travel. There are a number of processes you must go through in Greece before you can apply for citizenship, which means it will take much longer than 6 months to receive a passport or documents. You must first apply for international protection in Greece and you must remain in Greece while your asylum application is being processed.

For more information:
<https://newsthatmoves.org/en/qa-asylum-in-greece-right-to-travel/>

#3 RUMOUR: "Some people say If you have family members anywhere in Europe you can apply for family reunification and doesn't matter if they are accepted or not."



ANSWER

To qualify for family reunification you must have a core family member in another EU country. This means that you must be asking for reunification with a child under the age of 18, your spouse (husband or wife), or your mother or father or legal guardian if you are under 18 years old. Your family member must have legal residency in the EU country where he or she are living. You first must register to seek asylum in Greece before applying for family reunification.

For more information:
<https://newsthatmoves.org/en/family-reunification-how-does-it-work/>



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