

#1 RUMOUR:
"If you got residency in Greece, you will have to wait for another 7-8 months to receive travel documents."

ANSWER

If you are granted 'recognised refugee' status or 'subsidiary protection' in Greece you will be given a three year residence permit in Greece. If you are a 'recognised refugee' in Greece, you are entitled to receive travel documents so you can travel abroad, except to your country of origin. If you are granted 'subsidiary protection' you can only request travel documents if you are unable to obtain a national passport. You do not automatically get travel documents when you are granted either 'recognised refugee' status or 'subsidiary protection' in Greece. You must apply for and request travel documents.

For more information:

http://www.ytp.gr/asylo.php?option=ozo_content&perform=view&id=5055&Itemid=465&lang=&lang=&lang=&lang=EN#2

#2 RUMOUR:
"People take boats right out of this port to Italy through the smugglers, right in front of the police."

ANSWER

There is no recorded information to suggest that boats operated by smugglers are leaving from the port of Piraeus to take people to Italy. Information you may be given may not be factual and may lead you into greater risks and dangers. Many refugees describe very difficult and dangerous conditions when they take journeys through illegal means (alone and with unknown people). Many people have drowned while trying to cross to Italy from the North African coasts in the past few years.

For more information:

<http://missingmigrants.iom.int/>

#3 RUMOUR:
"Lawyers (Greeks) come by here (E1.5) and ask for 100 euros, then they'll register us for relocation."

ANSWER

The application for the EU Relocation Program is free. You do not need to pay anyone in order to register. You must register to apply for asylum in Greece first and then apply for the EU Relocation Program. To apply for the EU Relocation Program you have to be from Syria, Iraq, Eritrea, Burundi, Central African Republic, Maldives, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Bahrain, or be a stateless person who was living in one of the aforementioned countries. The responsible agency for the Relocation Program is EASO (European Asylum Support Office).

For more information:

<https://newsthatmoves.org/en/qa-relocation-program-to-eu-countries/>

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.

#4 RUMOUR:
"The proper camps are only for families, while single men have to go to military camps."

ANSWER

The majority of the refugee sites in Greece are under the control and management of the Greek military. Very few sites (such as Elliniko) are not under military management. Some sites or camps may have caravans and tents for shelters. Families and single men are not prioritised for transfer to the sites. Vulnerable people, such as single women with children, and sick people sometimes have priority in being transferred from Idomeni or Piraeus port to the sites. According to Greek authorities all refugees will be taken to organised sites.

For more information:

<https://newsthatmoves.org/en/greece-informing-refugees-in-piraeus-about-camps/>

#5 RUMOUR:
"PRAKSIS is giving 45 EUR every 15 days to those who are accepted and waiting for relocation."

ANSWER

The Greek NGO PRAKSIS provides housing and food (coupons for supermarkets) for refugees. Due to many people needing accommodation, housing is not always available. To access PRAKSIS services you must be referred to them by UNHCR officers at the sites. You cannot go to the offices or to PRAKSIS officers, to ask for housing or food unless UNHCR referred you to them. If you are currently waiting in Athens you can use the Survival Guide for Asylum Seekers and Refugees compiled with a list of organizations that provide different types of free help.

For more information:

<https://newsthatmoves.org/en/survival-guide-for-refugees-and-asylum-seekers-in-athens/>



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