

#1

RUMOUR:

"If you apply for asylum in Greece, you won't be allowed to leave for another EU country to reunify with your family for five years."



ANSWER

If you register to apply for asylum in Greece you can then apply for Family Reunification if you have a core family member with a legal residence permit in another EU country. The Family Reunification process in Europe can take a long time. You cannot leave Greece until your applications are processed. If you are accepted for Family Reunification your asylum application will be processed in the EU country where your core family member lives. Core family consists of spouses and children who are under the age of 18.

For more information:

<http://refugees.gr/en1/2016/02/13/rights-and-obligations/>

#2

RUMOUR:

"I asked lawyers in Athens and they said Pakistanis can go to the office and register for asylum."



ANSWER

People of every nationality have the right to register to apply for asylum in Greece. To register you must call a specific number on Skype. Teams from the Greek Asylum Service, EASO and UNHCR plan to pre-register you for asylum in Greece if you are in an official camp. Everyone can go through the pre-registration and Skype processes for free. There are also plans to pre-register people who don't live in official camps.

For more information:

<http://goo.gl/IB6AsQ>

#3

RUMOUR:

"If we go to Aitima organisation, they take photocopies of our Khartis and take our contact details, then there is no need for the Skype, EASO will contact us through them [Aitima]."



ANSWER

The Greek NGO Aitima does not register refugees to apply for asylum. This can only be done through the Greek Asylum Service. If you have already registered to apply for asylum, Aitima may help you with your case. Aitima also provides legal information for refugees. If you want to register to apply for asylum in Greece you need to pre-register or follow the procedure through Skype.

For more information:

<http://www.aitima.gr/index.php/en/>

#4

RUMOUR:

"You can go to Canada from France. You talk to the mafia and in 5-6 days they'll take you to Canada by boat for 10,000 euros."



ANSWER

There is a vast ocean between France and Canada, and the journey on a passenger boat takes two weeks. You cannot apply for Canada's resettlement program from Europe, but you can if you are in Lebanon, Jordan or Turkey. Since November, Canada has resettled 27,580 refugees. Information you may be given from unknown people 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 paths.

For more information:

<https://newsthatmoves.org/en/what-are-my-options-resettlement-to-canada-3/>

#5

RUMOUR:

"There is no family reunification. They stopped it two months ago."



ANSWER

The Family Reunification Program has not been stopped. However, the process of applications is slow because of an overload of applications. You can apply for Family Reunification if you have a core family member with a legal residence permit in another EU country. You must register to apply for asylum in Greece first. Core family consists of spouses and children who are under the age of 18.

For more information:

<https://newsthatmoves.org/en/options-for-refugees-in-greece-family-reunification/>



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