



#1

RUMOUR:

"Now that the EU-Turkey deal is cancelled, the 7 billions will be given to Greece, and will be used to relocate people [refugees] to the EU countries by ships or airplanes."



ANSWER

The EU-Turkey deal that was signed on 18 March 2016 has not been canceled and it is still in force. Greece will not receive 7 billion EUR as part of this deal. People can be relocated from Greece to other EU countries through the EU Relocation Program. To apply for the EU Relocation Program you first have to register to apply for asylum in Greece and 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.

For more information:

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

#2

RUMOUR:

"It says here that for family reunification we need to apply for asylum first, but then you can't re-apply for asylum once you join your family."



ANSWER

If you want to join a member of your family in another EU country, you must first register to apply for asylum in Greece and then for family reunification under the Dublin Regulation. If you are approved for family reunification, your claim will not be examined in Greece but transferred and your procedure will be conducted in the country where you'll join a family member. The authorities will take over the process as soon as you arrive so you do not need to make another asylum application. A core family member has to have a legal residence permit in another EU country to apply for you to join them in the family reunification process. Core family consists of spouse and children who are under the age of 18.

For more information:

<https://newsthatmoves.org/en/qa-should-i-claim-for-asylum-before-applying-for-family-reunification/>

#3

RUMOUR:

"After they [authorities] transfer people to camps, everyone who is left at the port will be taken to military camps."



ANSWER

The majority of the organised sites for accommodating refugees 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 for shelter and others have tents. According to Greek authorities, all refugees will be taken from Piraeus port to organised sites or camps.

For more information:

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

#4

RUMOUR:

"Everyone who has a card [either from asylum service or for relocation], will be transferred to a house."



ANSWER

If you have received a "Protection Card", given to people who have applied for asylum, are waiting for an interview or appeal, you can be referred by UNHCR to the Greek NGO PRAKSIS that can provide you with accommodation. Since the demand for accommodation is really high it is not always guaranteed that you will be given housing. If you are currently waiting in Athens you can use a 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/>

#5

RUMOUR:

"My friends told me the public transportation is free for refugees. Yesterday they were caught and were fined 40 EUR each."



ANSWER

Public transportation in Athens and in Thessaloniki is not free of charge for refugees. There has not been any directive from the government yet to guarantee free transportation to refugees. People have to pay for their travel pass or ticket in order to use public transportation and not be fined. Failure to display a valid ticket or travelcard results in a fine which is 60 times the price of the ticket. For example, a regular ticket is 1.40 EUR or reduced 0.60 EUR, therefore a fine would be 84 EUR for those who are obliged to use a regular ticket and 36 EUR for those travelling on a reduced ticket.

For more information:

<http://www.oasa.gr/content.php?id=elkom&lang=en>



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