



# How does the European Commission support Greece managing migration?

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### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON RECEPTION CENTRES



## FOCUS ON INTEGRATION

The European Commission is supporting Greece in its efforts to provide integration and inclusion through steps for better access of migrants to education, health care, housing and the labour market.

A successful integration policy is essential for social cohesion as well as for a dynamic economy that works for all. On top of its concrete support on the ground, the EU plays a key role in promoting relevant social policies through targeted financial support.

## FUNDING

The Asylum Migration and Integration Fund of the EU has supported the implementation of the project with the provision of more than €60 million for the period from June 2019 until end of 2021.

[The Hellenic Integration Support for Beneficiaries of International Protection \(HELIOS\)](#), implemented by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) is currently the main integration project in Greece. The project is currently financially supported by national budget.



More than **44 852** beneficiaries of international protection enrolled and entitled to welcome courses, education and employability support



**9 992** households have been actively supported with rental subsidies

Moreover, in the area of non-formal education, UNICEF is implementing the EU funded (€24 million under the Asylum Migration and Integration Fund) [All Children in Education \(ACE\)](#) programme. The project offers non-formal education to migrant children across Greece, preparing them for the national education system.

So far:

16 235

refugee and migrant children accessed non-formal education

>12 230

children were helped to enrol in Greek schools

7 171

children provided with structured psychosocial and/or tailored support

## HERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF INTEGRATION

### Ms. Fatemeh Dousti:

Born in Iran in 2000, she now lives in Mesolonghi. She finished Greek High school. Through entrance examinations she was admitted at the University of Patras. Her Greek and English are excellent. Support was provided from the EU also as regards the enrollment into University and free accommodation and food at the student dormitories. The "HELIOS" beneficiary has moved to Mesolonghi, where she is continuing her studies.

### Mr. Brwa Albadwae:

26 years old from Iraq. He has worked as an interpreter in NGOs and international organisations. A beneficiary of both ESTIA and HELIOS, he is currently working as a salesman in a mobile phone company in Greece. In addition, he obtained his High School Diploma in Thessaloniki.

## BACKGROUND ON FUNDING

The Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) of the European Union contributes to strengthening the common European asylum policy, developing legal migration in line with EU countries' economic and social needs, supporting third-country nationals' integration, and tackling irregular migration.

For the 2021-2027 programming period, the initial allocation of the Greek Asylum Migration and Integration Fund programme amounts €407.7 million. Out of this amount approximately €99 million have been earmarked for the support actions targeting legal migration and integration.

On top of the AMIF fund, additional funding for integration is provided through:

- Technical Support Instrument
- Recovery and Resilience Facility
- European Social Fund Plus

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