



MANAGING MIGRATION

EU Financial Support to Greece

September 2021



GREECE HAS BENEFITED FROM €3.38 BILLION OF EU SUPPORT SINCE 2015

» The Union’s support to Greece to better manage migration and borders comes from three EU funds, including **€2.26 billion** from the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, **€450 million** from the Internal Security Fund and **€668.9 million** from the Emergency Support Instrument.



ASYLUM, MIGRATION AND INTEGRATION FUND (AMIF)

Funding under AMIF supports Member States in managing migration flows, including in the fields of asylum, integration, legal migration and return.



INTERNAL SECURITY FUND (ISF)

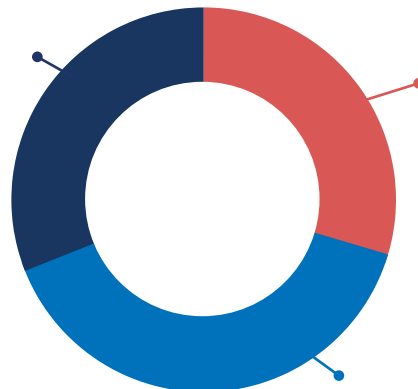
Funding under the ISF supports Member States’ efforts to better protect the security of citizens and to better protect and manage the EU’s external borders. It is composed of two instruments: ISF Borders & Visas and ISF-Police.



EMERGENCY SUPPORT INSTRUMENT (ESI)

In the spirit of solidarity and in exceptional circumstances, provides support to address large humanitarian needs within the Union when a Member State can no longer cope.

EMERGENCY SUPPORT INSTRUMENT
(Short-term Funding)
Contracted €668.9m (paid €666.6m)



NATIONAL PROGRAMMES
(Long-term Funding)
Allocated €648.2m (paid €319.0m)

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE
(Short-term Funding)
Awarded €2.06 billion (paid €1.54 billion)

*All numbers in this factsheet have been rounded up or down.



EU LONG-TERM FUNDING: NATIONAL PROGRAMMES

The majority of EU funding under the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund as well as the Internal Security Fund is allocated to a Member State's national authorities at the beginning of each long-term EU budget period. EU funding for the current period (2014-2020) is managed and implemented by Member States' authorities through national programmes agreed with the Commission.



Since 2015, **€648.2 million** has been allocated, of which, **€319.0 million** paid.



EU SHORT-TERM FUNDING: EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Emergency Assistance under the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund or the Internal Security Fund can be awarded to national authorities or international organisations and agencies upon request of a Member State.

International Organisations and Greek National Authorities








Since 2015, **€2.06 billion** has been awarded, of which, **€1.54 billion** paid.








PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY EMERGENCY FUNDING






EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AWARDED TO THE GREEK AUTHORITIES

Ongoing projects

Fund	Award Decision taken	EU contribution	Title of the action	Responsible Entity
	16/03/2021	€16.00m	Reinforcing the UAM Reception and Accommodation System in Greece	Ministry of Migration and Asylum
	13/11/2020	€5.36m	Installations and infrastructures upgrading of the temporary reception facility in the region of Kara Tepe - Mavrovouni, Municipality of Mytilene, in accordance with Article 8, Law 4375/2016	Ministry of Migration and Asylum
	13/11/2020	€91.51m	ESTIA 2021: Rental accommodation scheme for asylum seekers	Ministry of Migration and Asylum
	09/10/2020	€6.15m	METOIKOS — Construction and maintenance of accommodation facility METOIKOS in Malakasa, in accordance with Article 8, Law 4375/2016	Ministry of Migration and Asylum
	09/10/2020	€7.33m	METOIKOS - Construction and maintenance of accommodation facility METOIKOS in the Municipality of Sintiki, in accordance with Article 8, Law 4375/2016	Ministry of Migration and Asylum

	31/07/2020	€284.92m	METOIKOS — Construction of accommodation facilities METOIKOS in Samos, Kos and Leros islands, in accordance with Article 8, Law 4375/2016	Ministry of Migration and Asylum
	22/06/2020	€10.75m	Reinforcement of Eastern Greek Borders (R.E.Gr.B)	European and Development Programs Division
	29/05/2019	€17.19m	Improving access to a fair and efficient Asylum Process in Greece	Asylum Service
	31/07/2018	€25.69m	Immediate Response to the Refugee Crisis by providing them shelter and accommodation, catering, healthcare and transportation to the mainland	Ministry of Defence
	30/11/2017	€7.25m	Ensuring and enhancing access to a fair and efficient asylum process in Greece	Asylum Service

Finished projects




	27/02/2020	€112.11m	ESTIA 2: Rental accommodation scheme for asylum seekers	Ministry of Migration and Asylum
	11/12/2018	€22.85m	Deployment of HCG maritime assets and Border Surveillance Officers at the South Eastern maritime borders of the EU in order to safeguard the human life at sea and improve the management of the intense migratory flows for 2019	Hellenic Coast Guard
	11/12/2018	€10.15m	Deployment of HCG maritime assets and Border Surveillance Officers at the south eastern maritime borders of the EU, in order to safeguard human life at sea and improve the management of the intense migratory flows in 2018	Hellenic Coast Guard
	31/07/2018	€3.17m	Provision of services to Third country Nationals and operational support to the Reception and Identification Centre (RIC) in the Evros region at the external borders	Ministry of Migration
	31/07/2018	€2.25m	Fylakio - Immediate response to the Refugee Crisis by providing them shelter and accommodation, catering, healthcare and transportation to the mainland	Ministry of Defence
	07/06/2018	€7.10m	Provision of security services for Reception and Identification Centres on the eastern Aegean Islands	Ministry of Interior
	22/12/2017	€7.00m	Immediate response to the refugee crisis by providing shelter, accommodation, catering and transportation to the mainland and in the eastern Aegean Islands.	Ministry of Defence
	27/07/2016	€0.53m	Construction works of the sewer system and water supply network on Samos	Ministry of Interior and Administrative Reform
	27/07/2016	€7.28m	Emergency assistance for the effective management of migration flows on the Greek territory	Ministry of Interior and Administrative Reform
	19/07/2016	€10.07m	Immediate enhancement of the response to the refugee crisis by providing shelter and accommodation, catering, healthcare, transportation at hotspots, ensuring this way healthy and safe living conditions for the target group (continuation of the project awarded in March)	Ministry of Defence
	19/07/2016	€52.20m	Immediate enhancement of the response to the refugee crisis by providing shelter and accommodation, catering, healthcare, transportation to open accommodation centres, ensuring this way healthy and safe living conditions for the target group (continuation of the project awarded in March)	Ministry of Defence
	19/07/2016	€24.18m	Comprehensive emergency health response to refugee crisis	Ministry of Health
	17/05/2016	€3.00m	Ensuring a fair and efficient asylum process, including in the context of the implementation of the EU-Turkey Statement	Ministry of Interior and Administrative Reform
	17/05/2016	€3.06m	Upgrading the existing IT system of the Hellenic Police for the registration process of Third-country Nationals	Ministry of Interior and Administrative Reform
	17/05/2016	€7.00m	Provision of services to Third-country Nationals and operational support to the Hellenic Police at the external borders	Ministry of Interior and Administrative Reform
	18/03/2016	€6.60m	Immediate enhancement of the response to the refugee crisis by providing shelter and accommodation, catering, healthcare, transportation at hotspots, ensuring this way healthy and safe living conditions for the target group	Ministry of Defence

	18/03/2016	€23.90m	Immediate enhancement of the response to the refugee crisis by providing shelter and accommodation, catering, healthcare, transportation at open accommodation centres, ensuring this way healthy and safe living conditions for the target group	Ministry of Defence
	03/03/2016	€3.50m	Enhancement of human resources in First Reception Centres	First Reception
	08/02/2016	€12.77m	Provision of pre-fabricated shelter houses for the hosting of Third-country Nationals	Ministry of Infrastructure, Transport and Networks
	08/12/2015	€3.30m	Immediate enhancement of the response to the public health challenge presented by the refugee crisis at the stage of first reception in the eastern Aegean Sea	Ministry of Public Health
	05/11/2015	€0.68m	Reinforcement of the Orestiada Police Directorate with police personnel	Hellenic Police
	05/11/2015	€2.54m	Return of Third-country Nationals to their country of origin	Hellenic Police
	16/10/2015	€5.99m	Transportation, accommodation, alimentation of TCNs in need of international protection and/or potential asylum seekers to the mainland	General Secretary for Co-Ordination
	01/10/2015	€0.39m	Administrative reinforcement of First Reception Service	First Reception Service
	01/10/2015	€1.10m	Emergency assistance covering the deployment of additional staff members and Special Forces to the severely-affected eastern Aegean Hellenic Coast Guard authorities, in order to improve the management of the intense migratory flows	Hellenic Coast Guard
	01/10/2015	€4.03m	Emergency support to enhance the operational capacity of the Greek authorities and Civil Society Organisations to manage the extreme rise in migration flows into Greek national and European territory	First Reception Service
	01/10/2015	€2.36m	Reinforcement of the eastern Aegean police agencies	Hellenic Police
	01/10/2015	€2.90m	Emergency assistance covering unexpected maintenance and repair costs related to the intense use of maritime assets as well as Search and Rescue and medical equipment in view of ensuring a high-level domain awareness of the severely affected Eastern Aegean external borders and to minimise the loss of human life at sea	Hellenic Coast Guard
	17/06/2015	€0.69m	Emergency assistance in support of the organisation, provision of legal information and interpretation for the effective management of migration flows at the eastern external borders	First Reception Service
	17/06/2015	€0.49m	Emergency assistance for the procurement of Search and Rescue equipment to avert losses of migrants' lives at sea	Hellenic Coast Guard
	17/06/2015	€2.22m	Emergency assistance covering staff-related costs in order to ensure a high level domain awareness of the severely-affected Eastern Aegean external borders and to minimise the losses of human life at sea	Hellenic Coast Guard
	20/01/2015	€1.27m	Support the operation of the Greek Asylum Service, especially the provision of mobile asylum units on 4 external border islands.	Asylum Service

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AWARDED TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS OR UNION AGENCIES



Ongoing projects

Fund	Award Decision taken	EU contribution	Title of the action	Responsible Entity
	25/06/2021	€15.6m	Targeted support to key protection activities in Greece	UNHCR
	03/03/2021	€8.21m	Establish and Improve Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Services for Refugees & Migrants in Lesvos RIC	UNICEF
	24-07-2020	€37.26m	Voluntary Relocation from Greece	IOM
	16-04-2020	€178.78m	ESTIA II CBI - Provision of Multi-Purpose Cash Grants to address basic needs of asylum-seekers in Greece	UNHCR
	27/02/2020	€185.73m	Supporting the Greek Authorities in Managing the National Reception System for Asylum Seekers and Vulnerable Migrants (SMS)	IOM

	16/09/2019	€9.33m	MERIMNA – Safeguarding children at Greek border points	IOM
	18/06/2019	€73.01m	HELIOS - Hellenic Integration Support for beneficiaries of International protection	IOM
	31/10/2018	€75.59m	FILOXENIA - Temporary shelter and protection for the most vulnerable migrants in Greece	IOM

Finished projects

	01-07-2020	€8.25m	COVID-19 Emergency Response Action on the Greek islands	UNHCR
	16-04-2020	€24.00m	Continuation of targeted support to key protection activities in Greece	UNHCR
	13-03-2020	€71.01m	FILOXENIA II – Temporary accommodation of vulnerable migrants in Greece in emergency hotel facilities	IOM
	06/09/2019	€6.90m	SAMOS – Supporting the Greek Government in constructing a new Identification and Reception Centre in Samos (Phase II)	IOM
	29/05/2019	€24.00m	Continuation of targeted support to key protection activities in Greece	UNHCR
	19/12/2018	€5.26m	Targeted support to enhance the sites' reception capacity on the mainland	UNHCR
	12/12/2018	€0.36m	Emergency procurement of winter Non-Food Items for the Reception and Identification Centres in Greece	IOM
	31/10/2018	€75.59m	FILOXENIA - Temporary shelter and protection for the most vulnerable migrants in Greece	IOM
	04/10/2018	€35.30m	PEDIA - Providing education and immediate accommodation to migrant children in Greece	IOM
	31/07/2018	€6.43m	Emergency measures to enhance accommodation capacity and Site Management Support in Greece	IOM
	28/06/2018	€20.00m	Continuation of support to site management of Kara Tepe (Lesvos) and targeted support to protection activities in support to the Greek authorities	UNHCR
	19/02/2018	€2.32m	Open centre for migrants registered for Assisted Voluntary Return (OCAVRR II)	IOM
	19/02/2018	€6.00m	Emergency response in accommodating unaccompanied migrant children - ERACUMIC	IOM
	31/07/2017	€9.31m	Continuation of targeted support to guarantee a smooth transition from emergency mode to stable management of the refugee and migrant situation and provision of services let by the Greek authorities	UNHCR
	06/07/2017	€6.48m	Support to management of Kara Tepe (Lesvos) and Souda (Chios) sites (including provision of core relief items, catering and transport services; protection, educational activities and healthcare)	UNHCR
	24/05/2016	€25.00m	Strengthen the Common European Asylum System, provision of safe pathways to the EU for persons in need of international protection and acceleration of the implementation of relocation to alleviate the heavy burden that presently weighs on Greece, in the context of fast-track returns to Turkey.	EASO
	17/05/2016	€13.00m	Emergency support to assist the most vulnerable migrants stranded in Greece	IOM
	17/05/2016	€30.00m	Supporting the UNHCR-Greece Emergency Response Plan and strengthening the capacity of the Greek asylum service	UNHCR
	26/02/2016	€1.50m	Assisted Voluntary Return of Third-country Nationals to their country of origin	IOM
	08/02/2016	€1.12m	EASO emergency support in the Greek hotspots to strengthen fingerprinting capacity	EASO
	08/12/2015	€20.00m	Relocation programme from Greece to other EU Member States for beneficiaries in clear need of international protection	IOM




	17/08/2015	€2.70m	Strengthening of the first-reception response to new arrivals of mixed migratory flows to the Aegean islands	UNHCR
	08/07/2015	€1.43m	Strengthening first-reception response to new arrivals on the Aegean Islands and in the region of Evros in Greece. 'New Arrivals Intervention' – phase II	UNHCR

PROJECTS MANAGED DIRECTLY BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS IN GREECE

Ongoing projects


Fund	Award Decision taken	EU contribution	Title of the action	Responsible Entity
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Finished projects










	20/12/2018	€68.98m	Improving the Greek Reception System through Site Management Support and targeted interventions in Long-Term Accommodation Sites	IOM UNICEF
	20/12/2018	€194.64m	ESTIA programme (2019): Multi-Purpose Cash Grants & Rental Accommodation Scheme	UNHCR
	26/01/2016	€80.00m (AMIF: €75.00m ISF: €5.00m)	Support to Greece for the development of the hotspot/relocation scheme, as well as for developing national asylum and reception capacities	UNHCR

PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY THE EMERGENCY SUPPORT INSTRUMENT

Ongoing projects

Fund	Award Decision taken	EU contribution	Main activities	Responsible Entity
	06/07/2021	€25.30m	Enhancing the health system's response to COVID-19 in accommodation structures for migrants and Unaccompanied Migrant Children and in COVID-19 referral Hospitals and Primary Health Centres in areas with large migrant populations	IOM

Finished projects

Fund	Award Decision taken	EU contribution	Main activities	Responsible Entity
	01/04/2018	€0.80m	Protection activities	Smile of the Child
	01/03/2018	€1.50m	Interpretation services to facilitate access to healthcare, protection services	Metadrasi
	01/11/2016	€22.79m	Child protection services particularly targeting unaccompanied minors	UNICEF
	01/03/2018	€15.80m	Site Management Support	Danish Refugee Council
	01/03/2018	€2.00m	Healthcare and protection activities	Spanish Red Cross
	01/01/2018	€167.50m	Emergency support to integration & accommodation (ESTIA). Rental and cash scheme	UNHCR
	01/01/2018	€3.35m	Healthcare services	Médecins Du Monde
	01/01/2018	€9.32m	Site Management Support	Arbeiter-Sam- ariter-Bund
	01/09/2017	€23.70m	Transport of children to and from schools, site management support and safe zones for unaccompanied minors	IOM

	01/08/2017	€10.04m	Safe zones for unaccompanied minors and protection activities	International Rescue Committee
	01/07/2017	€94.67m	Rental scheme: financing of accommodation for refugees in apartments	UNHCR
	01/06/2017	€0.90m	Provision of mental health services for refugees in urban settings	Médecins Du Monde
	01/05/2017	€6.00m	Basic healthcare, psycho-social support, preparedness	IFRC
	01/04/2017	€17.90m	Campsite management in 13 refugee campsites	Danish Refugee Council
	01/04/2017	€42.00m	Multi-purpose cash assistance	UNHCR
	15/09/2016	€5.83m	Non-formal education assistance and comprehensive protection assistance for vulnerable children, including unaccompanied minors	Terre des Hommes
	01/09/2016	€6.56m	Multi-purpose cash assistance	Mercy Corps
	01/08/2016	€3.00m	Rehabilitation and upgrades of sites on the islands of Chios and Lesbos	UNHCR
	01/08/2016	€32.70m	Transport of children to and from schools, construction of new sites and rehabilitation of existing centres	IOM
	01/08/2016	€3.72m	Provision of assistance to extremely vulnerable refugees in the urban areas of Athens and Thessaloniki	CARE
	01/08/2016	€16.40m	Food aid, non-formal education, shelter assistance via an urban rental scheme	Norwegian Refugee Council
	01/06/2016	€9.30m	Shelter, healthcare and psycho-social support, non-food items, child-friendly spaces, legal support and interpretation services	Arbeiter-Sam- ariter-Bund
	16/04/2016	€9.65m	Child-friendly spaces, non-formal education classes, psycho-social support and nutrition with special focus on unaccompanied minors	Save the Children
	01/04/2016	€13.50m	Water, sanitation and hygiene, food, protection, winterisation of shelters, psycho-social support and counselling	OXFAM
	01/04/2016	€20.73m	Protection, psycho-social support, safe spaces for women, safe learning and healing spaces for children, water, sanitation/hygiene and food assistance, cash assistance	International Rescue Committee
	01/04/2016	€14.70m	Food distributions, site management support, shelter, protection, water, sanitation and hygiene assistance	Danish Refugee Council
	01/04/2016	€62.00m	Upgrading existing shelter solutions and site standards in preparation for the winter, provision of non-food items and essential services including water, sanitation, hygiene and protection assistance with an emphasis on unaccompanied, minors as well as multi-purpose cash assistance	UNHCR
	16/03/2016	€10.20m	Primary healthcare, referrals for specialised medical care, psycho-social support for migrants and refugees	Médecins Du Monde
	16/03/2016	€17.00m	Basic healthcare, food parcels, water, sanitation and hygiene, psycho-social support, winterisation and cash assistance	IFRC