



Relocation and resettlement – State of Play

Relocation

Based on Commission proposals, the Justice and Home Affairs Council adopted in September 2015 two Decisions to relocate 160,000 asylum seekers from Italy and Greece, to assist them in dealing with the pressures of the refugee crisis.

Under the emergency relocation scheme, asylum seekers with a high chance of having their applications successfully processed are relocated from Greece and Italy, where they have arrived, to other Member States where they will have their asylum applications processed. If these applications are successful, the applicants will be granted refugee status with the right to reside in the Member State to which they are relocated.

The relocations should take place over two years, with the EU budget providing financial support to the Member States participating. The tables below present the latest state of play with the implementation of these Decisions by the Member States.

RELOCATION (state of play as of 13 May 2016)

1500 people have been relocated since the launch of the scheme		
Member States	Relocated from Italy	Relocated from Greece
Austria	X	X
Belgium	24	X
Bulgaria	X	4
Croatia	X	X
Cyprus	X	6
Czech Republic	X	4
Denmark	X	X
Estonia	X	19
Finland	148	111
France	137	362
Germany	20	37
Hungary	X	X
Ireland	X	10
Latvia	2	21
Lithuania	X	6
Luxembourg	X	30
Malta	15	11
Netherlands	50	142
Poland	X	X
Portugal	122	89
Romania	6	29
Slovenia	X	28
Slovakia	X	X
Spain	18	X
Sweden	39	X
Switzerland	10	
TOTAL	591	909

RESETTLEMENT

In May 2015 the Commission proposed a European Resettlement Scheme which was adopted by the Council in July 2015.

To avoid displaced persons in need of protection having to resort to the criminal networks of smugglers and traffickers, the resettlement programme provides legal and safe pathways to enter the EU. The agreed scheme will see over 22,000 people in need of international protection resettled from outside of the EU to the EU Member States. This two year scheme is supported by the EU budget.

Under the EU-Turkey Agreement from 18 March, it was agreed that for every Syrian national returned from the Greek islands another will be resettled to the EU directly from Turkey. This 1:1 mechanism aims to replace irregular flows of migrants travelling in dangerous conditions across the Aegean Sea by an orderly and legal resettlement process.

6,321 people have been resettled since the launch of the scheme*

Member State/ Associated State	Total resettled under the 20 July scheme by 13 May 2016	Total resettled under the 1:1 agreement with Turkey (since 4 April 2016)
Austria	1443	X
Belgium	321	X
Czech Republic	52	X
Denmark	481	X
Finland	139	11
France	221	X
Germany	X	54
Iceland	48	X
Ireland	263	X
Italy	266	X
Lithuania	X	5
Netherlands	301	52
Sweden	X	55
United Kingdom	1864	X
Norway	323	X
Liechtenstein	20	X
Switzerland	413	X

*Based on information made available by Member States and Associated Countries as of 13 May 2016