

RESETTLEMENT: ENSURING SAFE AND LEGAL ACCESS TO PROTECTION FOR REFUGEES

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«People who are in genuine need of protection should not have to risk their lives on dangerous irregular journeys to Europe or put themselves in the hands of smugglers. Resettlement should become the preferred way for refugees to receive protection. With over 25,000 persons resettled since 2015, the EU has collectively delivered on its promise to provide safe pathways for the most vulnerable refugees. I encourage Member States to be even more ambitious and step up our collective resettlement efforts, in particular along the Central Mediterranean route.»

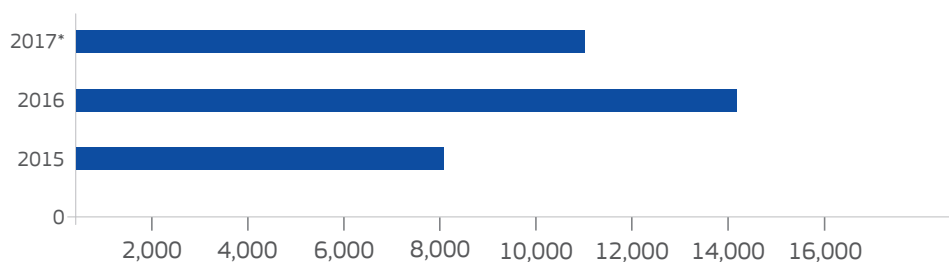
EU Migration Commissioner **Avramopoulos**

Europe has consistently shown solidarity during the migration crisis. Through our **resettlement schemes**, we enable the most vulnerable refugees in need of protection to reach Europe through legal and safe pathways and prevent them from having to resort to criminal smuggling networks and endanger their lives on dangerous irregular routes.

EU RESETTLEMENT SCHEMES DELIVER CONCRETE RESULTS

Whilst the decision to take part in resettlement lies with EU Member States, the Commission is providing a joint framework and financial support. A European resettlement scheme has been in place since July 2015 to provide legal and safe pathways to enter the EU and increase our collective resettlement efforts.

RESETTLEMENTS TO EU MEMBER STATES:



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Through the **EU scheme**, Member States have agreed to resettle over 22,000 persons in need of international protection during the period 2015-2017. With almost 18,400 - persons mainly from Turkey, Jordan and Lebanon - having been resettled so far, 81% of the agreed target has already been reached.

Member States are also successfully resettling Syrian refugees from Turkey under the **EU-Turkey Statement** of 18 March 2016, having provided protection to over 11,000 Syrians so far. Resettlements from Turkey under the EU-Turkey Statement are also funded by the EU budget.

**RESETTLED
SO FAR:**

25,739 IN TOTAL
UNDER BOTH THE EU
RESETTLEMENT SCHEME
LAUNCHED IN JULY 2015
AND THE EU-TURKEY
STATEMENT OF MARCH
2016

A NEW CALL FOR RESETTLEMENT - STEPPING UP JOINT EU EFFORTS

Building on the successful joint EU efforts and with the current resettlement schemes coming to an end, the Commission has proposed a **new resettlement scheme with at least 50,000** additional places for particularly vulnerable persons in need of international protection, to be admitted by EU Member States by October 2019. A particular focus should be put on resettlement from North Africa and the Horn of Africa, notably **Libya, Egypt, Niger, Sudan, Chad and Ethiopia**, whilst ensuring continued resettlement from **Turkey, Jordan and Lebanon**. The new scheme will also support the UNHCR in establishing an emergency evacuation mechanism from Libya. So far, 34,400 pledges have been made by 16 Member States. The Commission expects to shortly receive pledges from additional Member States as well as increased commitments from those which have already pledged.

The Commission has set aside **€500 million** to support Member States' resettlement efforts in the next two years - **€10,000 for each resettled person** from the EU budget.

Setting up **private sponsorship schemes**: Member States are encouraged to establish private sponsorship schemes to allow private groups or civil society organisations to organise and finance the resettlement and integration of persons in need of protection in line with national legislation. To that effect the Commission has invited EASO to coordinate a pilot project on private sponsorship schemes with interested Member States.

THE WAY FORWARD

A **permanent EU Resettlement Framework** to coordinate European efforts in the long term: In July 2016 the Commission proposed to create an EU Resettlement framework with a unified procedure and common criteria. Once adopted, the EU resettlement framework will replace the current ad hoc resettlement and humanitarian admission schemes.

RESETTLEMENTS UNDER THE EU-TURKEY STATEMENT FROM MARCH 2016 – 11,354¹

Member State	Total resettled
Austria	192
Belgium	823
Estonia	30
Finland	994
France	1,091
Germany	3,797
Italy	327
Latvia	42
Lithuania	32
Luxembourg	206
Malta	17
Netherlands	2,594
Portugal	46
Spain	410
Sweden	753

¹ A total of 11,354 persons have been resettled from Turkey under the 1:1 mechanism as of 10 November 2017, of which 3,621 are also counted under the 20 July scheme

² Figures as of 10 November 2017

PLEDGES RECEIVED UNDER THE NEW CALL SO FAR:

34,400 PLEDGES
FROM 16 MEMBER STATES

RESETTLEMENTS UNDER THE 20 JULY 2015 SCHEME – 18,366²

Member State	resettled	pledged	% complete
Austria	1,880	1,900	99%
Belgium	1,100	1,100	100%
Bulgaria	0	50	0%
Croatia	0	150	0%
Cyprus	0	69	0%
Czech Republic	52	400	13%
Denmark	481	1,000	48%
Estonia	20	20	100%
Finland	293	293	100%
France	2,283	2,375	96%
Germany	1,600	1,600	100%
Greece	0	354	0%
Iceland	50	50	100%
Ireland	520	520	100%
Italy	1,521	1,989	76%
Latvia	42	50	84%
Liechtenstein	20	20	100%
Lithuania	32	70	46%
Luxembourg	26	30	87%
Malta	14	14	100%
Netherlands	1,000	1,000	100%
Norway	3,489	3,500	99%
Poland	0	900	0%
Portugal	76	191	40%
Romania	26	80	33%
Slovakia	0	100	0%
Slovenia	0	20	0%
Spain	631	1,449	44%
Sweden	491	491	100%
Switzerland	519	519	100%
United Kingdom	2,200	2,200	100%
TOTAL	18,366	22,504	81%