

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 15 March 2016)

937 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	2
Croatia	X	X
Cyprus	X	6
Czech Republic	X	X
Denmark	X	X
Estonia	X	X
Finland	96	77
France	41	242
Germany	20	37
Hungary	X	X
Ireland	X	10
Latvia	X	6
Lithuania	X	6
Luxembourg	X	30
Malta	15	6
Netherlands	50	48
Poland	X	X
Portugal	65	84
Romania	X	15
Slovenia	X	X
Slovakia	X	X
Spain	18	X
Sweden	39	X
TOTAL	368	569

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, avoiding dangerous journeys being taken by vulnerable people. 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.

4,555 people have been resettled since the launch of the scheme*	
Austria	1395
Belgium	212
Czech Republic	52
France	15
Ireland	251
Italy	96
Netherlands	231
United Kingdom	1864
Norway	6
Liechtenstein	20
Switzerland	413

*Based on information made available by Member States and Associated Countries as of 15 of March 2016