HELLENIC REPUBLIC Ministry of Migration & Asylum Report A October 2023 Reception, Identification & Asylum Procedures



Analytical Overview

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Chart 5. Distribution of Asylum Seekers per Region and Accommodation scheme – See Appendix Table 4 & 5

5a. Pre-Registrations of applications for International Protection



Chart 6. Pre-Registrations of applications per year. For 2023, the Pre-Registrations of applications for International Protection are calculated till the month of reference (23/6/2023) – See Appendix Table 7a

*Statistics on Pre-Registrations of applications for International Protection are not currently available for the period of July-October 2023 due to the upgrade of the computer system carried out by the Services of the Ministry of Immigration and Asylum.

5b. Pre-Registrations of applications for International Protection per Regional Office or Asylum Unit and per Region

Statistics on Pre-Registrations of applications for International Protection are not currently available for the period of July-October 2023 due to the upgrade of the computer system carried out by the Services of the Ministry of Immigration and Asylum.

Chart 7. Pre-Registrations of applications per Regional Office or Asylum Unit and per Region for the reference month (October 2023) – See Appendix Table 7b

6a. Applications for International Protection



Table 8a

6b. Applications for International Protection per Regional Office or Asylum Unit and per Region



Chart 9. Applications for International Protection with distinction between first time and subsequent per Regional Office or Asylum Unit for the month of reference (October 2023) - See Appendix Table 8b

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7a. Type of Decisions – 1st Instance



*This category consists of Inadmissible decisions (a) concept of safe third country, (b) transfer to other member state under Dublin regulation, (c) relocation program, (d) subsequent application, (e) procedural discrepancies.

** This category consists of implicit withdrawals, explicit withdrawals and decisions resulting in the filing of cases (to the archive).

Chart 14. 1st Instance Decisions per month and type for 2023 and for the month of reference (October 2023). - See Appendix Table 9a

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Chart 18. Aggregate Pending Pre-Registrations of applications for International Protection - pending Decisions in 1st and 2nd Instance per month – See Appendix Table 11a



Chart 19. Aggregate Decisions issued in 1st and 2nd Instance per month - See Appendix Table 11a

- The average time for a 2nd Instance decision to be issued is 92 days since the date of appeal lodging, while it is 53 days from the date of appeal discussion.
- The total of pending decisions of Appeals Authority (1.916 pending) consists of cases that have been discussed till October 2023 (1.225 pending) or are scheduled to be discussed till December 2023 (691 pending).

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9b. Pending decisions in 1st and 2nd instance regarding notification status

Chart 20. Aggregate pending decisions in 1st and 2nd instance regarding notification status per month - See Appendix Table 11c





Chart 21. Aggregate Refugee Status Decisions that have been issued in 1st and 2nd instance. For 2023, the number of Refugee Status Decisions has been calculated till the month of reference (October). See Appendix Table 12a



10b. Asylum Seekers covered by a decision granting Subsidiary Protection status in 1st and 2nd Instance

Chart 22. Aggregate Subsidiary Protection Decisions that have been issued in 1st and 2nd instance. For 2023, the number of Subsidiary Protection Decisions has been calculated till the month of reference (October). See Appendix Table 12b



Chart 23. Positive Decisions (granting Refugee Status & Subsidiary Protection) in 10-months of 2023 per Nationality (Top 10 Nationalities and distribution per continent). See Appendix Table 12c



Chart 24. Positive Decisions (granting Refugee Status & Subsidiary Protection) in 10-months of 2023 per age group, gender and type of decision -See Appendix Table 12d



Chart 25. Positive Decisions (granting Refugee Status & Subsidiary Protection) in 1st Instance of unaccompanied minors in 10-months of 2023 per Nationality (Top Nationalities and distribution per continent). See Appendix Table 12e



Chart 26. Positive Decisions (granting Refugee Status & Subsidiary Protection) in 1st Instance of unaccompanied minors in 10-months of 2023 per age group, gender and type of decision - See Appendix Table 12f







Chart 28. Recognition Rate 10-months 2023 in 1st & 2nd Instance for top and bottom 10 nationalities. For the calculation of Recognition rate in 1st Instance have been included nationalities for which have been issued at least 75 decisions in 2023 and for the 2nd Instance at least 32 decisions. See Appendix Table 12g

11. Applications for annulment of 2nd Instance Decisions before the Administrative Court



Chart 29. Applications for annulment of 2nd Instance Decisions before the Administrative Court per year of lodging (Left) – Decisions regarding Applications for annulment per year of decision (Right). See Appendix Table 13a and 13b

12. HELIOS Integration Program

The "Helios" program is funded by the European Union. Its purpose is to promote integration support for beneficiaries of International Protection and is implemented with:

- accommodation support
- through integration courses (learning the Greek language, enhancing social skills)
- Job counselling sessions
- raising awareness of the host Community and promoting social cohesion.

The Ministry of Immigration and Asylum monitors the implementation of the program, which is implemented by the International Organization for Migration. From 16/7/2019 until 30/9/2023* 45.177 people have registered in the program, while 23.337 recognized refugees receive financial assistance for renting a house. It is worth noting that in October, 98 new leases were added to the accommodation support of the "Helios" program (regarding the period from 1/9/2023 till 30/9/2023*). At the same time 10.071 beneficiaries of International Protection have been enrolled in the integration courses and 11.557 people are attending job counseling sessions.

* The data for the month of October will be updated in the next report in November.







Chart 31. New leases (left), Receiving rental allowance (Right) - See Appendix Table 15 and 16

October 2023 Report

In October 2023 the departures from Greece to third countries outside the EU, as well as to member states of the European Union are the following:

- 227 forced deportations and returns of third country nationals, based on agreements of the European Union, but
- also bilateral agreements of our country.
 360 voluntary departures through IOM.
- 78 voluntary departures of immigrants from our country to their countries of origin.
- 55 people seeking International Protection were transferred to France in the context of voluntarily relocation program.
- Returns under the EU Turkey Joint Declaration have not been made since October 2020 due to Covid-19. It should be noted that despite the lifting of the Covid-19 measures the requests of missions-returns of the Greek authorities have not been answered.
- A total of 720 people left the country in October, while 6.863 arrived.



Chart 32. Returns-Departures – See Appendix Table 17 - Statistics on Dublin Transfers are not currently available for the period of July-October 2023 due to the upgrade of the computer system carried out by the Services of the Ministry of Immigration and Asylum.

*All tables are included in Appendix A

14. Special Edition – Arrivals of Ukraine citizens due to war







Chart 34. Total card issues to Ukrainians for Temporary Protection per age group and gender (October 2023) - See Appendix Table 20