

Enhancing the Integration of Women, Beneficiaries of
International Protection by Development and
Implementation of Multifaceted Integration Trainings
(INTEGRA TRAIN)

GREECE:
AN OVERVIEW OF THE SITUATION

THE NUMBERS

- 62.000 estimated refugees (after the closure of the borders) according the Ministry for Migration Policy
- Numbers are disputed (e.g. UNHCR estimated 13.000 less people)

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First Reception and Identification Data:

21/3/2013 – 15/2/2017: 47.474

Men: 40.233

Women: 7.241

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- First Reception and Identification:

01/01/2016-15/02/2017

<i>Nationality</i>	<i>Total (TCN)</i>
SYRIA	10082
AFGHANISTAN	4587
PAKISTAN	4236
IRAQ	3715
ALGERIA	1702
IRAN	1031
PALESTINE	836
ERITREA	430
MOROCCO	415
BANGLADESH	408
NIGERIA	121
MALI	96
SOMALIA	61
SUDAN	44
OTHER	2946

THE NUMBERS

First Reception and Identification Data:

<i>Age Cohort</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total (TCN)</i>
0-17	5076	3286	8362
18-25	7685	1880	9565
26-33	5042	1825	6867
34-40	2078	992	3070
41-60	1605	971	2576
60+	130	140	270
	21616	9094	30710

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First Reception and Identification Data:

VULNERABLE GROUPS	FAMILY MEMBERS
UNACCOMPANIED MINORS	1955
DISABLED	632
OVER 65 YEARS OLD	162
PREGNANT WOMEN	522
SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES	2075
ABUSE victims	1189
TRAFFICKING VICTIMS	6
	6541

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First Reception and Identification Data:

UNACCOMPANIED MINORS

< 12 YEARS OLD (BOYS)	52
< 12 YEARS OLD (GIRLS)	24
>= 12 YEARS OLD (BOYS)	1717
>= 12 YEARS OLD (GIRL)	162
TOTAL	1955

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Asylum Service (15/03/2017)

- 2013-2017: 90.516 (total number)
- Men: 60.923
- Women: 29593
- Unaccompanied minors: 3404 (boys), 459 (girls), total: 3863

INTEGRATION SERVICES

PRE-INTEGRATION

- Housing/settlement in camps: operated by UNHCR, national government, municipalities and NGOs
- Relocation service: UNHCR and national government
- Health care and education: INGOs, NGOs and national government
- Language classes: NGOs, University of Athens

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- National and regional government: Ministry of Migration and Municipalities
- Access to education: access to all up to 15 years old (rights of the child)
- Access to welfare and health services: no distinction between nationals and legal migrants (though welfare services severely undercut due to the crisis)

INTEGRATION SERVICES

- Employment and benefits: Full access to unemployment benefits and allowances under the same condition as the Greek nationals (based on the number of work days). No access to benefits and allowances for long-term unemployment. Migrants, refugees and asylum seekers can now access training programs offered by the National Organisation of Employment (OAED), even if language barriers (courses are conducted mostly in Greek) and the lack of official recognition of the migrants', refugees' and asylum seekers' qualifications make access to these courses difficult.

INTEGRATION SERVICES

- Benefits offered by the City: Legal migrants have access to all benefits offered by the City. These are benefits related to health, benefits related to housing, benefits related to transport, benefits related to unprotected children, benefits related to disability, as well as the universal Social Solidarity Fund (introduced in 01/02/2017), a new social welfare program which aims to address poverty and deprivation in a holistic manner. Services such as free meals offered by the City are available to all, regardless of legal status.

INTEGRATION SERVICES

Political inclusion and participation

- Migrant Integration Council (MIC): its mission is to document and examine the problems facing migrants who live permanently in the municipality regarding their integration in local society and their contact with municipal services and the municipal authority. Additionally, it can submit proposals to the Athens City Council for the development of local actions to promote the smooth social integration of migrants as well as to organize events in cooperation with the Municipality. Besides providing consultation to the City Council, the MIC aims to raise public awareness and promote social cohesion in the local community

INTEGRATION SERVICES

Legal status

Naturalizations in Greece in the past six years (source: Ministry of Interior)

- 2011: 19.222
- 2012: 21.737
- 2013: 30.223
- 2014: 21.829
- 2015: 14.178
- 2016: 31.814