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The Mobilization of Civil Society, Municipalities and the State Towards the Reception And Integration of Resettled Refugees and Relocated Asylum Seekers – The Portuguese Response

Relocation

Resettlement

Reception

Integration

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Following the EU Agenda for Migration, Portugal has established a dedicated WG on Migration (Order No. 10041-A / 2015 and Resolution of the Council of Ministers no. 5/2016)

The Working Group is coordinated

At political level by

the Deputy Minister

At technical level

- Borders and Aliens Service – SEF
- High Commissioner for Migration (ACM).

Composition of the WG

Coordinating Entity
SEF

Participating entities :

- ACM (High Commissioner for Migration)
- General Secretary of Internal Administration
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- General Directorate of Education
- National Association of Portuguese Municipalities
- General Directorate of Local Municipalities
- Social Security Institute
- Health General Directorate
- Municipality of Lisbon
- Lodging and Urban Rehabilitation Institute
- Professional and Vocational Training Institute
- CPR – Portuguese Refugee Council
- PAR - Refugee Support Platform
- Jesuit Refugee Service
- Portuguese Red Cross
- National Confederation of Solidarity Institutions

Liaison Officers were appointed to Italy and Greece according to Art. 5º, no. 3 and no. 8, of the Council Decisions.

- Council Decision (EU) 2015/1523 of 14 September 2015
- Council Decision (EU) 2015/1601 of 22 September 2015

Process of relocation

SEF ILO Coordinates process

- articulation with the Greek Asylum Service (issues Laissez-Passer to relocated persons)
- IOM – responsible for the travel operational preparations and pre-cultural information
- UNHCR – responsible for the reception of the persons that will be relocated

On arrival at Lisbon airport :

- SEF initiates administrative procedure : issues declaration related to the request of international protection
- Applicants are notified for declarations in a subsequent moment and SEF takes a decision to grant subsidiary protection or refugee status

Nationalities of applicants for relocation

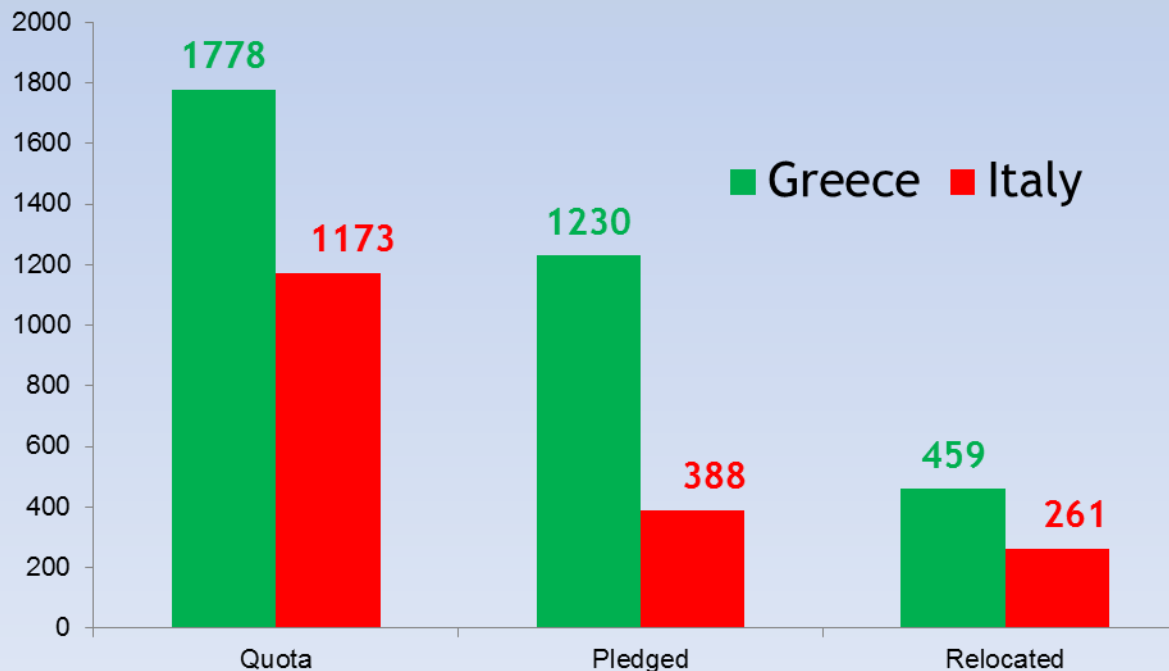
Member State	Nationality
Italy	→ Mainly from Eritrea
Greece	→ Mainly from Syria; Iraq, Yemen and Eritrea

Italy – mainly single men and woman

Greece – mainly families

Relocation Program

- Allocation from Italy - 1173
- Allocation from Greece - 1778





The role of ACM (High Commissioner for Migration)

SEF sends a list to ACM with the number of persons to accommodate

ACM assesses the information and contact CPR, the Red Cross, Municipalities etc

ACM runs a database with the reception capacities at national level

ACM receives information from reception entities and **distributes the persons according to profiling (proximity of universities; proximity of hospitals and other priorities)**

ACM verify the correct **implementation of the protocols**



Process of resettlement

- SEF informs UNHCR about how many persons are to be accepted under the resettlement Quota (45/year) and clarifies the eligible profil : most vulnerable persons (single women with children and other cases) and families
- UNHCR makes local entreviws and sends the applicant´s files to SEF
- SEF analyses the files and informs the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the acceptance of the request . UNHCR in Geneva is also informed as well as local UNHCR
- IOM is in charged to articulate the issue of the TRC at the Portuguese Consulate , takes care of travelling logistics (tickets) and provides pre-departure cultural information

On arrival at Lisbon airport:

- Applicants receive residence permit and refugee status is granted



Resettlement

	2015	2016
National Quota	45	45
TOTAL	90	

FROM TURKEY

	2016	2017
Conclusions of the European Council , 20 /07/2015	100	91
TOTAL	191	

(until now 12 persons)

public services

host entities - strong involvement of :

local authorities

civil society

Volunteer organisations

NGO's

Religious organisations



Municipality of Lisbon – responsible for the management of the open collective Center for refugees



A non-governmental player

The Portuguese Refugee Council - CPR



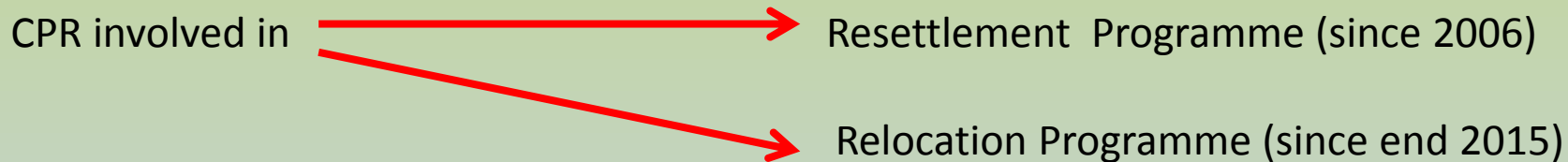
CPR is a Portuguese NGO (1991) to **defend and promote the right of asylum**

It is an operational and implementing **partner of UNHCR** since 1993



It is a non-governmental **player of the asylum procedure** since 1998

Manages two reception centers for asylum seekers , including unaccompanied minors and a **kindergarten** to refugee children and children of local community



The Reception and Integration Plan led by CPR

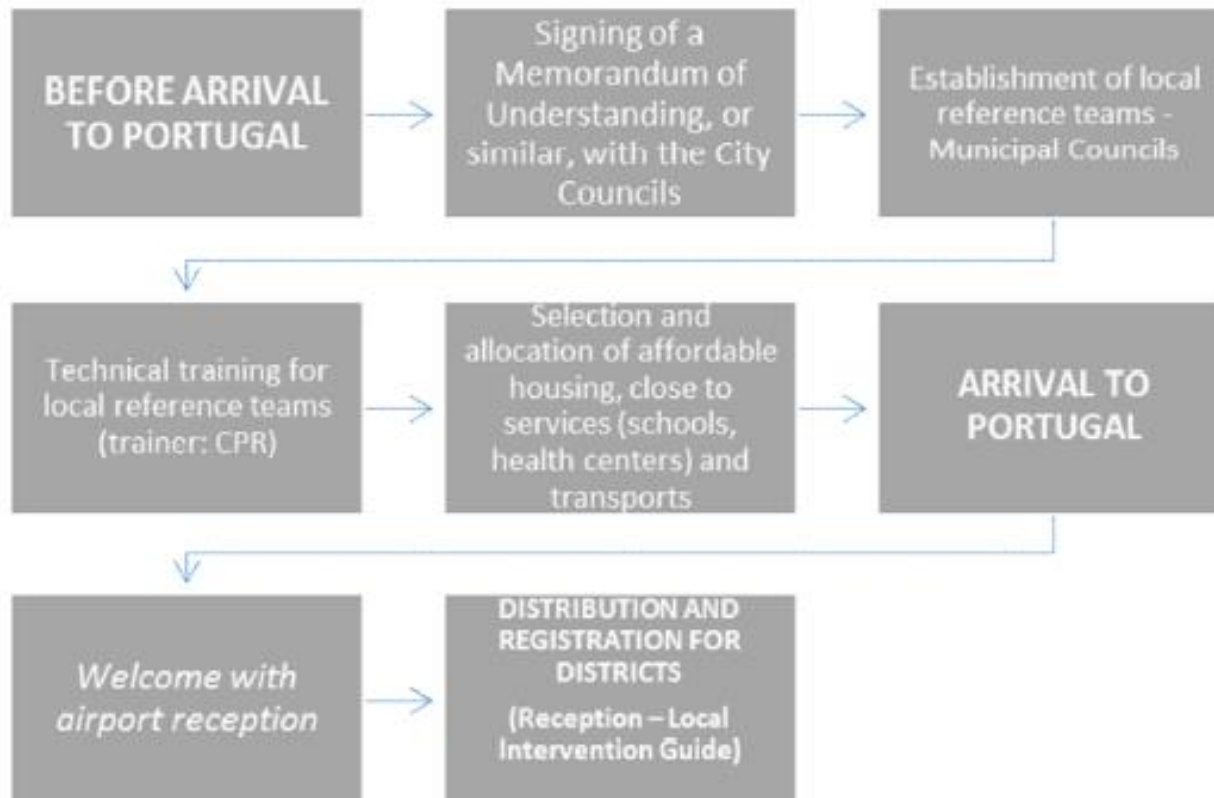
Based on local intervention

Cooperation protocols with 14 municipalities

Support includes the **provision of accommodation** in private and rent-controlled housing for the duration of the integration plan and is in line with the National Plan



Multi-functional teams
Pre-arrival initiatives
Reception and integration



Before the arrival of the relocated individuals - previous work with the municipalities

- training on the subject of refugees to local reference teams
- Help build review mechanisms in municipalities to maintain high quality services
- Define common benchmarks to assess the integration results



18-month integration plan has been specifically designed which takes into consideration, among other aspects:

- education
- skills background
- family composition
- health care needs
- religious facilities

provide assistance locally during
Integration process with :

- a legal officer
- a social assistant
- an interpreter / cultural mediator



Classes in portuguese language



Compromisses on relocation until de end of September 2017

\	Greece	Italy	Total
Decision (EU) 2015/1523	524	785	1309
Decision (EU) 2015/1601	1324	388	1642
Decision (EU)2016/1754)			1323
TOTAL	4274		

Total of relocations since the end of 2015 until now



ITÁLIA	261
GRÉCIA	459
TOTAL	720

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