



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 03 March 2016)

660 people have been relocated since the launch of the scheme		
Member States	Relocated from Italy	Relocated from Greece
Austria	X	X
Belgium	14	X
Bulgaria	X	2
Croatia	X	X
Cyprus	X	6
Czech Republic	X	X
Denmark	X	X
Estonia	X	X
Finland	96	44
France	41	94
Germany	20	37
Greece	X	X
Hungary	X	X
Ireland	X	10
Italy	X	X
Latvia	X	6
Lithuania	X	4
Luxembourg	X	30
Malta	15	6
Netherlands	50	48
Poland	X	X
Portugal	45	20
Romania	X	15
Slovenia	X	X
Slovakia	X	X
Spain	18	X
Sweden	39	X
TOTAL	338	322

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.

3,407 people have been resettled since the launch of the scheme*

Austria	1348
Belgium	123
Czech Republic	25
Ireland	176
Italy	96
Netherlands	226
United Kingdom	1000
Norway	6
Liechtenstein	20
Switzerland	20

*Based on information made available by Member States and Associated Countries as of 16 February 2016