

Table 1: National plans and strategies in Greece

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The Road Map on Asylum for 2015 is a follow-up to the Revised Greek Action Plan on Asylum and Migration which came to an end in December 2014. The Road Map, drafted by the Greek Government in accordance with the provisions of the Directives 2013/32/EU and 2013/33/EU, reflects the current state of play and includes certain actions in order to ensure their implementation in the areas of asylum and reception of migrants. Among its main goals are:

- The revision of the policy concerning detention of irregular migrants
- The assurance of adequate first reception conditions of migrants at their arrival
- Full access to a fair and effective asylum procedure
- The increase of capacity in open accommodation for asylum seekers

In addition to the Greek Road Map on Asylum for 2015, the Annex to the *“Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council and the Council”* of the *“4<sup>th</sup> Report on the Progress made in the implementation of the EU-Turkey Statement”*, which was presented in Brussels on December 2016, includes a *“Joint Action Plan of the EU Coordinator on the implementation of certain provisions of the EU-Turkey Statement”*. This document defines new actions that the Greek Government will be called to implement in the near future. The following constitute some key points of the aforementioned Action Plan:

- Processing of asylum applications at first instance
- Processing of asylum appeals at second instance
- Creation of sufficient addition reception and detention capacities on the islands
- Assurance of efficient return operations to Turkey and countries of origin
- Limitation of appeal steps in the context of the asylum procedure

<http://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-6817-2015-INIT/en/pdf>

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B7hvGv7tFH2QaThxRjNuN0ZELUE/view>

## **Reception and Identification Service (RIS)**

The RIS is an independent agency under the Deputy Ministry of Migration Policy General Secretariat of Reception. Its mission is: the management of third country nationals crossing the Hellenic borders without legal documents and/or means, by carrying out first reception procedures. More specifically, the RIS is responsible for the verification of the identity, nationality, and age of the third-country nationals, for their registration and the realization of medical examination and the provision of care and psychosocial support. The agency informs them about their rights and obligations, as well as about the conditions under which they may be subject to international protection, and directs them to the appropriate Regional Asylum Office in case they request international protection.

<http://www.firstreception.gov.gr/content.php?id=1#>

- a. **Procedures followed and implemented by the RIS**  
<http://www.firstreception.gov.gr/content.php?id=4>
- b. **Reception and Identification Centres**  
<http://www.firstreception.gov.gr/content.php?id=9>
- c. **Open Accommodation Facilities of RIS**  
<http://www.firstreception.gov.gr/content.php?id=11>
- d. **Structure of the RIS throughout Greece**  
<http://www.firstreception.gov.gr/content.php?id=2>

## **Greek Asylum Service**

The Greek Asylum Service (A.S) was established in Greece in 2011 by Law 3907/2011 under the Ministry of Public Order and Citizen Protection. It was the first public body with the jurisdiction to examine and adjudicate on applications for international protection. The A.S. officially began its operation in 2013 with a new set of responsibilities as determined by law 4375/2016 (GG 51-3.4.2016). According to this, the new A.S. undertakes only the examination of applications lodged after 7.6.2013. Applications submitted previous to this date remain within the jurisdiction of the competent services of the Greek Police. The Greek Asylum Service now reports directly to the Ministry of Citizen Protection.

<http://asylo.gov.gr/en/>

[http://www.minocp.gov.gr/images/stories//2013/info\\_20\\_languages\\_new.pdf](http://www.minocp.gov.gr/images/stories//2013/info_20_languages_new.pdf)

- a. **Applying for Asylum in Greece – Procedure**  
[http://asylo.gov.gr/en/?page\\_id=72](http://asylo.gov.gr/en/?page_id=72)
- b. **Who can apply for asylum in Greece**  
[http://asylo.gov.gr/en/?page\\_id=66](http://asylo.gov.gr/en/?page_id=66)
- c. **Where can you apply for Asylum**  
[http://asylo.gov.gr/en/?page\\_id=69](http://asylo.gov.gr/en/?page_id=69)
- d. **Regional Asylum Offices in Greece**  
[http://asylo.gov.gr/en/?page\\_id=49](http://asylo.gov.gr/en/?page_id=49)
- e. **Asylum procedures for people who are under detention**  
[http://asylo.gov.gr/en/?page\\_id=319](http://asylo.gov.gr/en/?page_id=319)
- f. **Unaccompanied minors as asylum applicants**  
[http://asylo.gov.gr/en/?page\\_id=316](http://asylo.gov.gr/en/?page_id=316)
- g. **First instance asylum applicants**

[http://asylo.gov.gr/en/?page\\_id=75](http://asylo.gov.gr/en/?page_id=75)

h. Second instance asylum applicants

[http://asylo.gov.gr/en/?page\\_id=78](http://asylo.gov.gr/en/?page_id=78)

i. Subsequent application

[http://asylo.gov.gr/en/?page\\_id=311](http://asylo.gov.gr/en/?page_id=311)

j. Dublin III regulation in Greece and asylum

[http://asylo.gov.gr/en/?page\\_id=81](http://asylo.gov.gr/en/?page_id=81)

k. Competent Authorities for Appeals

[http://asylo.gov.gr/en/?page\\_id=52](http://asylo.gov.gr/en/?page_id=52)

l. Rights and obligations of the applicants

[http://asylo.gov.gr/en/?page\\_id=84](http://asylo.gov.gr/en/?page_id=84)

m. Relocation

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