

Statement on the Suspension of Registration of Asylum applications for Refugees from North Africa in Greece

Thessaloniki, 21 July 2025: The AMIF EMV-LIII project undersigned partner organisations regarding refugee arrivals in Crete and the suspension of registration of asylum applications support that:

- The suspension of access to asylum violates international law.
- Invoking increased flows cannot be an excuse and only points to the EU and hosting EU member state inability to ensure fundamental rights. Greece is a host country and an external border of the EU. It therefore has the know-how to organise an effective asylum system, which can be adapted to exceptional circumstances.
- We stand behind the appeal of the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights on 10/07/2025. We further await the decision of the European Court of Human Rights on a similar case when Greece had taken similar measures in March 2020 with the same argumentation.

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