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**DRAFT AMENDMENT  
OF THE EASO OPERATING PLAN FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF ASYLUM SUPPORT TEAMS  
TO GREECE – Ref. 1**

In accordance with Article 18 paragraph 2 of the EASO Regulation<sup>1</sup> and with reference to the National Action Plan for Migration Management of Greece, the following amendments to the Operating Plan for the Deployment of Asylum Support Teams to Greece as agreed upon by April 1st 2011 are endorsed:

- **EASO measure AST 3.4.1, Assistance of screening, backlog and IT experts as a short time measure:**

Deploy the IT-expert for 2 weeks extra in October 2011, to broaden the database to 1<sup>st</sup> instance cases (statistics).

- **EASO measure AST 4, Training in the asylum procedure:**

Merge the short term training AST with the long term training AST and reschedule in 2012. Total number of modules will be 5 (respectively measures AST 4.4.1 – 4.4.5). Measure 4.4.1 will be set up as a training for the members of the new Asylum Service. Greece will facilitate with computers that support the online part of the training, which consists of 10 – 15 persons per module.

<i>Timeframe</i>	
Measure AST 4.1.1	20 working days
Measure AST 4.4.2	20 working days, as soon as possible.
Measure AST 4.4.3	20 working days, as soon as the Appeal Committees are set up.
Measure AST 4.4.4	20 working days, as soon as the members of the new Asylum Service and of the new Appeal Authorities are appointed.
Measure AST 4.4.5	20 working days, as soon as the members of the new Asylum Service and of the new Appeal Authorities are appointed.

- **EASO measure AST 5.4.4: Assistance to the Appeal's Committees' members by an experienced refugee law judge:**

Deployment of a judge who will give advice as well as seminars to members of the Appeal Committee.

- **EASO measure AST 7.6.1, Experts to assist the Ministry of Health and Social Services in planning a strategy to increase and sustain reception capacity for the prioritized categories asylum seekers:**

A new timeframe will be established where phase 2 and 3 will be merged in 7 blocks of two weeks: deploying the two experts in December 2011 for two weeks. Follow-up deployment will be according to the progress of the work.

- **EASO measure AST 7.6.2, Expert to assist the Ministry of Health and Social Services in developing a reception management system:**

Deployment of an expert to assist the Ministry of Health and Social Services in the development of a reception management system. Initially a deployment of 6 months was foreseen. Given the first experience of the deployment of ASTs, a deployment in (probably) 12 blocks of 2 weeks from date to date is considered more efficient.

- **EASO measure AST 7.6.3, Experts to assist in setting up systems for identification of vulnerable groups, including UMs, and tailor-made services:**

A new timeframe will be established where phase 2 will be divided in 3 blocks of two weeks (instead of one block of 2 months) and will end before 2012.

- **EASO measure 8.4.10, Support in setting up the First Reception Service (FRS)/ First Reception Centre:**

To break down the deployment of 4 months in blocks of maximum of 2-week order to be more effective and efficient and to start in Autumn 2011.

- **Additional EASO measure (extension on 9.4.1):**

Reinforcing and continuation on the EBF, ERF and RF management capacity. Starting Autumn 2011.

EASO shall send a copy of the amendments to the Members of the Management Board.

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