



Press Release

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EASO Executive Director meets Mr Kyriacos Triantaphyllides, Member of the European Parliament to discuss intra-EU solidarity in the field of asylum

The Executive Director of the European Asylum Support Office (EASO), Dr Robert Visser, held a meeting with Mr Kyriacos Triantaphyllides, Member of the European Parliament, to discuss the European Parliament resolution on enhanced intra-EU solidarity in the field of asylum.

Today, EASO Executive Director, Dr Robert Visser, met with Mr Kyriacos Triantaphyllides, Member of the European Parliament, at the headquarters of the European Asylum Support Office in Malta, to discuss the European Parliament resolution on enhanced intra-EU solidarity in the field of asylum. Mr Triantaphyllides, who was the European Parliament's rapporteur on the resolution explained the content on his report, which was adopted by the European Parliament at its Plenary meeting in September.

Mr Triantaphyllides said that "the European Asylum Support Office has tremendous potential in promoting closer practical cooperation among Member States. All actions undertaken by EASO depend on Member States' goodwill as they are the ones who provide the biggest share of personnel and resources. It is for this reason that we suggest introducing structural safeguards within EASO's mandate so as to ensure that practical cooperation and technical assistance are provided where necessary, regardless of Member States' willingness."

Dr Visser, EASO Executive Director, held that "EASO is fully committed to promote closer cooperation among Member States and coordinate and support common action to assist countries which are subject to particular pressures. As regards to EASO's participation in any future mechanisms/policy tool related to relocation, we will remain at the disposal on the European Commission, Parliament, Council and Member States and are willing to get involved in line with EASO's founding regulation which gives the agency the role of promoting, facilitating and coordinating exchanges of information and other activities related to relocation within the Union. "

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