



Press Release

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EASO supports the relocation process from Italy

EASO is supporting the relocation process from Italy. In this context, several EASO experts have been deployed to Italy to support the registration and relocation process. The first group of people is being relocated tomorrow to Sweden as previously stated by Commissioner Avramopoulos. ¹ EASO will continue to support the relocation process in both Italy and Greece.

Since 17 September 2015, EASO experts have been deployed in Lampedusa, Catania, Villa Sikanía/Agrigento, Rome and Milan to support the daily activity of local Police and asylum authorities to jointly process the applications for international protection of the potential applicants for a relocation scheme in the European Union, as per *Council Decision (EU) 2015/1523 of 14 September 2015 establishing provisional measures in the area of international protection for the benefit of Italy and Greece*. EASO experts were also deployed in the Italian Dublin Unit to jointly process the outgoing Dublin requests.

The first group of around 16 Eritreans will be relocated from Italy to Sweden.

EASO is expected to continue its support to Greece and Italy, on relocation and other asylum issues, in the coming months.

Any further information may be obtained from the European Asylum Support Office by contacting Mr Jean-Pierre Schembri on the following e-mail address: jean-pierre.schembri@easo.europa.eu

¹ See Remarks of Commissioner Avramopoulos, Press Conference in Zagreb, 6 October 2015, http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_SPEECH-15-5786_en.htm



EASO experts doing registration for the relocation process



Part of the first group of successfully processed applicants