

Greece (SEV) (last updated 4 May)

Overall approach and state of play

We estimate that there will be a significant number of refugees that will arrive in Greece on top of the approx. 10.000 persons that have already arrived (15/03). It is almost impossible to predict accurate numbers. For the time being around 500-1.000 arrive daily. The vast majority being women and children. Very few of them request to stay in camps and they choose friends and relatives for their stay

Coordination of joint social partner or social partner and government actions

SEV has been asked to provide numbers on open jobs that could be offered to Ukrainian refugees. The initial estimations of our members amount to up to 6.000 positions for high skilled workers and 9.000 positions for medium-low skilled ones. The Minister of Migration has already announced that all Ukrainian refugees, holders of legal documents, will automatically be allowed to stay and work in Greece for one year from the day they arrived. The Government has already developed a website where companies can post open jobs offered to refugees.

Company impact

There are some initiatives from Greek companies in the ICT sector (Quest, Keyvoto, Reborn, Stonewave, Wealthyhood) offering jobs to Ukrainian refugees and relocation assistance including for their families and there is the possibility for telework. The Greek tourism industry can offer around 30.000 jobs to seasonal workers (waiters, cleaners, general clerk), which Ukrainians might help to fill.