



European Asylum Support Office

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EASO OPERATIONAL SUPPORT

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EASO Operations

**Operational support is defined within the EASO Founding Regulation
For Member States with subject to particular pressure (Art. 10)
Within the framework of an Operating Plan (Art.18. a - e)
Through the Deployment of Asylum Support Teams (Art. 13;15; 18 e)**



EASO Operations

Greece, Italy, Cyprus, Malta

External Dimension: Resettlement & Third Country Support

Ad hoc Disembarkation/Voluntary Relocations

Horizontal Operational Support, Budgets & Tools



CURRENT OPERATIONS – defined under Article 14:

‘ ... In relation to interpreting services, information on countries of origin and knowledge of the handling and management of asylum cases within the framework of the actions to support MS under Article 10’ – ‘actions to facilitate the initial analysis of asylum applications under examination by the competent national authorities.’

Greece:

- Specific support for backlog reduction at first instance in the Border & Regular procedures: information provision, registration, asylum interviews, drafting of opinions
- Specific support for first and second line reception including in the Hotspots and in the development of reception monitoring frameworks
- Support for the Dublin Unit
- Support for second instance backlog reduction through secondments to the Appeals Authority

Malta: from July 2019

- Specific support for backlog reduction at first instance
 - information provision,
 - registration,
 - asylum interviews,
 - drafting of opinions
- Support for the Dublin Unit

Italy:

- National technical support for the building of national systems for information provision, quality in the asylum procedure, reception monitoring through secondment of specialist staff.
- Direct Operational Support through deployment of 148 Caseworkers to Questure for registration support and Territorial Commissions to reduce the backlogs at first instance by 50%
- Support for the Dublin Unit
- Support for the COI Unit

Cyprus:

- Specific support for backlog reduction at first instance: information provision, registration, asylum interviews, drafting of opinions
- Specific support for first and second line reception including in vulnerability workflows and in the support for establishment of reception centres and Safe Zones
- Support for second instance backlog reduction through secondments to the Appeals Authority

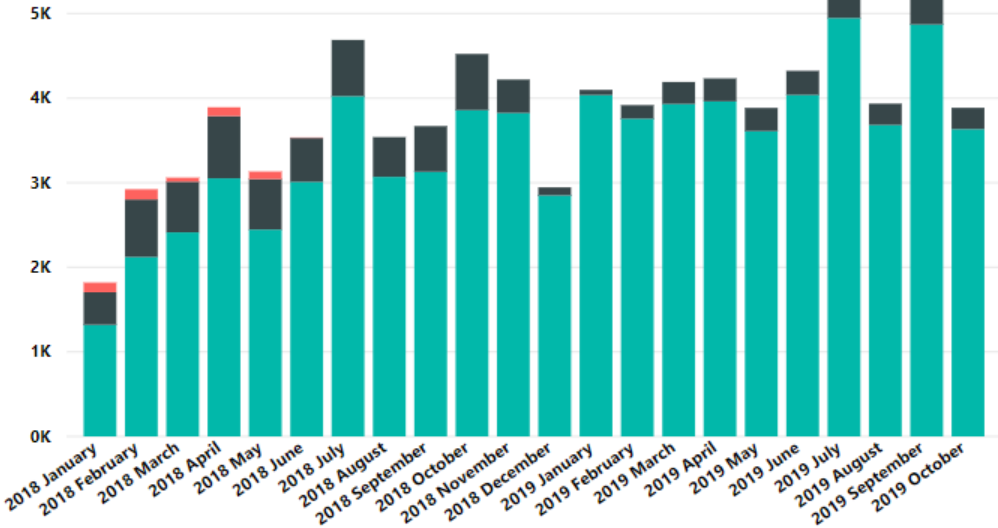


Foreseen Budgets 2020

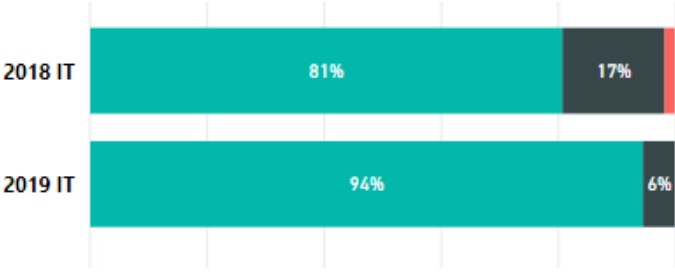
Operations	Budget 2020 as per SPD
GREECE	39,071,455.00
ITALY	17,873,288.00
CYPRUS	4,123,344.00
MALTA	2,248,128.00
OTHER EU MS	650,000.00
HORIZONTAL OPERATIONS - Support tools	511,408.00
HORIZONTAL OPERATIONS - M&E	426,470.00
EXTERNAL DIMENSION - Network	100,000.00
EXTERNAL DIMENSION - Third Country Support	1,500,000.00
EXTERNAL DIMENSION - Resettlement	1,750,000.00
Total	€68,704,093.00
2020 budget in WP*	68,704,093.00

Experts deployment 2018-2019 – Italy & Greece

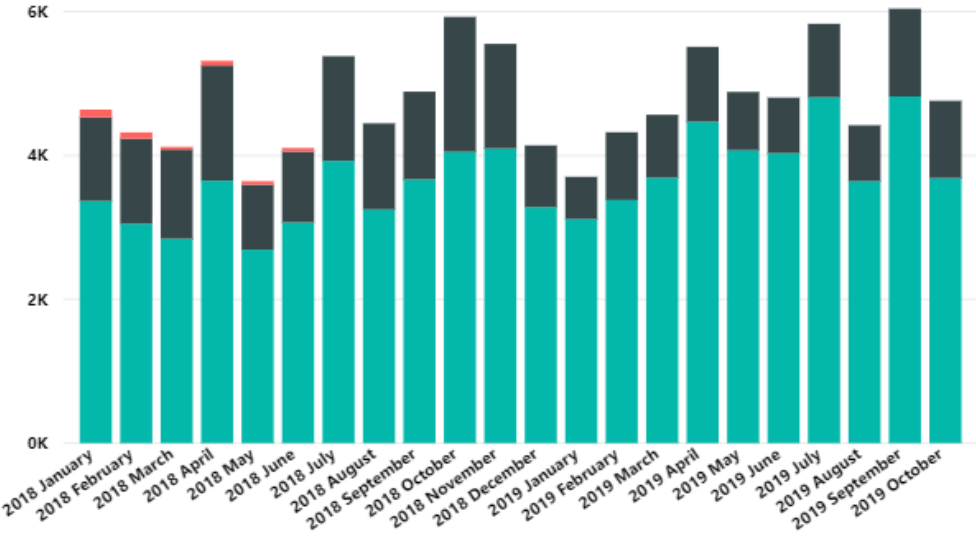
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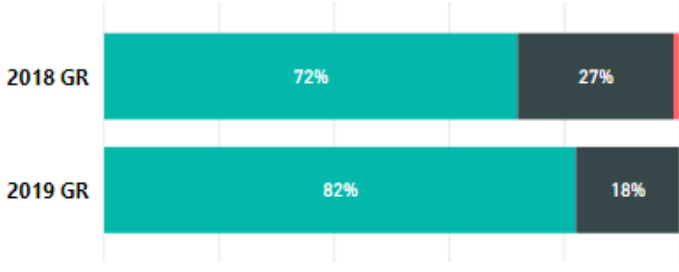
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Greece



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Ad Hoc Disembarkation / Voluntary Relocation Events

2019

- ❖ At the specific request of the European Commission
- ❖ Responded to 19 events
- ❖ €360,500 budget
- ❖ Proven Standby & Response Capacity



2020

- ❖ Further Develop Messina Model & SOPs
- ❖ Further develop response capacity



MALTA			
AHD No.	Boat	EASO Operations	Total
1	Seawatch 1	Dec - Jan	26
2	Alan Kurdi	Mar - Apr	63
3	Alan Kurdi	July	58
4	Maltese Naval	July	65
5	Alan Kurdi	August	40
6	Ocean Viking	August	355
7	Alan Kurdi	September	13
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ITALY			
AHD No.	Boat	EASO Operations	Total
1	Seawatch 3	Feb - Mar	47
2	Cigala Fulgosi	May	36
3	Cigala Fulgosi	July	100
4	Seawatch	July	53
5	Gregoretti	July - Aug	141
6	Open Arms	August	155
7	Elanore	August	104
8	Ocean Viking	September	82
9	Ocean Viking	September	182
10	Ocean Viking	October	176
11	Ocean Viking	October	104
12	Alan Kurdi	November	88
13	Ocean Viking	November	213
14	Aita Mari	November (ongoing)	79
15	Open Arms	November (ongoing)	62
16	Ocean Viking	December (ongoing)	60
17	Alan Kurdi	December (ongoing)	61
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Resettlement Support Facility - Turkey

2019 - 2020

- ❖ In support of Member States resettlement pledges for refugees to be resettled from Turkey
- ❖ 6 Member States in Pilot Project
- ❖ Operations delivered through a framework contract with ICMC



2020 - 2021

- ❖ Further Develop the RSF Pilot including its expansion in Turkey to Ankara and developing file preparation and processing functionalities in support of Member States
- ❖ Evaluate and potentially replicate in other jurisdictions



THANK YOU