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“Capacity building of national Asylum and Migration Management Systems”

Closing event

The European and Development Programs Division (EDPD) of the Ministry of Interior, as Programme Operator of the Programme "Capacity Building of National Asylum and Migration Management Systems" co-financed by the Financial Mechanism of the European Economic Area (EEA Grants), organized successfully the closing event of the Programme on Monday 30 October 2017, which was attended by the political hierarchy of Greece and representatives from Norway, along with other relevant stakeholders in the field of asylum and migration.

The closing event was attended by the General Secretaries of the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Migration Policy. On behalf of the Donor countries, the event was attended by the Ambassador of Norway to Greece Mr. Jørn Eugene Gjeldstad and Mr. Stephan Mo, the Director of the Department of Analysis and Development at the Norwegian Directorate of Immigration (UDI). UDI has been offering continuous and valuable support throughout the Programme as Donor Programme Partner. The goal of the event was to present the way the Programme contributed to the management of the migration flows in Greece in terms of providing accommodation and care for irregular migrants and asylum-seekers including unaccompanied minors, enabling them to bring forward their claim for international protection and have it processed in due time.

After the greetings by the political hierarchy, presentations were given on various aspects of the Programme including management (EDPD), goals and achievements (Reception and Identification Service & Asylum Service) and bilateral relations (UDI), while two videos were shown highlighting the results of the Programme as well as those of the other Programmes under EEA Grants 2009-2014.



Greek authorities reiterated their commitment to the sound and efficient management of funds from the EEA Grants Financial Mechanism in the light of the forthcoming Programme period 2014-2021. Furthermore, they expressed their willingness to further deepen their cooperation with the Donors in this respect and especially with Norway, whose support in this field is highly appreciated.