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Answer given by Mr Brunner
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission¹ and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) signed a contribution agreement funded under the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF)² to support beneficiaries of international protection in Greece to go back from Germany to Greece. The implementation of the project started in February 2025 for the duration of 18 months. The beneficiaries of international protection will receive integration and transition support from the HELIOS+ integration project³, funded under the European Social Fund+ Greek programme, notably through integration courses, accommodation and employability.

Solidarity and fair sharing of responsibility is a fundamental principle of the EU enshrined in Article 80 of the Treaty of the Functioning of the European Union. With the Pact on Migration and Asylum⁴, in particular the Asylum and Migration Management Regulation⁵, the EU has established a permanent, legally binding and flexible solidarity mechanism to ensure that no Member State is left alone when under pressure. While all Member States need to contribute to this mechanism, they will be able to choose between relocations, financial solidarity, or alternative measures.

¹ Contribution Agreement signed in line with section 4.8 (Direct Award to support reception, asylum and return systems under pressure) of the Asylum Migration and Integration Fund Thematic Facility Work programme for 2023, 2024 and 2025, https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/funding/asylum-migration-and-integration-funds/asylum-migration-and-integration-fund-2021-2027_en.

² Regulation (EU) 2021/1147 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 July 2021 establishing the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, OJ L 251, 15.7.2021, pp. 1–47, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/1147/oj/eng>.

³ <https://greece.iom.int/helios>.

⁴ https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/policies/migration-and-asylum/pact-migration-and-asylum_en.

⁵ Regulation (EU) 2024/1351 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 May 2024 on asylum and migration management, amending Regulations (EU) 2021/1147 and (EU) 2021/1060 and repealing Regulation (EU) No 604/2013, OJ L, 2024/1351, 22.5.2024, <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1351/oj>.