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The Commission cannot provide a forecast of the number of transfers of applicants for international protection to Greece in 2026 and 2027. This depends on a number of factors including the number of applicants registering applications in another Member States, the circumstances relevant for the application of the responsibility criteria, the existence of family links, prior residence documents or visas, illegal entry or stay, the practical implementation of the new rules by the national authorities concerned and other factors.

The Commission cannot identify in advance from which Member States transfers are expected to take place. Responsibility is determined on the basis of the criteria laid down in Regulation (EU) 2024/1351¹.

A key objective of the Pact on Migration and Asylum² is to ensure a balance between solidarity and responsibility, avoiding placing disproportionate pressure on Member States of first entry. The new system combines rules on responsibility with a mandatory but flexible solidarity mechanism designed to support Member States under migratory pressure. In the context of the first migration management cycle under the Pact³, Greece was considered under migratory pressure and is benefitting from solidarity.

¹ 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, 2024/135; 22.5.2024; ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1351/oj>.

² https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/policies/migration-and-asylum/pact-migration-and-asylum_en.

³ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_2655.