

EEA GRANTS 2014-2021: Visit of the European and Development Programmes Management Agency to the accommodation structure that will host extremely vulnerable groups of immigrants in the town of Pyrgos.

European and Development Programmes Management Agency of the Hellenic Ministry of Citizen Protection, acting as Programme Operator of the **GRHOMEAFFAIRS Programme**, entitled “Capacity Building of National Asylum and Migration Management Systems”, co-financed by EEA Grants Financial Mechanism, **visited on 03.03.2023 the premises that will host the accommodation facility for extremely vulnerable group of migrants**, in the context of Pre-Defined Project 7, entitled: “Enhancing first reception conditions and services provided to third country nationals”.

Apart from our entity, the delegation was consisted by representatives from the Donor Programme Partner (UDI) and the Financial Mechanism Office (FMO) and the). The visit was carried out in order to ascertain the progress achieved, regarding the refurbishment on the existing building, which will ensure the functionality of the accommodation structure. The delegation was welcomed by the Head of the Directorate of Southern Greece Structures of the Reception and Identification Service, Mrs. Triantafyllia Ipsaralexi, the Director of the accommodation structure Mr. Christos Tsiachris, as well as the relevant contact persons from the Reception and Identification Service and the Technical Service of the Ministry of Migration and Asylum who conducted a short tour and presented the technical interventions performed on site.

The accommodation structure has a total budget of €3.229.586,00 and maximum capacity of 200 people, refers to extremely vulnerable groups of migrants, excluding unaccompanied minors (e.g. single parented families, women in labor and women victims of sexual and gender based violence) and it is estimated and is expected to welcome its first guests in due time, under the auspices of the Reception and Identification Service of the Ministry of Migration and Asylum.

Finally, it is worth mentioning the fact that the accommodation structure already employs young people from the local community, through various Programmes that support employment, which indicates the impact of the facility on the local development as well as the reduction of social and economic disparities.

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