

**Migration: Commission awards €9.3 million in emergency funding to UNHCR to support refugees in Greece**

The European Commission has awarded an additional €9.3 million in emergency assistance to UNCHR to **provide targeted support to refugees and migrants in Greece**. The grant, which will ensure continuity of services on the islands, covers activities including the provision of transportation, accommodation and auxiliary services to relocation candidates, protection and non-formal education for children (including support to a pilot guardianship network for unaccompanied minors), interpretation, core relief items and support for victims of sexual and gender-based violence and abuse. The overall amount of emergency funding allocated to the Greek authorities and international organisations operating in Greece now stands at €371.16 million, in addition to the €509.5 million allocated to Greece under the national programmes for the period 2014–2020. Overall, the European Union has mobilised over €1.3 billion of support (until 2020) to Greece to help manage migration and the external borders, through various kinds of funding. *(For more information: Natasha Bertaud - Tel.: +32 229 67456; Kasia Kolanko - Tel.: +32 229 63444)*