

Greece's migration policy: Past, present and future

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Foreword

- ▶ Greece:
 - ▶ a country of emigrants
 - ▶ An EU member-state
 - ▶ A country of transit and destination of migrants
- ▶ Authorities
 - ▶ Ministry of Migration and Asylum
 - ▶ Ministry of Citizen Protection - Hellenic Police
 - ▶ Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy - Hellenic Coastguard

The early years. Asylum as a political decision and judgement

- ▶ political asylum
 - ▶ Assange case, Haya de la Torre case
- ▶ explicitly excluded from the secondary legislation establishing the Common European Asylum System

The changes in the perception of asylum through the Dublin system and the EU's third pillar (Area of Freedom, Security and Justice)

- ▶ Dublin and Eurodac
- ▶ The Third Pillar
 - ▶ Treaty of Maastricht
 - ▶ Treaty of Amsterdam
 - ▶ Treaty of Lisbon

The gradual transposition of secondary EU legislation

- ▶ temporary protection in situations of mass influx (2001/55)
 - ▶ Presidential Decree 80/2006
- ▶ reception conditions (2003/9, 2013/33)
 - ▶ Presidential Decree 220/2007, Law 4375/2016, Law 4939/2022
- ▶ qualification of who is a refugee and who is a beneficiary of subsidiary protection (2004, 2011)
 - ▶ Presidential Decree 96/2008, Presidential Decree 141/2013, Law 4939/2022
- ▶ asylum procedures (2005/85, 2013/33)
 - ▶ Presidential Decrees 114/2010, 113/2013, Law 4375/2016, Law 4939/2022

The first shock: the *MSS* judgment and the need to reform the Dublin acquis

- ▶ overhaul of the national asylum system
- ▶ 7 elements lacking from the previous asylum system, incl.
 - ▶ lack of access to an asylum procedure
 - ▶ lack of information on the procedure they had to follow
 - ▶ lack of interpreters and specialized staff to conduct the personal interviews
 - ▶ lack of legal assistance
 - ▶ excessive delay in issuing the decision

The second shock: the refugee/migration crisis of 2015-16

- ▶ European Agenda on Migration - comprehensive migration policy
- ▶ asylum requests are to be decided at the external borders of the EU
- ▶ EU-Turkey Statement

The EU Pact on Asylum and Migration and its impact on Greek realities

- ▶ Screening Regulation
- ▶ Asylum and Migration Management Regulation (AMMR)
- ▶ Eurodac Regulation
- ▶ Asylum Procedure Regulation
- ▶ Return Border Procedure Regulation
- ▶ Crisis and Force Majeure Regulation
- ▶ Reception Conditions Directive
- ▶ Qualification Regulation
- ▶ Resettlement Framework Regulation
- ▶ Regulation establishing the European Union Agency for Asylum

New concepts: mass migration as a security threat

- ▶ Instrumentalization as a hybrid threat