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Subject: EU-funded ESTIA II programme ending in Greece

According to recent reports[1], Greece's decision[2] to end the EU-funded ESTIA II programme, which provides housing to vulnerable asylum seekers, will lead to approximately 10 000 evictions in the coming months. Consequently, vulnerable asylum seekers – including survivors of torture and persons with disabilities or severe illnesses – will lose their homes. They will have to live on the streets or in remote and freedom-restricting camps with markedly worse living conditions and a lack of access to health, education and special rehabilitation services.

1. In the light of the marked deterioration of reception conditions for asylum seekers that the unexpected closure of the ESTIA II programme would entail, what countermeasures has the Commission taken?

2. Does the Commission consider that these evictions comply with Greece's obligations to take into account the vulnerabilities of asylum seekers and provide them with appropriate reception conditions under the Reception Conditions Directive, and how does the Commission assess this development in the light of the objectives of the EU Action Plan on Integration and Inclusion?

3. Will the Commission commit to enforcing the fundamental rights conditionality obligations under the Common Provisions Regulation when providing the remaining EU asylum and migration related funding to Greece?

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[1] https://thepressproject.gr/exoseis-se-chiliades-evalotous-prosfyges-to-ypourgeio-kovei-to-estia-tous-petaei-apo-diamerismata-se-camps-ki-apo-ekei-ston-dromo/ and https://www.efsyn.gr/ellada/dikaiomata/363674_oi-pio-eyalotoi-prosfyges-horis-estia-kai-prostasia
[2] https://migration.gov.gr/en/oloklironetai-to-programma-stegasis-estia-ii-to-2022/