## Situation of refugees at EU borders in Greece and Italy

Fact-finding visit by representatives of the German Protestant Church and Diakonie

27. – 30. September 2015

## **Program**

TIME	NOTE	ITEM
		Sunday, 27 September 2015
04:15		Individual arrival at Berlin-Schönefeld
04:30		Meeting of group at Berlin-Schönefeld
06:00	Flight	Departure to Thessaloniki (easyJet 4603)
09:35		Arrival Thessaloniki Airport
10:00	Bus	Transfer to Idomeni by bus (Greek-Macedonian /FYROM border), information about humanitarian aid by Amir Karim, Afghan Refugee involved in NGO
	Lunch	Packed lunches (Naomi team, Karin Vavatsanidis)
14:00	Bus	Visit of the situation at the greek-macedonian Border in the village Idomeni, guided by Vasilis Tsartsanis and Dorothee Vakalis
		Idomeni and the greek-makedonian border, UNHCR, greek police, MSF,
		Volunteergroups for refugees, representative of the local town, meetings with refugees, Farsi translation by Amir/ Vakalis
16:00	Bus	Visit of the situation at the Macedonian/ Serbian border in Presovo / Miratovac Meeting with refugees on their way, contacts by Vasilis Tsartsanis
		Passage to Serbia, Presevo (border town to Macedonia) <u>Subject:</u> Migration route GR-FYROM-Kroatia - Hungary, legal obstacles, transport and asylum claim, humanitarian aid.
19.30	Bus	Direct Transfer to Thessaloniki
22:00		City Hotel & Central Spa Thessaloniki

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		Monday, 28 September 2015	
		Interpreter: Nikoletta Charana, Saloniki	
07:00		Breakfast and hotel check out (luggage in store room)	
08:45	By foot	Street Ptolemaion 29A, 5.floor, Place: Oikopolis (Oikolog. Movement Thess)	
09:00		Internal Evaluation meeting	
9:45		Meeting with representatives of the Refugee Solidarity Movement Thessaloniki	
		Subject: Situation of refugees in Greece, Report of the activities, Flight routes in Balkan and the danger for refugees by mafia, humanitarian aid and political	

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		plans of EU for hot spots
		<u>Participants:</u> Greek Refugee Council, Praksis, Ecologic Movement Saloniki, refugee solidarity movement, Kalathaki, Antirass. Initiative, Committee of the Senegalese, Arsis-shelter for UM, NAOMI creative hive, MSF, Ecumenical Refugee Program Athens, Vasilis Tsartsanis
12:00- 12:45		Press Conference at Ptolemaion 29A, (Coffee offered)
12:45 – 13:30	Lunch coffee	Common meal prepared by refugee women of the NAOMI creative hive, which is located in the 6.th floor of the building, presentation and selling of products of the NAOMI program (Mieke Sellin, Elke Wollschläger)
13:30 –		Meeting with church representatives and theologeans and parish members
15:00		<ul> <li><u>Subject:</u> Situation of refugees in Greece, humanitarian help and political situation, structures of coordination with Diakonie Germany</li> <li><u>Participants:</u> <ul> <li>Bishop and Efthalia Pappa, Ecumenical Refugee Program Athens</li> <li>Prof. Miltiadis Konstantinou, Dean of the FACULTY OF THEOLOGY School of Pastoral and Social Theology Aristotle University</li> <li>Theologeans of the alternative Thessaloniki letter and engaged in refugees aid: Prof Christos Tsironis, Prof. Katherina Tsalapidi)</li> <li>Representatives of the Federation of Greek protestant churches (PES), Sotiris Boukis</li> <li>NAOMI TEAM, Burkhard Sellin, Karin Vavatsanidis, Dorothee Vakalis</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Reverend Ulrike Weber, Germanspeaking protestant Church North Greece</li> <li>Dr. Ingo von Voß, consul general Saloniki</li> </ul>
15:30	Bus	Farewell and direct Transfer to Thessaloniki Airport 30 min. (luggage is collected from the City hotel by bus)
17:05	Flight	Departure Thessaloniki to Rome via Athens arrival 17:55 (Aegean A3541)
18:00		Internal Evaluation Meeting in the transit area Athens Airport
20:05	Flight	Departure Athens to Rome-Ciampino arrival 21:05 (Ryanair 1299)
21:15	Taxi	Transfer from Rome Airport to Hotel Minivans
22:00		Check-in at Hotel (Rome) - Albergo Santa Chiara

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		Tuesday, 29 September 2015	
		Interpreter Bettina Gabbe, Rom	
08:00		Breakfast	
09:30	Mini- vans	Transfer to Centro Baobab	
10:00 -		Visiting Refugee Camps: Centro Baobab	
12:00		In the Baobab Center, that is self-organized by refugees in Rome, refugees	

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		are accepted informally, many of them want to go to Germany.
12:00	Mini- vans	Transfer to Palazzo Esposizioni
12:30	Lunch	Lunch Restaurant: Palazzo Esposizioni
13:30	Mini- vans	Transfer to the Protestant Church (Chiesa Luterana, conference room)
14:00 -		Meeting with Refugee Associations
		Subject: Situation of refugees in Italy
15:30		Participants: Servizio Rifugiati e Migranti, Centro Astalli - Jesuit Refugee Service, Casa dei Diritti Sociali, ASGI, UNHCR, Medici per i diritti umani, Sindacato UIL, Sindacato CGIL, Consiglio Italiano per i Rifugiati
15:30 – 16:00	Break	Coffee Break
16:00 -		Meeting with Refugee Associations
17:30		Continuation
17:45	Mini- vans	Transfer to Community Sant´ Egidio
18:30		Visit at Community Sant´ Egidio
19:00 – 20:15	Dinner	Dinner Restaurant: Trattoria degli amici (Community Sant´Egidio)  Participants:  Delegation Representatives of refugee organizations Reverend of the German Lutheran Congegration Jens-Martin Kruse Decan of the Chiesa Luterana Heiner Bludau German Ambassador
20:20		Transfer to Church "Basilica di Santa Maria in Trastevere"
20:30		Evening prayer at Basilica di Santa Maria in Trastevere (Probably english translation)
21:00	By foot	Transfer back to Hotel Albergo Santa Chiara, time for informal program

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		Wednesday, 30 September 2015	
08:00		Breakfast and check-out	
08:45	Mini- vans	Transfer to Servizio Rifugiati with luggage	
09:00		Internal press meeting of the delegation	

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10:00	Mini- vans	Transfer to Ministry of Interior
11:00		Meeting with Prefect Mario Morcone, Ministry of Interior, Head of Department Civil Liberties and Immigration
		Subject: Situation of refugees in Italy
12:45		Closing
		(Note: 12:00h Transfer with Taxi to Rome Airport for flight with departure 14:25)
12:45	Mini- vans	Transfer to Servizio rifugiati
13:00		Lunch at Servizio Rifugiati
15:00	Mini- Vans	Transfer to Rome Airport (Flight with departure 18:30)
	Flight	Two departure Alternatives
		Departure Rome-Fiumicino Airport 18:30 (easyJet 4989) – 20:50 Berlin-SXF
		Departure Rome-Fiumicino Airport14:25 Rom (Air Berlin) – 16:30 Berlin-TXL (Dr. Dröge, Dr. Dutzmann because of a Berlin meeting)
16:30/ 20:50	Arrival	Arrival Berlin

# **Address Directory**

## **Thessaloniki**

City Hotel & Central Spa Thessaloniki	Komninon 11 Thessaloniki 546 24, Greece Tel: +30 2310 269421ssconference
Meeting point Thessaloniki	Street Ptolemaion 29A, Place Refugee Solidarity Movement Thessaloniki

#### Rome

Albergo Santa Chiara Rome	Via Santa Chiara, 21 00186 Rome Tel. +39.06.6872979 Fax. +39.06.6873144
Restaurant: Palazzo Esposizioni, Rome	Via Nazionale, 194 00184 Rome Tel. +39 06 3996 7500

Protestant Church, Rome Conference Room	Chiesa Luterana Via Toscana, 7 Roma Italien +39 06 481 7519
Servizio Rifugiati e Migranti	Servizio Rifugiati e Migranti FCEI Federazione Chiese Evangeliche In Italia Via Firenze 38 00184 Roma +390648905101
Restaurant: Trattoria degli amici	Piazza Sant'Egidio, 6 00153 Rome Tel. +39 06 580 6033
Basilica di Santa Maria in Trastevere	Piazza Santa Maria in Trastevere 00153 Rome Tel. +39 06 581 4802
Ministry of Interior, Rome	Piazza del Viminale, 1 00184 Rome