



## **RESEARCH ON THE SITUATION OF UNDOCUMENTED MIGRANTS IN BORDER AREAS AND THE ILLEGAL DEPORTATIONS FROM GREECE TO TURKEY**

In 2008 Migreurop network launched the « Border Observatory ». This project is the result of the daily activities of the network (research, international meetings and partnership) as well as, the recent participation of some of its members at a study organised by the European Parliament on “the condition of third countries' nationals in the detention centers (detention camps, open centers, transit zones) in all 25 member states of the European Union”.

The result of this study revealed the bad conditions of reception, limited integration of foreigners, numerous violations of their fundamental rights. The vulnerable situation of migrants maintained in the borders of Europe are less documented and known to public. There is a need to systematize the information, in order to make it public.

### **Objectives**

The research focuses on the situation of undocumented migrants in Greece and the illegal deportations from Greece to Turkey.

### **Scope of the tender**

The aim is to study in Greece and Turkey issues such as the conditions of undocumented migrants in border areas, illegal returns and in a more general sense expand the cooperation between Greek and Turkish civil society.

### **Results to be achieved**

Proceedings of the research will be used in order to:

- participate in the annual report of Migreurop,
- update the database on the situation of undocumented migrants,
- produce articles and prepare a meeting that is to be held on the topic of readmission agreements

### **Brief schedule and Outputs**

The establishment of the Observatory by participant members of Migreurop and its partners will be done in several steps such as:

- The campaign “Call for a right of access inside detention centres for migrants” will be launched see also: [http://www.migreurop.org/IMG/pdf/Call-right\\_of\\_access-eng.pdf](http://www.migreurop.org/IMG/pdf/Call-right_of_access-eng.pdf)



- Creating an information database about the situation of migrants in border areas. The database will be accessible through the website of Migreurop and information will be updated throughout the project
- The creation of a group working on readmission issues

Finally there have been already published:

- The first annual report on violation of human rights at the border areas: “Europe’s murderous borders” (<http://www.migreurop.org/article1574.html?lang=en>)
- The “Atlas for migrants in Europe” (L’atlas des migrants en Europe) (<http://www.migreurop.org/article1478.html>)

## Partners

- Migreurop is an international network of 40 organizations from 13 different countries. Migreurops’ work focuses on European policies regarding asylum and migration issues,
- At the same time, on this topic another member of Migreurop Lola Schulman works for the Turkish association RASP: Refugee Advocacy and Support Program in Istanbul,
- Moreover, the project of partnership with ANTIGONE is done with the participation of the association Echanges et Partenariats. Echanges et Partenariats works on international solidarity and aims to strengthen partnerships among civil society in order to create international networks

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## Duration

- The project started in October 2009 in Paris, continues in Greece from November 2009 until March 2010 and finishes at the end of April in Paris.

## Funding body

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