
Refugees had nowhere to go

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Dear reader,

In this edition of the international newsletter of the Dutch Council for Refugees, you can read a story about Greece, hear about the encounter on Lesbos between Omar and our colleague Mohammad, learn about our new pilot project in southeastern Türkiye, and the publication of our first Solidarity Magazine about the work of the Dutch Council for Refugees of our partners.

Greece: deterrence and avoidance of responsibility

Greece does everything it can to deter and expel people fleeing from seeking protection within its territories. The Greek measures include placing refugees in remote and isolated camps, providing minimal assistance, reducing protection levels, criminalising aid workers and conducting pushbacks. 'Why are we being treated so inhumanely?' asks Yahooda, an Iranian refugee.

Read our report on Greece →



Pushbacks: illegal and unacceptable

Every day, refugees like Mohammed face pushbacks, drift-backs, and pullbacks at Europe's borders. But what do these terms actually mean?

Read more and watch the video →



Same story, different ending

Syrian Omar and our colleague Mohammad both fled Syria in 2014. While Mohammad was able to find his way in the Netherlands, Omar and his family had to flee once more after ten years in Türkiye, as they were facing threats and discrimination. Mohammad spoke with Omar on Lesbos and wrote a heartfelt column about their encounter.

Read the column →



Support in southeast Türkiye: a pilot program

In 2024, we launched the 'Step-Up Türkiye' pilot programme which is designed to support local and refugee-led organisations in southeastern Türkiye. In cooperation with Turkish partners, we organised a series of training sessions in the city of Gaziantep this year and will be directly supporting a group of five organisations in 2025.

Learn how this project is making a difference →



Did you know...

...that the Dutch Council for Refugees is closely monitoring the implementation of the European Migration Pact? By the end of 2024, all member states, including the Netherlands, had to have their implementation plans ready. In september 2024, we hosted a conference on the pact in collaboration with the Meijers Commission, bringing together experts and policymakers.

Learn more about the conference →



The new Dutch asylum measures offer no solutions

The asylum plans that the Dutch government announced in 2024 will have a profound impact on both refugees and society.

Our key objections →



Our new Solidarity Magazine out now!

In this first edition of the Solidarity Magazine of the Dutch Council for Refugees, you can read about our work in the Netherlands, our international partnerships and the stories that drive us forward.

The magazine is online now! →

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