



HELLENIC REPUBLIC

Ministry of Interior and
Administrative Reform

Asylum Service



LIVING WITH A CLOSE RELATIVE IN ANOTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRY WHILE YOUR ASYLUM CLAIM IS EXAMINED THERE (FAMILY REUNIFICATION)



Do you have family members who are already living legally in another European country? In that case it is very important that you tell the Asylum Service about them and if you would like to join them.

If you fulfil one of the following conditions, it may be possible that you can live with your family members in another European country:

- If you are a child (under 18 years old) and you are travelling without your parents or a legal guardian, you can ask to be brought to your mother/father, sister/brother, aunt/uncle, or grandmother/grandfather.
- If you are an adult (over 18 years old), you can ask to live with your spouse or your child who is not yet an adult if they are living legally in a European country.
- You will have to show documents that can help to verify what you are saying.

In some very rare cases a European country can approve family reunification even if you do not fulfil the conditions above. This may be the case for people who have very serious health problems or who have other specific needs. This is decided on a case-by-case basis.

If your request for family reunification is denied, the Greek state will decide if you can get asylum in Greece.

Pre-registration is the first step for family reunification!