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Agenda	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. European Citizens' Initiative on migration (SN) 2. Briefing of the NGO Advocacy WG on recent meetings with authorities 3. Update on the protection situation in the islands and mainland 4. Presentation of the GCR –UNDP research project (GCR) 5. Follow up on Participatory assessments and protection referral pathways 6. AOB 	
		Action Points
1. 1. European Citizens' Initiative on migration (SN)	<p>Solidarity Now introduced the campaign: - European Citizens' Initiative on migration (SN) https://www.weareawelcomingeurope.eu/</p> <p>This Campaign/petition aims to support safe and dignified migration in Europe, the campaign can be supported by for European citizens who can sign the petition. The focus is on advocating for the European Commission to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ban the criminalization of solidarity in member states • Support European citizens who want to offer safety to people fleeing persecution • Guarantee effective access to justice to all victims of exploitation and abuse <p>15,000 signatures needed for Greece. Please disseminate widely.</p>	PWG will disseminate the information on this campaign with the WG minutes
2. Updates from NGO meeting with Vitsas	<p>The NGO Advocacy WG had two important meetings, with Minister Vitsas (MOMP) and with the new director of the Asylum Service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The minister explained to the NGOs WG that a new site will be set up in Stilida in Central Greece: with geographic restriction to be applied. - He also informed that the Army to depart humanitarian response with cessation of ECHO funds. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Minister also explained the project for 5000 accommodation capacity for integration (for recognized refugees) to be created through ESTIA accommodation and an accompanying package of integration support, for a rolling program of six months for each 'batch' of participants. 	
<p>3.3. Update on the protection situation in the islands and mainland</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There are currently 2700 asylum seekers in the islands awaiting transfer with geographic restriction lifted (awaiting absorption capacity on the mainland). - PHILOS II is currently been developed, though unlikely to be ready for launch in August when current KEELPNO funding finishes. - Trend of arrivals through Evros who go to the islands for registration /to gain official status etc are at risk of being re-admitted to Turkey, as they are regarded as island arrivals. <p>- Mainland update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNHCR is coordinating with SMS actors (DRC and IOM) a matrix examining security and protection situation/gaps in the mainland sites to advocate for improved security and protection in sites, to be addressed by MoMP. - IOM running 12 hotels for 500 UAC. No-cost extension of the project until Sept (to be confirmed) but hopefully the project can be extended to the end of 2018. Program includes education and non-formal education activities. IOM colleague to brief the next PWG to discuss solutions to any possible gaps. - Current unseasonal rainy weather negative for those residing in tents and rub halls, such as Malakasa site. Oinofyta residents being transferred to ESTIA urban accommodation scheme. Some PoC to remain in Oinofyta site. Elefsina site: tension and evacuations regularly, MoMP responsive in such situations but difficult to resolve PoC concerns. - Emerging gaps in many sites: legal actors, GBV response, health and PSS due to limited KEELPNO capacity. - Referrals to accommodation: new referral process using a Directorate for the Protection of Asylum Seekers "DPAS" email address for referrals, only relevant for asylum seekers however and not yet well linked into the broader system of allocating accommodation places in the mainland. - MoMP recently increased responsiveness to registering PoC who were not registered in sites: either spontaneous arrivals or those who had lived in sites longer term without official site residency registration. More robust system needed to cross-check registration in other sites, ESTIA and islands. - There are several questions related to KEELPNO role as SGBV actor. There is a lack of clarity between local (site-level) messaging around the role of KEELPNO to cover SGBV services, in contrast to what has been 	<p>Once the matrix on security and protection services per site is updated will be disseminated</p>

	presented at national level. Under current frameworks and mandate, KEELPNO officially only covers medical care. Under PHILOS II there may be an extended role to undertaking SGBV services, though capacity will be a challenge.	
4. Presentation of the GCR – UNDP research project (GCR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – UNDP-GCR study / seeking referrals for research subjects (welcomed from protection partners): who have reached a European country as irregular migrants from any African country and been there six months. Focus is on integration capacity and experiences. 	Information on the project will be disseminated on the PWG minutes
5 Progress on the Participatory assessment and referral pathways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 210 FGDs findings being finalized and analysis being undertaken currently. Dashboards and findings to be shared with protection actors. Important insights so far: lack of hotlines, complaints, communication and feedback mechanisms in sites. – Referral pathways: templates are agreed, UINHCR, IOM and DRC working at site level to update them, the referral pathways are updated in the online map. http://unhcr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=01426cb7277049c7828cd202be9e4568 	<p>PA dashboards/ report will be shared once completed.</p> <p>Protection Monitoring dashboard to be shared end of july.</p>
6 AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – GCR: Handover gaps in locations where GCR funding is ending: 157 cases to be handed over in several Attica sites, facing challenges to find actors to take on these cases including for UAC (or alternative funding sources to continue covering these cases) – UNICEF introduces two new interventions: – Child Protection in EVROS, implemented by ARSIS, a mobile team will conduct CP monitoring in EVROS RIC, PRC and Police Stations and support in the RIC with some activities and services for children. – UAC temporary accommodation: UNICEF will provide technical support to IOM on CP for these hotels. – Spanish Red Cross explains the increasing number of cases of UAC and persons with specific needs homeless in Athens, and request a more efficient referral pathways for urban areas. 	