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Greek Forum of Refugees

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31/03/2018: GFR General Assembly

During the annual General Assembly meeting, all the members of GFR were informed about what has been achieved in the last year and they have been updated about the financial status of the organization, about future plans, projects and activities and about the recent modifications in the structure and organization of the office. During the meeting, the strategic plan, which was prepared by the members of the board together with the

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Match Appointments

MATCH social inclusion opportunities is a 2-year project that aims at fostering the participation of asylum seekers, refugees and local young people in sport activities and to create a constructive dialogue between different social groups. On Thursday the 19th of April at 10 am took

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presented. The member communities of the Forum acknowledged all the progress made by GFR during this last year and reaffirmed their will in continuing their cooperation and work relation with the Greek Forum of Refugees.



Participation to the 4th Meeting of The European Migration Forum

GFR' president Y. Mohammadi participated to the 4th Meeting of the European Migration Forum, which took place in Brussels on the 6th and 7th of March presenting and giving visibility to initiatives like the [Job Shadowing](#) and [HARTS](#). The main objective of the European Migration Forum was to enable exchanges between the participants to discuss the challenges and gather the good practices when it comes to facilitating migrants – including

team. The next step will be the creation of a female team! Keep following Match on [Facebook](#).



March Against EU-Turkey Deal

On the 17th of March GFR took part in the March against the EU-Turkey deal, joining the Pan-european initiative that brought together people of all ages, nationalities and cultures in the name of solidarity and respect of human dignity and human rights. [Read more.](#)



Conference: "Afghanistan, a Safe Country?"

The Community of Afghan Migrants and Refugees in Greece in collaboration with the Greek Forum of

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EPIM Conference in Brussels

On the 5th and 6th of March 2018, GFR took part in the conference by the title of "Telling Europe's migration stories - Framing messages around solutions" organised by EPIM (European Programme for Integration and Migration) and SCI (The Social Change Initiative). One of the major goals of the conference was to emphasise the need for human rights communication which focuses on hope and opportunities connected to proposed solutions. Participants coming from all over Europe took part in the conference, discussing how to give a meaningful voice to migrants and how to make democracy more inclusive, moving away from the "BFM syndrome" (focusing on Boats, Food and Music) and questioning current power structures.

16/04/2018 Meeting with Dimitris Vitsas,

Municipality of Athens and the Greek Forum of Refugees has organized a conference with the title of "Afghanistan: a safe country?" which took place at the Melina Cultural Center, on the 15th of March. [Read More.](#)



Job Shadowing Activities

The Job shadowing initiative, training directed to the representatives of the refugee communities which are members of GFR, is continuing successfully. On Tuesday the 3rd of April the participants gathered in GFR office to present their own projects, developed during the Job shadowing project's workshops and trainings. The initiative will resume starting from the 1st of May.



Conference: Two

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Migration Policies

The President of GFR met with the new Ministry of Migration Policies, Dimitris Vitsas, on the 16th of April. During this visit, the Minister has received a document, prepared by GFR' staff together with the members of the communities, in which are clearly stated and presented the demands and views of asylum seekers and refugees in Greece.



Fascist Attack to the Afghan Community

On Thursday the 22nd of March the office of the Afghan Community located at the 5th floor of a building in Halkokondyli, was attacked. The fascist organization that goes by the name of Krypteia has undertaken responsibility of the attack through a phone call to "ETHNOS" newspaper. [Read More](#)

Humanitarian Tragedy for Refugees and Asylum Seekers

On the 20th of March, in the occasion of the second anniversary of the EU-Turkey deal GFR' President Y. Muhammadi intervened in the conference by the title of "Two years after the EU-Turkey Deal: a humanitarian tragedy for refugees and asylum seekers", which was hosted at the Journalists' Union of Athens Daily Newspapers, shedding the light on the inhuman conditions that asylum seekers and refugees experience on the Greek islands .

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