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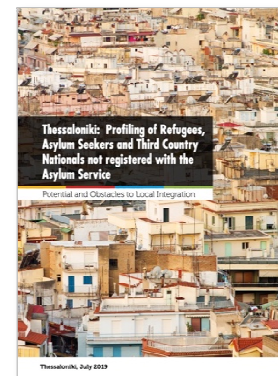
## INVITATION

# LAUNCH OF THE PROFILING STUDY ON REFUGEES, ASYLUM SEEKERS AND THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS NOT REGISTERED WITH THE ASYLUM SERVICE

9:30 am – 13:00 pm | 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019 | Water Room, Municipality of Thessaloniki

**The Municipality of Thessaloniki is delighted to invite you to the launch of the report: “Thessaloniki: Profiling of Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Third Country Nationals not registered with the Asylum Service – Potential and Obstacles to Local Integration.”**

The Municipality of Thessaloniki is pleased to share the key findings from the profiling study and discuss, during a workshop following the presentation of the study, how this evidence base can inform response. Conducted by the Municipality together with the broader humanitarian community, the profiling study explores key obstacles that refugees and asylum seekers face in their path towards greater economic and socio-cultural integration in Thessaloniki. It furthermore analyses key challenges that third country nationals not registered with the Asylum Service in Thessaloniki face linked to the lack of a regularized status.



The study was initiated in 2017 and resulted from a truly collaborative effort led by a Profiling Advisory Group comprised of the Municipality of Thessaloniki, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), the Alkyone Refugee Day Care Centre, the Arsis Association for the Social Support of Youth, Solidarity Now, the Danish Refugee Council (DRC), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the voluntary association OMNES, the civil society network Help Refugees, INTERSOS, Filoxenia and the Hellenic Red Cross. The Joint IDP Profiling Service provided technical support throughout the exercise.

## AGENDA

### 1. LAUNCH OF REPORT

- 09:30            Opening remarks and keynote
- Charis Aidonopoulos, Deputy Mayor of Thessaloniki
  - Luca Curci, Head of UNHCR's Sub-office, Thessaloniki
- 10:00            The profiling study: presentation of key results (JIPS), followed by a Q&A



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11:00 Closing & coffee break

## 2. WORKSHOP ON PROFILING RESULTS

11:00 Workshop introductions (UNHCR)

11:15 Group work to review results and recommendations

12:00 *Coffee break*

12:15 Group work conclusions in plenary (facilitated by JIPS & UNHCR)

13:00 Workshop conclusion (Thessaloniki Municipality)