

**Technical support on the deinstitutionalisation process in Greece**  
**Grant Agreement: SRSS/S2019/02**

**Strategic review of the Greek social care system.**

**Legislative frameworks related to social care and support for  
children and adults with support needs**

**Deliverable 1 (as per the Workplan) under Component 1, Output 1.1**

**Activity 1.1.1 “Support the completion of the national DI strategy,  
roadmap and action plan”**

## Contents

1. INTRODUCTION .....	3	
2. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS .....	4	Page   2
2. NATIONAL LEGISLATION ON SOCIAL CARE.....	4	
2.1 SOCIAL CARE GENERAL.....	4	
2.2 EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRES AND NURSERY SCHOOLS.....	5	
2.3 CREATIVE ACTIVITIES CENTRES FOR CHILDREN.....	6	
2.4 SUMMER CAMPS.....	6	
2.5 FOSTER CARE - ADOPTION .....	7	
2.6 INCOME SUPPORT PROGRAMMES — BENEFITS.....	7	
2.7 FREE MOVEMENT OF MEMBERS OF LARGE FAMILIES.....	8	
2.8 SCHOOLS MEALS.....	9	
2.9 GUARDIANSHIP OF UNACCOMPANIED MINORS.....	9	
2.10 NATIONAL REGISTER OF PRIVATE SOCIAL CARE ORGANISATIONS .....	10	
2.11 HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMMES .....	10	
3. NATIONAL LEGISLATION ELDERLY AND LONGTERM PATIENTS.....	10	
3.1 DAY CARE CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY.....	10	
3.2. NON-PROFIT ELDERLY CARE CENTRES.....	11	
3.3. HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR THE ELDERLY .....	11	
3.4 SOCIAL SOLIDARITY BENEFIT FOR THE UNINSURED ELDERLY .....	11	
3.5 HELP AT HOME PROGRAM .....	12	
4 NATIONAL LEGISLATION — PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES .....	12	
4.1 GENERAL.....	12	
4.2 SUPPORTED LIVING SHELTERS.....	14	
4.3 INCOME SUPPORT PROGRAMMES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES - BENEFITS.....	15	
4.4 DEINSTITUTIONALISATION .....	16	

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Deinstitutionalisation is a multifaceted process, which requires the coordination of a series of actions. It does not only refer to the closure of institutions and the relocation of residents in the community but also touches on a number of other areas related to primary care and the network of provisions and services available to support persons with support needs. Page | 3

One of the first key steps in the process is to thoroughly analyze the system and evaluate the current state of play in order to identify genuine strengths and needs and make good use of available resources. In this context, a review of the current legislative framework underpinning social care provisions for children, children with disabilities, adults with disabilities and elderly, is of great importance. The legal framework can either support social inclusion and the deinstitutionalisation process or hinder its implementation due to legislative gaps or the existence of provisions that promote social stigma and segregation.

This document attempts to gather the legislative provisions at international and national level that are currently in force in Greece and are directly or indirectly related to deinstitutionalisation and thus be used as an important support tool throughout the process.

## 2. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

- **Decree-Law 53/1974 (Greek Government Gazette A 256)** *"On the ratification of the Convention for the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms signed in Rome on the 4th of November 1950, as well as the additional protocol signed in Paris on the 20th of March 1952, - (A 256). European Convention on Human Rights.*
- **Law 2102/1992 (Greek Government Gazette A 192)** *"Ratification of the International Convention on the Rights of the Child."* The International Convention on the Rights of the Child regulates the obligations of states to protect and promote the rights of the child. Ratified by Greece under Law 2102/1992.
- **Law 4074/2012 (Greek Government Gazette A 88)** *"Ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities"*. The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its accompanying Optional Protocol was ratified by the Greek State in 2012.
- **Law 4488/2017 (Greek Government Gazette A 137)** *"On pension arrangements and other insurance provisions, reinforcement of the protection of workers, rights of persons with disabilities and other provisions"*, the provisions of which particularise and support the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its accompanying Optional Protocol.

## 2. NATIONAL LEGISLATION ON SOCIAL CARE

### 2.1 SOCIAL CARE GENERAL

- **Law 2646/1998 (Greek Government Gazette A 236)** *"Development of the National Social Care System and other provisions"*.
- **Article 14 of Law 3106/2003 (Greek Government Gazette A 30)** *"Reorganisation of the National Social Care System and other provisions"*
- **Law 3094/2003 (Greek Government Gazette A 10)** *"Greek Ombudsman and other provisions"*

- **Law 3961/2011 (Greek Government Gazette A 97)** "*Amending Law 3126/2003 on the criminal liability of ministers and other provisions*". It concerns the observance of the National Register of Child Protection.
- **Article 9 of Law 4109/2013 (Greek Government Gazette A 16)** "*On the abolition and merger of legal entities of the State and the wider public sector; setting up a General Secretariat for the coordination of government business and other provisions*". Existing Social Care Units established under Law 3106/2003 (A 30) shall be integrated as decentralised services (branches) into twelve (12) new Public Law Bodies governed by public law (Social Welfare Centres), established under Article 9 of Law 4109/2013 (Greek Government Gazette, A 16).
- **Law 4445/2016 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 236)** "*National Mechanism for the Coordination, Monitoring and Evaluation of Social Integration and Social Cohesion Policies, arrangements for social solidarity and implementing provisions of Law 4387/2016 (Greek Government Gazette A 85)*".
- **Law 4455/2017 (Greek Government Gazette A 22):** "*National Register of Cargo Workers, National Register of Private Social Care Bodies and other provisions*". Article 7 stipulates the placement of non-profit organisations, such as charities, non-profit foundations, non-profit civil societies, NGOs, NGOs recognised by special legislation, branches of international NGOs, which provide social care services within the meaning of the Law, under the supervision and control of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs.

## 2.2 EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRES AND NURSERY SCHOOLS

- **Presidential Decree 410/1995 (Greek Government Gazette A 231)** "*On the codification into a single Law, entitled "Municipal and Community Code", of the provisions of the municipal and communal code, as amended and supplemented.*"
- **Presidential Decree 99/2017 (Greek Government Gazette A 141)** "*Defining conditions for licensing and operation of early childhood centres and nurseries that operate within the legal entities of the municipalities or the service of the municipalities*".
- **Article 4 of Law 4472/2017 (Greek Government Gazette A 74)** The Ministry of Labour, Social Security and Social Solidarity coordinates, supervises and extends a nationwide scheme under the heading "*Early Childhood Care Program*".

- **Article 51 of Law 4520/2018 (Greek Government Gazette A 30)** On the establishment of up to two (2) new departments for infant care and childcare in each municipality.

### 2.3 CREATIVE ACTIVITIES CENTRES FOR CHILDREN

- **Ministerial Decision P1b/G.P.oik. 14951/2001 (Greek Government Gazette, B 1397)** *"Conditions for the establishment and operation of Centres for Creative Activities of children (KDAP), by Municipal Companies referred to Article 277 of the Municipal and Community Code, Intercommunal Businesses, Associations of Municipal Enterprises and non-profit bodies governed by private law"*.
- **Law 4018/2011 (Greek Government Gazette A 215)** *"Reorganization of the licensing system for the stay of foreigners in the country under conditions of increased security, regulation of issues of Local Government Organizations and Other provisions within the competence of the Ministry of Interior"*.
- **Article 59 of Law 4554/2018 (GG I 130)** *"Insurance and pension arrangements - Tackling undeclared employment - Strengthening the protection of employees - Guardianship of unaccompanied minors and other provisions"*. It concerns the possibility of establishing Creative Activities Centres and Creative Activity Centres for persons with disabilities by public entities and by Municipalities.

### 2.4 SUMMER CAMPS

- **Presidential Decree 749/1948 (Greek Government Gazette A 200)** *"On holiday and nutrition programs for children"* as amended by Law 1727/1951 (Greek Government Gazette, A 101)".
- **Royal Decree 24-6-1949 (Greek Government Gazette A 144)** *"On the organisation and operation of children's holidays"*.
- **Article 50 of Law 1832/1989 (Government Gazette A 54)** *"Amending and supplementing the legislation on local government, decentralisation and other provisions"*.
- **Ministerial Decision D22/OIK 37641/1450/2016 (Greek Government Gazette B 2712)** *"On the definition of the terms and conditions of operation of camping sites with own resources,*

*whether by payment or without payment by legal entities or by public services or organisations”.*

- **Law 4520/2018 (Greek Government Gazette A 30, Article 57 (p.2)** *"Development of the Agricultural Insurance Organization into Welfare Benefits and Social Solidarity Organization (OPECA) and other provisions».* It concerns the financing of Local Government Organizations and legal entities to cover the costs of organization, operation and maintenance of camps".

## 2.5 FOSTER CARE - ADOPTION

- **Law 2447/1996 (Greek Government Gazette A 278)** *" Ratification of the draft law "Adoption, guardianship and foster care of minors, judicial custody and associated substantive procedural and transitional provisions".*
- **Article 28 of Law 2721/1999 (Greek Government Gazette A 112)** *"Amendment and replacement of provisions of Laws No 1756/1988 (Greek Government Gazette, A 35), Law 1729/1987 (Greek Government Gazette A 144), of the Criminal Code, the Code of Civil Procedures and other provisions".*
- **Law 4538/2018 (Greek Government Gazette A 85)** *"Measures for the Promotion of Foster Care and Adoption and other provisions"* and relevant amendment 2042, 18/3/2019.
- **Ministerial Decision D11 oik.49075/2067/2018 (Greek Government Gazette, B 4489)** *"Educational and training programs for foster parents and ongoing training programs for foster parents".*
- **Ministerial Decision 31971/G1.11188/2018 (ΑΔΑ: ΩΠΑΓ3465Θ1Ω-2ΨΝ)** *"Appointment of the President and members of the National Council of Foster Care and Adoption".*

## 2.6 INCOME SUPPORT PROGRAMMES — BENEFITS

- **Law 1302/1982 (Greek Government Gazette A 133)** *"On the ratification of International Labour Convention No 103/1952 on the protection of maternity".*
- **Joint Ministerial Decision P3a/F.18/G.P.oik.63731/2008 (Greek Government Gazette 'B 931)** *"Increase in Welfare benefits for Persons with Disabilities for the years 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011".*

- **Law 4389/2016 (Greek Government Gazette A 94)** "*Urgent provisions for the implementation of the agreement on budgetary objectives and structural reforms and other provisions*". Article 235 gradually implements the Program entitled "*Social Solidarity Income*". The program was amended by article 22 of Law 4549/2018 (A 105).
- **Law 4472/2017 (Greek Government Gazette A 74) article 3** "*Public pensions provisions and amendment of the provisions of Law 4387/2016, measures for the implementation of the budgetary targets and reforms, social support measures and working arrangements, the 2018-2021 Medium-Term Fiscal Strategy Framework and other provisions*" relating to the provision of housing support to households living on rented accommodation and are economically vulnerable.
- **Article 6 of Law 4472/2017 (Greek Government Gazette A 74)** "*Pension provisions of the State and amending provisions of Law 4387/2016, measures for the implementation of the budgetary targets and reforms, social support measures and working arrangements, the Medium-Term Fiscal Strategy Framework 2018-2021 and other provisions*". They concern the grant of child benefits.
- **Article 214, Law 4512/2018 (Greek Government Gazette A 5)** "*Arrangements for implementing the structural reforms of the Economic Adjustment Program and other provisions*". They concern the grant of child benefits.
- **Paragraph 1.a of article 4 of Law 4520/2018 (Greek Government Gazette A 30)** "*Development of the Agricultural Insurance Organization into the Welfare Benefits and Social Solidarity Organization (OPECA) and other provisions*".
- **Joint Ministerial Decision G22/11/2705/58/17.1.2018 (Greek Government Gazette B 57)** "*Determining the procedure for granting child benefit*".

## 2.7 FREE MOVEMENT OF MEMBERS OF LARGE FAMILIES

- **Law 1910/1944 (Greek Government Gazette A 229)** "*Codification and supplementing of the legislation concerning the protection of large families*".
- **Law 3534/2007 (Greek Government Gazette A 40)** "*Establishing an Authority for the allocation of time slots at Greek airports and other provisions*".





- **Law 3920/2011 (Greek Government Gazette A 33)** *“Consolidation, restructuring and development of urban transport of the Region of Attica and other provisions”*.
- **N.4313/2014 (Greek Government Gazette A 261)** *“Regulations on Transport, Telecommunications and Public Works and other provisions”*.

## 2.8 SCHOOLS MEALS

- **Law 4455/2017 (Greek Government Gazette A 22) Article 12** *“National Register of Cargo Workers, National Register of Private Social Care Bodies and other provision”*. Contains provisions for school meals for primary school students”.
- **Law 4472/2017 (Greek Government Gazette A 74) Article 5** *“Public pensions provisions and amendment of the provisions of Law 4387/2016, measures for the implementation of the budgetary targets and reforms, social support measures and working arrangements, the 2018-2021 Medium-Term Fiscal Strategy Framework and other provisions”*.
- **Law 4578/2018 (Greek Government Gazette A 200) Article 41** *“Reduction of social security contributions and other provisions”* on the extension of the program to evening secondary schools”.

## 2.9 GUARDIANSHIP OF UNACCOMPANIED MINORS

- **Law 4554/2018 (Greek Government Gazette A 130)** *“Insurance and pension arrangements — Tackling undeclared work — Strengthening the protection of workers — Guardianship of unaccompanied minors and other provisions”*.
- **Ministerial Decision D11/oik.28303/1153/2019 (Greek Government Gazette B 2558)** *“Determining the formal and substantive qualifications required for the selection of a person as a professional guardian, the obstacles, number of unaccompanied minors per professional guardian, the technical details of their training, continuous training, and regular evaluation, type, terms, content of contract, remuneration and any other necessary details”*.

## 2.10 NATIONAL REGISTER OF PRIVATE SOCIAL CARE ORGANISATIONS

- **Ministerial Decision 16765/9/2017 (Greek Government Gazette B 1839)** *“Determining technical and operational requirements for the National Register of Private Social Care Bodies, the conditions and procedures for the online registration of private non for profit entities, information on the register, the notice procedure by the competent services, organisational and technical questions of confidentiality and security policy of the processing of data and any other matter related to the implementation of Article 7 of Law 4455/2017 (Greek Government Gazette A 22)”*.

## 2.11 HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMMES

- **Ministerial Decision G3/oik.2615/22.05.1985 (Greek Government Gazette B 329)** *“Approval of a program for the provision of housing assistance to uninsured and economically weak residents aged 65 years or more that are proven to be deprived of a house”*.
- **Ministerial Decision G3/oik. 2435/1987 (Greek Government Gazette, Series B 435)** *“Extension of the housing assistance program to uninsured couples”*.
- **Joint Ministerial Decision P3a/F.18/G.P.oik.63731/2008 (Greek Government Gazette B 931)** *“Increase of Social welfare benefits granted to persons with disabilities for the years 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011”*.

## 3. NATIONAL LEGISLATION ELDERLY AND LONGTERM PATIENTS

### 3.1 DAY CARE CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY

- **Ministerial Decision P1B/G.P.oik.14951/2001 (Greek Government Gazette 'B 1397)** *“Conditions for the establishment and operation of Centres for Day Care of the elderly by Municipal Companies referred in Article 277 of the Municipal and Community Code. Municipal Business, Associations of Municipal Enterprises and non-profit bodies governed by private law”*.
- **Joint Ministerial Decision 18011/oik.31414/2011 (Government Gazette 'B 1231)** *“Amending Joint Ministerial Decision No 0.18975/oik.3.3113/21.10.2010 (Greek Government Gazette 'B 1683) “Management, Evaluation, Monitoring and Control System - Action Application Process”*

(a) 'Measures to support the elderly and other persons in need of assistance to enhance the employability of indirect beneficiaries' and (b) 'Measures to promote social cohesion and improve the quality of life for the elderly and people in need of help', in the context of the National Strategic Reference Framework for the 2007-2013 programming period.

### 3.2. NON-PROFIT ELDERLY CARE CENTRES

- **Ministerial Decision P4B/oik. 4690/1996 (Greek Government Gazette B 833)** "*Conditions for the establishment and operation of non-profit elderly care centres*".
- **Ministerial Decision P1G/oik. 129673/2009 (B 2190)** "*Amending and supplementing Ministerial Decision Π1Γ/οικ.81551/2007 (Government Gazette B 1136) on conditions for the establishment and operation of elderly care centres established by private for profit and non-profit organisation*".
- **Ministerial Decision D27/oik.7603/329/2013 (Greek Government Gazette B 745)** "*Amending Ministerial Decision 81551/25 – 6 – 2007 (Greek Government Gazette, B 1136 "Determining the conditions for the establishment and operation of the elderly care centres by private for profit companies or non for profit elderly care organisations*".

### 3.3. HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR THE ELDERLY

- **Ministerial Decision G3/oik.2615/22.05.1985 (Greek Government Gazette (B 329)** "*Approval for the implementation of the Housing Assistance program for uninsured and economically weak residents aged 65 years or more that are proven to be deprived of a house*".

### 3.4 SOCIAL SOLIDARITY BENEFIT FOR THE UNINSURED ELDERLY

- **Ministerial Decision 10034/24237/655/2016 (Greek Government Gazette B 2401)** "*Defining the supporting documents and other necessary details for the payment of the Social Solidarity Benefit for the Elderly*".

### 3.5 HELP AT HOME PROGRAM

- **Article 2 of Law 4041/2012 (Greek Government Gazette A 31)** "Ratification of the Legislative Act on emergency measures to implement the 2012-2015 Medium-Term Fiscal Strategy Framework and the 2011 State Budget' and the Legislative Act on urgent matters relating to the implementation of Law 4024/2011 on pensions, a single salary scale - labour reserve and other provisions for implementing the 2012-2015 medium-term fiscal strategy framework and of the Ministry of Administrative Reform and e-Governance, the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change and the Ministry of Education, Lifelong Learning and Religious Affairs on the implementation of the 2012-2015 medium-term fiscal framework, and other provisions, as extended by **127 Law 4199/2013 (Greek Government Gazette A 216)**, as extended by article 64 of Law No 4277/2014 (Greek Government Gazette A 156).
- A new extension of program **Article 49 of Law 4351/2015 (Greek Government Gazette A 164)**, "Pastures in Greece and other provisions", as extended by Article **69 of Law 4430/2016 (A 205)** on Social and Solidarity Economy and Development of its bodies and other provisions, as renewed by Article **153 of Law 4483/2017 (Greek Government Gazette A 107)** on arrangements for the modernisation of the institutional framework for the organisation and operation of the Municipal Water Supply and Sewerage Companies (DEYAs) — arrangements relating to the organisation, operation, finance and staffing of local authorities — European Groups for Territorial Cooperation — Citizens' register and other provisions, as extended by article **91 of Law 4583/2018 (Greek Government Gazette A 212)**.
- New amendment to the Help at Home program No.1847/166 11.12.2018.

## 4 NATIONAL LEGISLATION — PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

### 4.1 GENERAL

- **Presidential Decree 395/1993 — Greek Government Gazette 166/A/28-9-1993** "Conditions and procedures for the establishment and operation of rehabilitation centres".
- **Law 2646/1998 (Greek Government Gazette A 236)** "Development of the National System of Social Care and other provisions".

- **Law 4025/2011 (Greek Government Gazette A 228)** *"Reorganisation of social solidarity organisations, centres for rehabilitation, restructuring of the Greek health system and other provisions"*.
- **Law 4331/2015 (Greek Government Gazette A 69)** *"Measures for the assistance of persons with disabilities, the simplification of the functioning of the Disability Certification Centres (KEPA), the fight against tax evasion and related insurance issues and other provisions"*.
- **Law 4445/2016 (Greek Government Gazette A 236)** *"National Mechanism for Coordination, Monitoring and Evaluation of Social Integration and Social Cohesion Policies, arrangements for social solidarity and implementing provisions of Law 4387/2016 (Greek Government Gazette A 85)"*.
- **Law 4483/2017 (Greek Government Gazette A 155)** *"Arrangements to modernise the institutional framework for the organisation and operation of Municipal Water Supply Company (DEYAs) — Provisions governing the organisation, operation, finance and staffing of local authorities — European groups of territorial cooperation — Citizens' register and other provisions."* Regions may undertake to transport persons with disabilities from their place of residence to the premises of certified centres of the national social care system.
- **Law 4488/2017 (Greek Government Gazette A 137)** *"On pension arrangements and other insurance provisions, reinforcement of the protection of workers, rights of persons with disabilities and other provisions"*. Articles 60-76 of the Law introduced a series of reforms aimed at promoting the equal treatment of people with disabilities through the specialisation and support of the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities *and the accompanying Optional Protocol*.
- **Law 4512/2018 (Greek Government Gazette A 5)** *"Arrangements for implementing the structural reforms of the Financial Adjustment Programme and other provisions and information system for the management and award of benefits"*.
- **Law 4549/2018 (Greek Government Gazette A 105)** *"Completion of the Agreement on Fiscal Targets and Structural Reforms — Medium-Term Fiscal Strategy Framework 2019-2022 and other provisions"*. It refers to the implementation of the Pilot Disability Program.
- **Law 4554/2018 (Greek Government Gazette A 130), Article 60** *"Insurance and pension arrangements - Tackling undeclared employment - Strengthening the protection of employees"*

— *Guardianship of unaccompanied minors and other provisions*". Provides the possibility to Public Bodies to establish and operate Day Centres for Persons with Disabilities, supervised by the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs.

- **Law 4554/2018 (Greek Government Gazette A 130), Article 69** "*Insurance and pension arrangements - Tackling undeclared employment - Strengthening the protection of employees* — *Guardianship of unaccompanied minors and other provisions*" Provides special insurance provisions (Ergosimo) for support staff who provide services to persons with disabilities who participate in camp programs.
- **Ministerial Decision F. 80100/oik. 41847/2496/2018 (Greek Government Gazette B 3451)** "*Table of physical or mental or intellectual long-term disorders, which offer limited opportunities for employment exclusively for the purposes of Law v.2643/1998 (Greek Government Gazette A 220)*".

#### 4.2 SUPPORTED LIVING SHELTERS

- **Joint Ministerial Decision Γ4a/Φ.201/1791/1998 (Greek Government Gazette B 517)** "*Conditions for the establishment and operation of Supported living shelters for persons with Special needs and its amendment (Greek Government Gazette, B 579/1998).*"
- **Joint Ministerial Decision P3B/FGEN/G.P.oik.3394/2007 (Greek Government Gazette B 74)** "*Conditions for the establishment and operation of supported living shelters for persons with disabilities*".
- **Joint Ministerial Decision D29a/F.ΘΕΣΜ. /GP26275/1048/22-1-2014 (Government Gazette B 172).** "*Establishment of a specialized daily allowance for Supported living Shelters for persons with disabilities*".
- **Joint Ministerial Decision D12/GP.oik.62866/1832/2018 (Greek Government Gazette B 5582)** "*Conditions for the establishment and operation of supported living shelters for persons with disabilities*".
- **Joint Ministerial Decision D12/GP.oik. 13107/283 (Greek Government Gazette B 1160)** "*Conditions for the establishment and operation of supported living shelters for persons with disabilities*".

#### 4.3 INCOME SUPPORT PROGRAMMES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES - BENEFITS

- **law 1904/1951 (Greek Government Gazette A 212)** "*Protection and rehabilitation of blind persons*".
- **Law 1882/1990 (Greek Government Gazette A 43)** "*Measures to combat tax fraud, arrangements for direct and indirect taxation and other provisions*".
- **Law 2646/1998 (Greek Government Gazette A 236)** "*Development of the National System of Social Care and other provisions*".
- **Law 3106/2003 (Greek Government Gazette A 30)** "*Reorganisation of the National System of Social Care and other provisions*".
- **Law 3627/2007 (Greek Government Gazette A 292)** "*Ratification of a) Donation Agreement of the Association" ELPIDA - Association of Friends of Children with Cancer "in favor of the Greek State and the "Children's Hospital - Agia Sophia", b) Agreement between the Association "Hellenic Red Cross" and the Ministry of Health and Social Solidarity and other provisions*".
- **Joint Ministerial Decision 2/90703/0026/2009 (Greek Government Gazette, B 2448) Article 4**, by which the welfare blindness benefit is considered as a provision of social or welfare character for the application of the provisions of par. 2 of article 1 of law 3808/2009 (Law 1904/51, Law 958/79 and Joint Ministerial Decision 1480/81).
- **Law 4440/2016 (Greek Government Gazette, A 224)** "*Unified Mobility System in the Civil Service and Local Government, obligations of persons appointed to posts under Articles 6 and 8 of Law 4369/2016, incompatibilities and preventing conflicts of interest and other provisions.*" 15% of the permanent jobs announced by ASEP (Central Staff Recruitment Board) in the Greek State are covered by graduates persons with disabilities and their families.
- **Law 4488/2017 (Greek Government Gazette A 137)**. Provides that persons with mental or intellectual disability with a Disability rate of 50% or more who are employed in Public and Private Sector Enterprises for a certain period of time do not lose their Disability Benefit.
- **Joint Ministerial Decision No 80000/45219/1864/2017 (Greek Government Gazette, B 4591)** "*Unified table of Disability assessment in accordance with the World Health Organisation's ICD*".
- **Law 4549/2018 (Greek Government Gazette, A 105), Article 17** "*Provisions for the completion of the Agreement on Fiscal Targets and Structural Reforms — Medium-Term Fiscal Strategy Framework 2019-2022 and other provisions*". It provides for the gradual expansion throughout

the country of the administrative electronic procedure for the provision of welfare benefits in cash to people with disabilities who apply for the first time for these benefits from the Welfare Benefits and Social Solidarity Organization (OPEKA).

- **Law 4554/2018 (Greek Government Gazette, A 130)** It concerns the expansion of non-institutional benefit in New Diseases that cause paraplegia.
- **Law 4512/2018 (Greek Government Gazette A 5/17-01-2018 & A 8/23-01-2018)** "*Arrangements for implementing the structural reforms of the Financial Adjustment Program and other provisions*".
- **Law 4520/2018 (Greek Government Gazette, A 30/22-02-2018 & A 83/10-05-2018)** "*Development of the Agricultural Insurance Organisation in the Organisation of Welfare Benefits and Social Solidarity (OPEKA) and other provisions*".

#### 4.4 DEINSTITUTIONALISATION

**Law 4506/2017 (Greek Government Gazette A 191):** Article 11 of the present law stipulates that it can be assigned to the Social Welfare Centers (KKP), the National Center for Social Solidarity (EKKA), the Center for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind (KEAT) and the National Foundation for the Deaf (EIK) to organize and operate deinstitutionalization services financed by the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs.

- **Joint Ministerial Decision No 60135/1579/2017 (Greek Government Gazette, B 4590)** the purpose of which is to organise and operate deinstitutionalisation services, actions and programs for persons with disabilities who reside in the Lechaina residential Branch of the Social Welfare Centre of Western Greece and in the residential branches of the Social Welfare Centre of Attica.
- **Presidential Decree π.δ.134/2017 (Greek Government Gazette, A 168)** "*Organisation of the Ministry of Labour, Social Security and Social Solidarity*".
- **Joint Ministerial Decision D12/GPoik.66738/2150/2018 (Greek Government Gazette, B 5820)** on the part that is amending its previous Joint Ministerial Decision No 60135/1579/2017 (Greek Government Gazette, B 4590).



- **Law 4538/2018 (Greek Government Gazette, A 85/16-05-2018) "Measures to promote Foster Care and Adoption and other provisions".**