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MEDIATION BRIEFING

Reform of the certification system of Greek language knowledge through the intervention of the Ombudsman

The State responded positively to an intervention by the Ombudsman, which found that there were deficiencies in the examination procedure of foreign citizens wishing to get Greek language proficiency certification, so that they could have easier access to a specific type of residence permit ('long-term resident'), as well as a more favourable assessment in the naturalisation procedure. The State took the Authority's observations very seriously, by initially suspending the examinations and subsequently reforming the system of evaluation of "Greek proficiency" for naturalisation issues with the specific legislative provisions of Law 4604/2019.

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