## Twitter Thread by Nica Collective





## Greece ■■:

It is because of police violence, the illegal push-backs conducted by #EU member states and the notoriously bad living conditions in the #rfcamps, that we are obliged to inform everyone of Greece's newest attempt to compromise democratic values.

The limiting of #FreedomOfPress has already been thematized by journalists in the past. Here is a thread by @f\_grillmeier:

## https://t.co/yD4FYzO8QV

Yo, Media freedom and pluralism are pillars of a democracy (just saying). However, <u>#pressfreedom</u> is being severely challenged right now in <u>#EU</u>.

Just a few examples from <u>#Greece</u>. 20 Minutes ago in <u>#Athens</u> and a few days back on e.g. <u>#Lesvos</u> (short thread): https://t.co/LcFBE2G1hB

— Franziska Grillmeier (@f\_grillmeier) December 6, 2020

Greece now has initiated further steps to enforce the #blackboxing of the refugee crisis.

A confidentiality clause was announced banning anyone working within the camps from publicly discussing or publishing any information from inside the restricted area.

Thanks to <u>@veramagalik</u> for providing us a proper translation.

https://t.co/s4goplskHC

Translation of Article 8:

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Confidentiality

1. All personnel employed in the structure in any way, as well as those who may operate within it, including volunteers, must maintain the confidentiality of personal data, information and any other material that is to be disclosed or received in any way to their knowledge in the

context of the performance of their duties or on the occasion of their performance. Employees must not disclose or disclose or directly or indirectly allow the disclosure or disclosure to any third party of the above data, information and material.

2. All information, data and personal data, which concerns or is related to a resident of the structure, is considered confidential, regardless of how it is characterised. In case of doubt about the classification of information, it should be considered confidential.

The confidentiality of any information is not affected by whether it came to the knowledge of the staff orally, in writing, electronically or in any other way, nor by the way in which it was subsequently disclosed or disclosed.

The staff of the Structure receives access to personal data, to the extent necessary for the performance of their duties.

- 3. In the context of the protection of the personal data of those remaining in the structure, as well as in the context of access to the information systems of the Ministry of the Interior, the personnel must:
- a. not to disclose, dispose, in any oral, document, electronic or other way or to make immediately or indirectly known to 3rd parties, in addition to the public authority if the disclosure is required by law, any confidential information (as above it has defined),
- b. not use directly or indirectly the confidential information for a purpose other than that specified in the object of the employment relationship,
- c. not to photocopy, make summaries, take notes, shorthand or in any other way, orally, document or electronically, transmit, encode, reproduce, embed, store, any of the confidential information except to the extent necessary for its execution of his work,
- d. to secure all the information entrusted to him by the Ministry of the Interior in any way, even if it was disclosed to him,
- e. to keep the confidential information in specific places or electronic storage media of the service, to which the Commander of the Structure can have access at any time,
- f. to deliver, destroy, delete any confidential information disclosed to him during and for the exercise created on the occasion or as a result of the contract, at the first request of the Commander of the Structure,
- g. not to inform or notify in any way to the persons referred to as prosecutors or serious harm against the applicant, including its consular authorities country of origin, information on the latter or his / her intention to apply for international protection.

It also does not seek information from such bodies that would jeopardize the physical integrity of the applicant for international protection and of persons dependent on him or her and of the freedom or security of his or her family members

who may still be residing in the country of origin or otherwise country,

h. regardless of the reason for the termination of his employment or his temporary secondment to another service, to return immediately to the Regional Service, without the need for harassment or other action by the service,

any correspondence, documents, memos, notes, files, reports, envelopes, specifications, the POL card and any other items that belong to the service and are in his possession or under his control, together with any copies of the above that he possesses.

4. The above-mentioned obligations are binding on all staff employed in any way, even after the termination of their employment for any reason, as well as on the staff of the

organizations and bodies referred to in Article 7 operating within the Structures, their partners, as well as those who provide their services voluntarily.

5. In case the personnel employed in the Structure in any way, as well as those who operate within it, including the volunteers during the performance of their duties, are informed about a criminal act ex officio prosecuted, they inform the Commander

(or the Deputy Commander) of the Structure, the who follows the prescribed procedure and in turn the competent Prosecutor, in accordance with Article 37 CCP. 6. In case of violation of any of the obligations, the foreseen legal consequences will occur.