



**Joint Statement for Mosaik Support Center,  
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Mosaik Support Center, a joint initiative between Borderline Lesvos and Lesvos Solidarity, operates on Lesvos island since the implementation of the EU-Turkey Deal in 2016. Meeting the needs of thousands of people enclaved in Lesvos island after the Deal, Mosaik was the outcome of the efforts to create a safe space supporting refugees' integration as well as their interaction in the local community. For the last three years, Mosaik has been providing language classes, computer and artistic courses, skills learning and development seminars and various creative and vocational workshops. It also hosts all kinds of events and activities supported by other groups and initiatives, and provides information and legal support to the refugees. Mosaik has managed to become an important center of educational, cultural, social and political activity as well as a place of creativity in Mytilene. Today, Mosaik is an internationally recognized example for the support and integration of the refugees.

Except for the two founding organizations, there are a great number of institutions, organizations, groups and individuals who supported Mosaik in various ways. An Annual Report for 2018 will be published soon, offering detailed information about Mosaik's actions the last year.

Donations were the main financial source, which allowed Mosaik's operation. 2018 has been a particularly difficult year, in which we faced a significant reduction of the donations towards initiatives supporting the refugees. Under this pressure Borderline Lesvos and Lesvos Solidarity had recently met in order to discuss the next steps for Mosaik. Although both organizations had put all their efforts for their collaboration to go forward, a number of differences they had regarding Mosaik's operation led them to decide in leaving the day-to-day operation to Lesvos Solidarity alone. Thanks to the well-established and ongoing good collaboration and relationship between Lesvos Solidarity and Borderline Lesvos, the latter will continue supporting Mosaik when and if it's possible.



Mosaik is now in a transition period supported by both organizations and we hope that, with your valuable support, MOSAİK will adapt itself to the new demanding environment.

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