



Arrivals/Departure: On 18 January, the number of arrivals to the Greek islands remained low due to difficult sea conditions. Since the end of December 2015, an increasing number of refugees and migrants are reportedly returned from Germany to Austria.

Bottlenecks: On 18 January, at border crossings along the refugee and migrant travel route, 474 people were returned or denied access to onward movement primarily reported between Greece and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia and Croatia.

Condition of People: British charity Save the Children warned that refugee children are at grave risk

of hypothermia as they transit with their parents through Greece and the Balkans in temperatures as low as -20C. In Greece, at the border crossing with the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, several cases of unregistered persons who arrived through the land border with Turkey, as well as cases of false documents were noted. On the Island of Leros, volunteers reported substandard detention conditions at the police station, including lack of food; where many Moroccan and Algerian nationals continue to be detained, as their scheduled transfer to Athens did not take place as of 18 January. UNHCR is following up.

Deaths at Sea: None reported.



Critical Developments

In Greece, ferry operators announced plans to go on strike on Wednesday and Thursday, 20-21 January. If this action is carried out, refugees and migrants will not be able to travel to the mainland, remaining temporarily on the Islands of arrival.

In the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, authorities at the Tabanovce site near the border crossing with Serbia, informed UNHCR that they will no longer allow individuals without a registration document (issued by authorities at the Gevgelija entry point) to remain at the transit site. Additionally, authorities will no longer arrange transportation for returns. UNHCR is concerned that this practice will result in further smuggling.

In Austria, on 20 January, an additional 'Asylum Summit' between members of the Federal Government, all Provincial Governors, Heads of Association for Municipalities and Cities, as well as Federal Government's Refugee Coordinator will take place in Vienna. The aim is to develop measures to reduce the number of asylum-seekers and refugees coming to Austria.

Greek President Prokopis Pavlopoulos met with German Chancellor Angela Merkel; he stated his recognition of the good cooperation with partners and Frontex and excluded the possibility of a joint patrol undertaken by Greece and Turkish coast guards.

Response: In Serbia, given the weather-related health concerns, the Ministry of Health held a central coordination meeting in Belgrade with representatives of the public health sector, UN agencies and NGOs providing medical assistance. The health conditions of refugees and migrants, and activities carried in response to these issues were discussed.

Weather Headlines

- Very cold across much of the region for the rest of the week.
- Heavy snow possible across central Greece tonight and into Wednesday.
- Strong northerly winds developing in the Aegean Sea this weekend.



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Media and Social Media

- Greece: Survivors of a boat that capsized off the coast of Greece on 18 January report that they were reassured of the dangers of the crossing by Turkish smugglers. Those who survived were rescued and are currently on the island of Samos. The driver of the boat was arrested by Greek police.
- Syria: In the past few days, both media and social media have covered the impact the refugee situation is having on the lives of Syrian children; those who managed to reach Europe have been sharing drawings of their lives back in Syria before having to flee the country (Al Jazeera, Twitter).



Average Daily Arrivals and Trends Greece

4 - 10 January
1,831
-23% from previous week



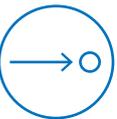
11 - 17 January
1,567
-14% from previous week



18 January
435
-72% from previous week



January (as of 18 Jan)
1,694
-49% from previous month

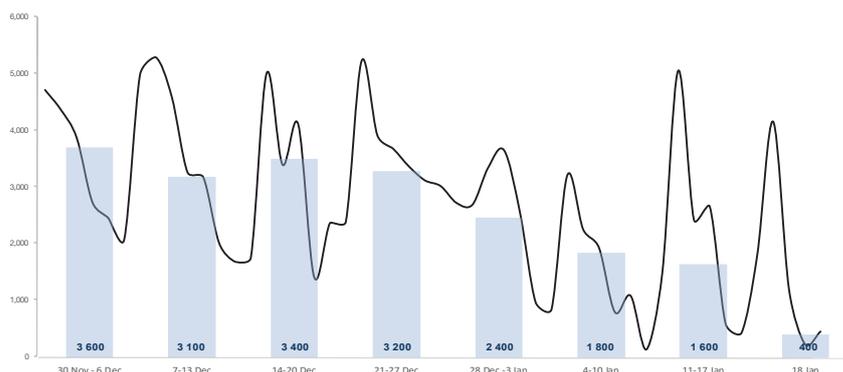


Estimated Arrivals per Country Yesterday



*The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
(please note that the fYRoM abbreviation is used only for design purposes)

Daily and Weekly Average Arrivals to Greece 30 November to 18 January





Weather conditions forecast for Greece and Countries of Onward Movements
Key locations crossed by refugees



Weather Assessment

- Temperatures are expected to remain below average across mainland SE Europe through the rest of the week. Temperatures will fall widely to between -5C and -10C overnight. Previous event analysis suggests an increase in people with specific needs presenting respiratory illnesses in the days after a fall in temperature.
- Snow is expected to affect the regions of Central Greece and Thessaly on Tuesday night and Wednesday with 5-10cm of snow falling away from the coastline. Heavy showers and some stronger winds are expected to also affect the southern Aegean Islands in particular on Wednesday and Thursday.
- Strong to gale force northerly winds are expected to develop on Friday and this weekend in the Aegean Sea and analysis of past events would suggest these conditions may affect the number of arrivals to the Greek Islands. However, these winds are not expected to be as strong as last weekend.

Source: UK Met Office, WMO and Local National Met Services



Annex 1

Key Figures from the Portal

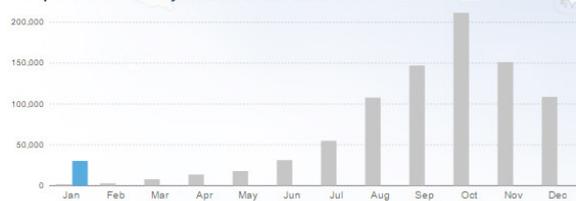
Increasing numbers of refugees and migrants take their chances aboard unseaworthy boats and dinghies in a desperate bid to reach Europe. The vast majority of those attempting this dangerous crossing are in need of international protection, fleeing war, violence and persecution in their country of origin. Every year these movements continue to exact a devastating toll on human life.

Top-10 nationalities of Mediterranean sea arrivals

Top-10 nationalities represent 100% of the sea arrivals based on arrivals since 1 Jan 2015



Comparison of monthly Mediterranean sea arrivals



30,308 arrivals by sea in 2016

856,723 arrivals by sea in 2015

91% of arrivals come from the world's top 10 refugee-producing countries



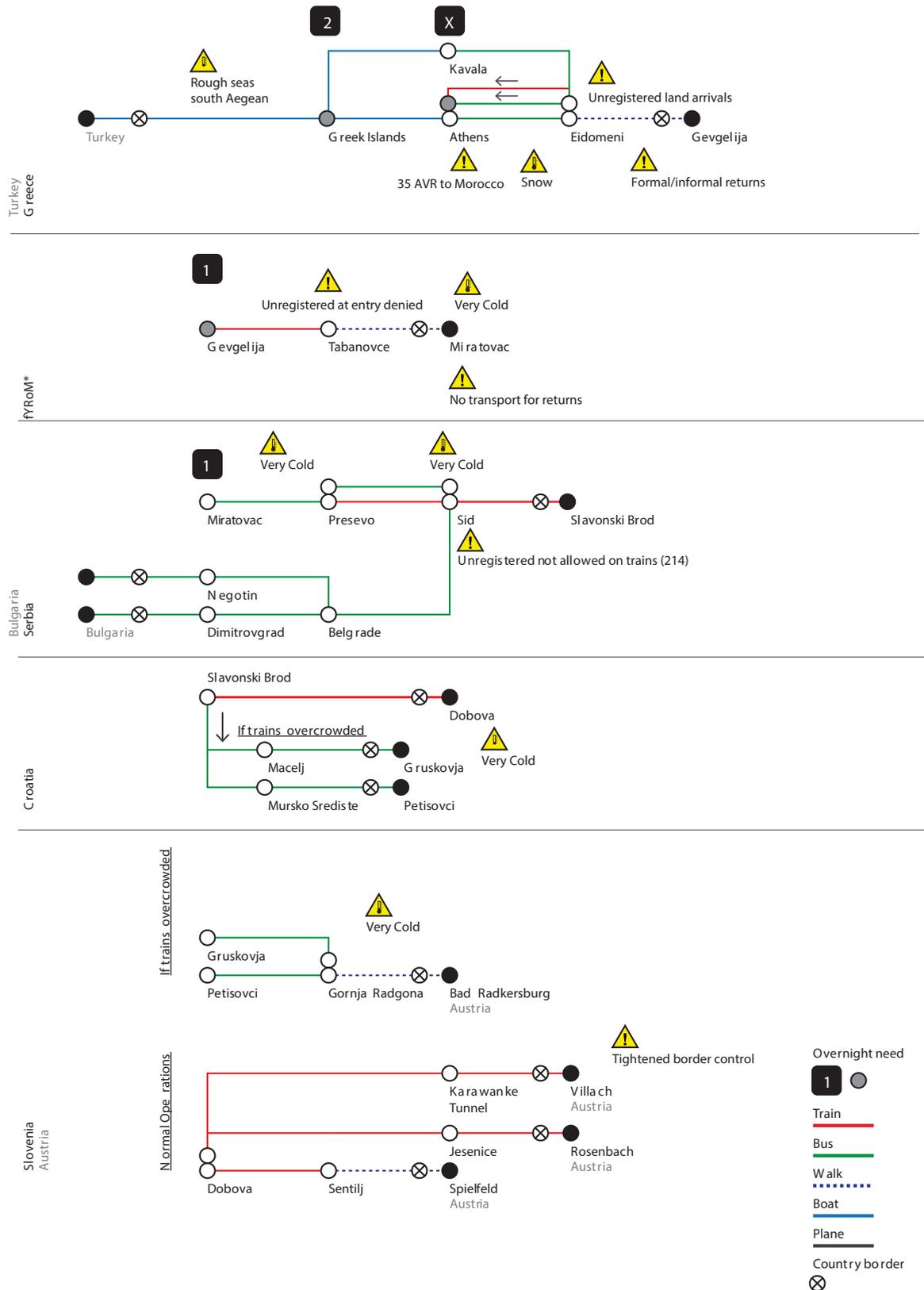
Following the humanitarian crisis in Europe: Estimated daily arrivals





Annex 2

Refugee/Migrant Onward Movement Map



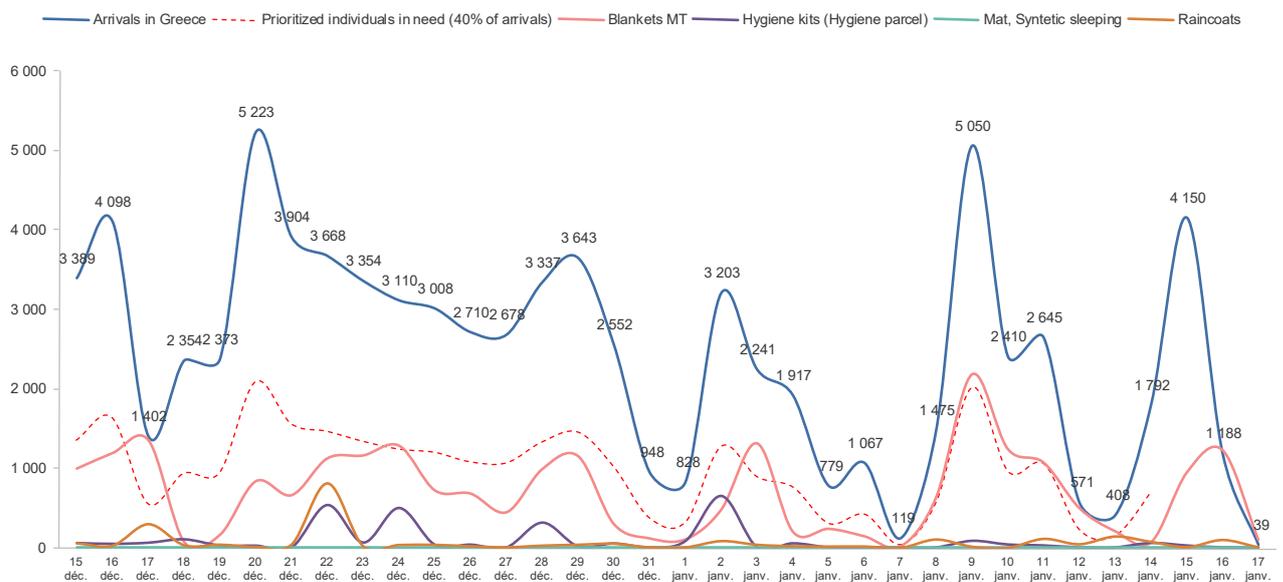


Annex 3

Distribution Table Data Latest

Category	Items	Total Distributed	Greece	Serbia	fYRoM*	Croatia	Slovenia
Individual	Blankets MT	212 535	135 849	3 040	0	53 301	20 345
Individual	Blankets HT	146 254	5 474	42 619	24 945	60 975	12 241
Individual	Bag	5 220	0	220	200	0	4 800
Individual	Hygiene kits (Hygiene parcel)	18 852	16 001	2 660	0	0	191
Individual	Mat, Syntetic sleeping	32 707	25 692	6 665	350	0	0
Individual	Rubber mats	3	3	0	0	0	0
Individual	Sleeping bags	11 288	9 015	51	1 209	0	1 013
Individual	Socks	18 573	73	3 405	9 545	0	5 550
Individual	Footwear	9 536	752	5 304	2 480	0	1 000
Individual	Raincoats	104 550	54 440	10 011	9 235	18 871	11 993
Individual	Winter jacket	11 366	2 348	6 317	2 011	690	0
Individual	Hats (scarf and others)	4 500	0	0	4 500	0	0
Individual	Thermal ear covers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Individual	Hand and body warmers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Individual	Gloves	8 359	3 959	0	4 400	0	0
Family	Solar lamp (Sunbell)	691	691	0	0	0	0
Family	Torches (Rechargable)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food and Water	Food items (KG)	28 754	0	23 754	5 000	0	0
Food and Water	High Energy Bisquits (HEBs) KG	65 558	36 823	19 005	9 730	0	0
Food and Water	Cans (number of)	149 926	0	149 926	0	0	0
Food and Water	Water (liters)	204 181	33 369	55 745	7 179	81 936	25 953

Monitoring Distribution Ratio in Greece 15 December - 17 January



This graph indicates total daily arrivals on the Greek islands and the amount of humanitarian aid items distributed. The dotted red line indicates the estimated 40% most vulnerable persons, whom UNHCR is targeting for assistance between November 2015 and February 2016.