



Arrivals and Departures: Over the past two months, the trend of arrivals to Greece from the Syrian Arab Republic was observed to have decreased. Additionally, in December, an increasing trend was observed in the number of arrivals from Iraq. In comparison to October and November, the second-largest number of arrivals were from Afghanistan; however, in December, this has decreased resulting in the arrival rate of people from Afghanistan almost equalling the number Iraqi nationals arriving.

Situation at Borders: In Greece, on the islands, as a three-day partial ferry strike was announced to commence today, it is expected that delays will be experienced regarding people departing from the islands to the mainland. Combined with continued arrivals due to favourable weather conditions, facilities on the islands may become overcrowded.

Due to the updating of the EURODAC system on the Greek Islands, registration was disrupted resulting in

people being present on sites for lengthier periods of time than normal. At the Eidomeni border crossing with former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, delays were observed due to the new procedure of Greek authorities recording people's intended country of destination.

Condition of People: The detention of people from North Africa continues on the Greek Islands. On Samos, where EASO recently started operating, three detainees of North African nationalities expressed their intention to apply for asylum. On the island of Leros, UNHCR noted that Frontex is collecting information regarding people's intended country of destination.

Deaths at Sea: On 27 January, according to the Hellenic Coast Guard, six people, including one child, drowned as the perilous sea crossings towards Europe continue despite harsh winter conditions.



Critical Developments

The Danish parliament approved the new legislation amending the Danish Aliens legislation including several asylum restrictions regarding among other aspects: the postponement of family reunification, restricted conditions for obtaining a permanent residence permit and seizure of asylum-seekers' assets. Family reunification applications will be permitted three years after having been granted asylum. Similar political debates are being held in Germany.

According to Greek media, the Alternate Minister for Migration Policy reported that during the Amsterdam EU Interior Ministers' meeting, the creation of a camp with the capacity to host for 300,000-400,000 refugees was discussed. It is unclear whether this measure is related to the scenario of potential border closers. In Slovenia, Parliament Speaker, Milan Brglez, met with Governor of the Austrian province of Salzburg, Wilfried Haslauer, to discuss the refugee crisis; specifically collaboration on protecting the Slovenian southern border with support from Austrian and German authorities.

Response

On Lesbos, in support of government authorities, UNHCR and its partners Danish Refugee Council and Samaritan's Purse conducted site management and coordination capacity-building sessions for volunteers.

Weather Headlines

- Winds across the Aegean are either already light or will continue to ease. Past event analysis suggests an increased number of arrivals to the Greek Islands is likely.
- A trend towards less cold conditions continues across the region, with temperatures becoming increasingly mild by day.
- A thaw of lying snow across central parts of the region may lead to saturated soil and muddy conditions under foot.



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Social Media

- According to #refugees on Twitter, the Greek Alternate Minister of Immigration Policy, Ioannis Mouzalas, mentioned to the media that the Belgian authorities have strongly urged Greece to limit the number of people arriving to Greek shores. A modality through which this could be achieved was not proposed.
- The Instagram account of Ai Wei Wei (@aiww) documents live and continuous updates of arrivals and conditions of people on the island of Lesbos via pictures and videos.



Average Daily Arrivals and Trends Greece

11-17 January

1,458

-20% from previous week



25-26 January

2,052

2% from previous week



18-24 January

2,004

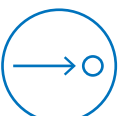
37% from previous week



Monthly Average Daily Arrival
January (as of 24 Jan)

1,824

-45% from previous month



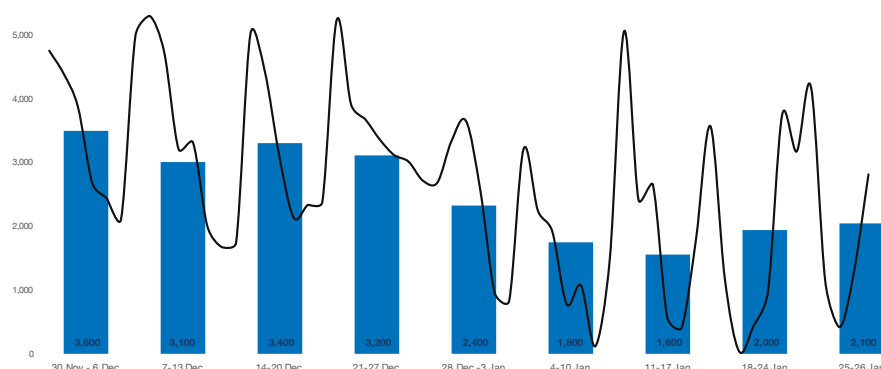
Estimated Arrivals per Country Yesterday



Daily and Weekly Average Arrivals to Greece

30 November to 26 January

6,000

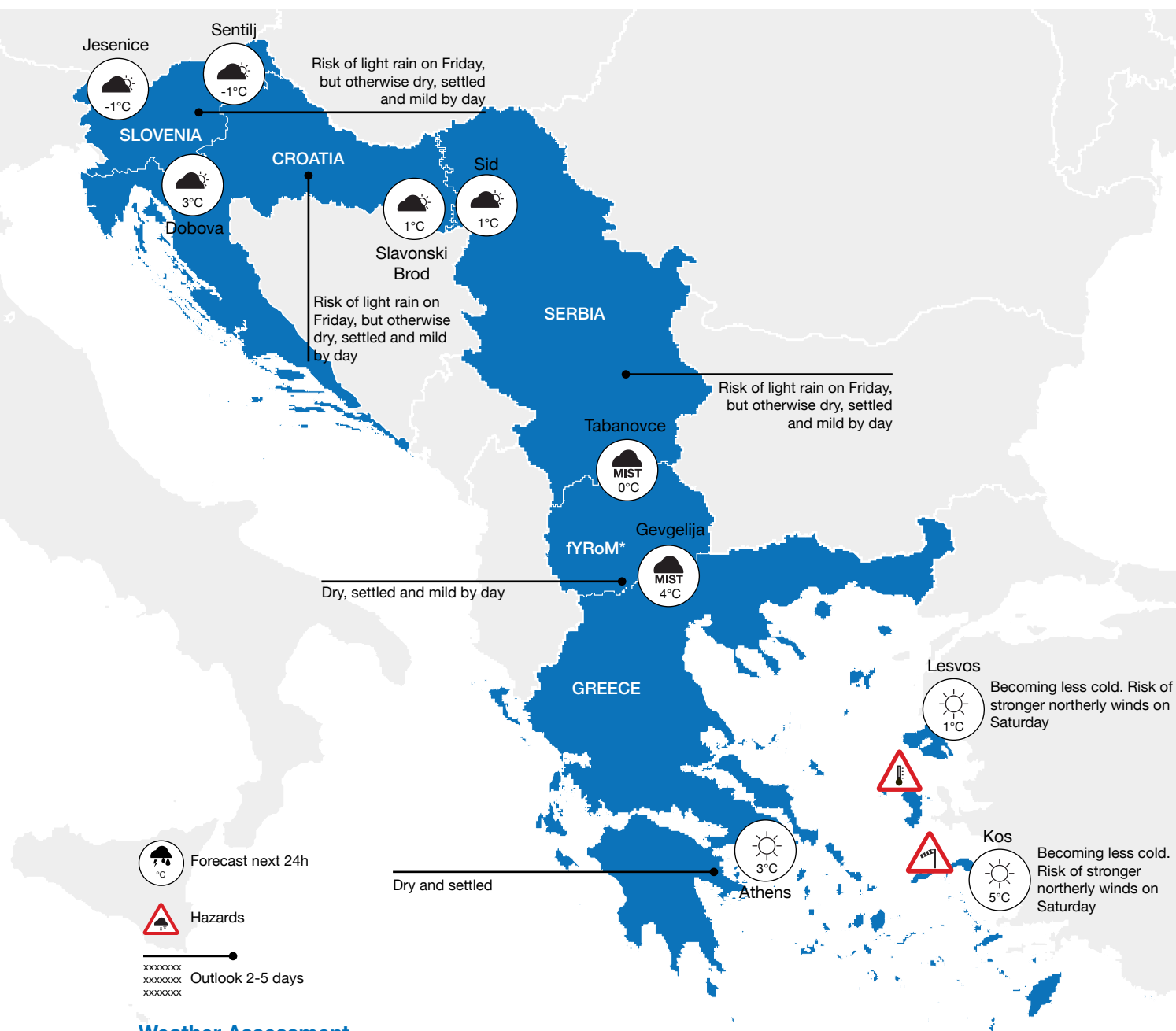


*The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
(please note that the fYRoM abbreviation is used only for design purposes)



Weather conditions forecast for Greece and Countries of Onward Movements

Key locations crossed by refugees



Weather Assessment

- Across the Aegean, winds have eased from earlier in the week and are expected to persist through Thursday and Friday. Analysis based on previous events would suggest increased arrivals to the Greek Islands are likely during this period. Towards the weekend, winds are expected to strengthen slightly and this may lead to a slightly reduction.
- Largely dry and settled conditions have now become established across the region with

temperatures also rising compared to earlier in the week. However, temperatures are still colder than normal across the Greek Islands. For people exposed for long periods to the temperatures forecast here, there remains a higher risk of hypothermia during the next 24-48 hours before it becomes less cold.

- A thaw of lying snow across the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and southern Serbia will continue and may lead to muddy conditions under foot.



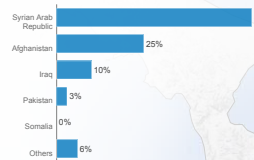
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Key Figures from the Portal

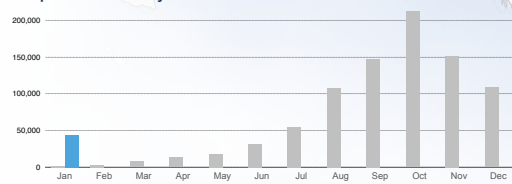
Increasing numbers of refugees and migrants take their chances aboard unseaworthy boats and dinghies in a desperate bid to reach Europe. The vast majority of those attempting this dangerous crossing are in need of international protection, fleeing war, violence and persecution in their country of origin. 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



44,040 arrivals by sea in 2016

856,723 arrivals by sea in 2015

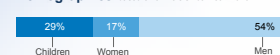
91% of arrivals come from the world's top 10 refugee-producing countries

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Sea arrivals in 2016

Main routes through the Mediterranean

Demographics based on arrivals since 1 Jan 2015



*Serbia (AND KOSOVO: S/RES/1244 (1999))
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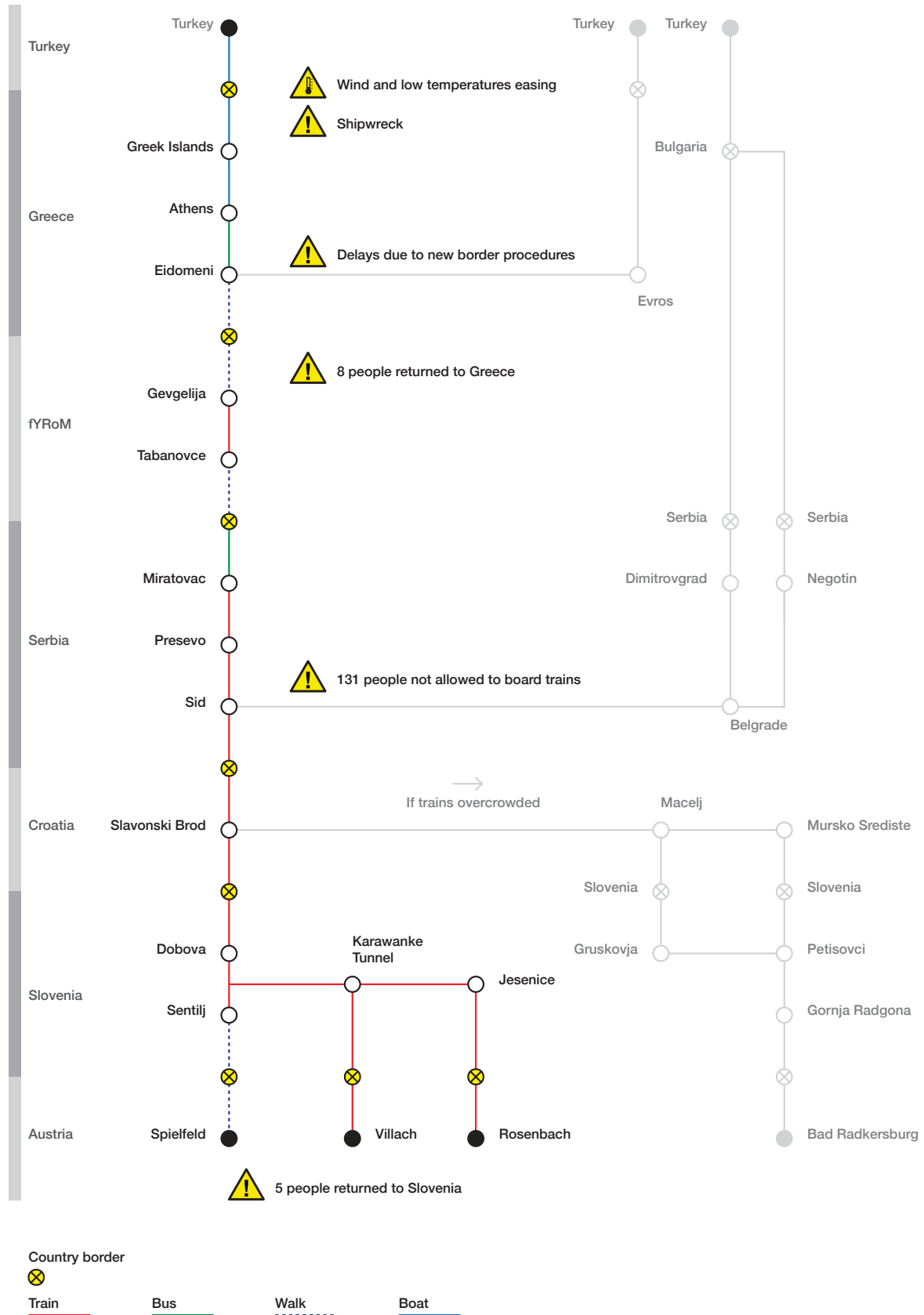
Following the humanitarian crisis in Europe: Estimated daily arrivals





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Refugee/Migrant Onward Movement Map



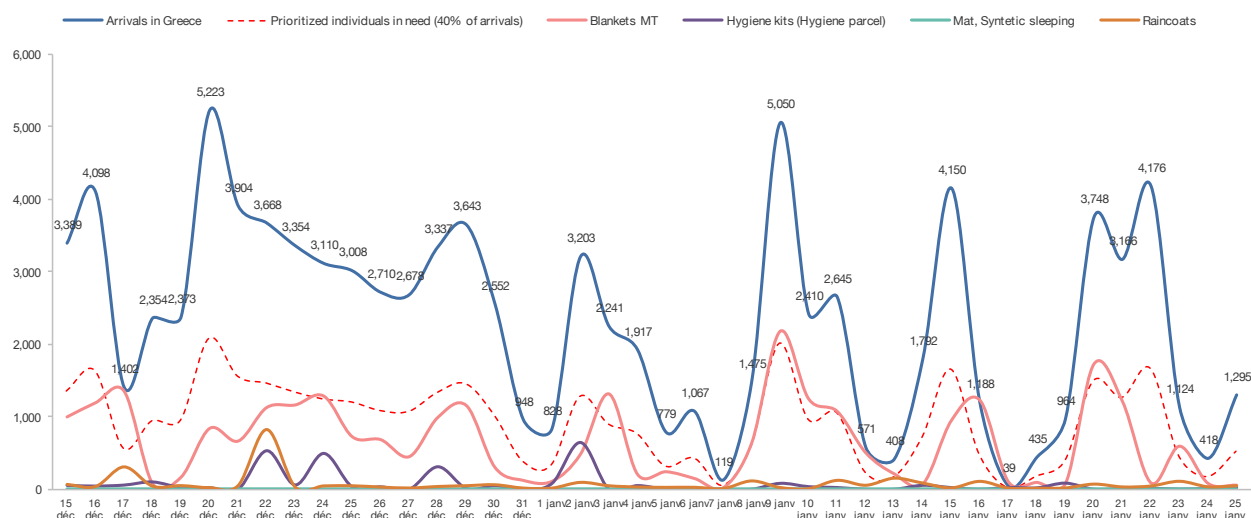


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Distribution Table Data Latest

Category	Items	Total Distributed	Greece	Serbia	fYRoM*	Croatia	Slovenia
Individual	Blankets MT	219,017	139,757	3,040	0	55,875	20,345
Individual	Blankets HT	147,149	5,666	39,947	28,320	60,975	12,241
Individual	Bag	5,425	0	80	200	0	5,145
Individual	Hygiene kits (Hygiene parcel)	18,527	16,301	2,030	0	0	196
Individual	Mat, Syntetic sleeping	32,902	25,887	6,665	350	0	0
Individual	Rubber mats	303	3	0	300	0	0
Individual	Sleeping bags	13,937	11,692	23	1,209	0	1,013
Individual	Socks	19,665	73	2,320	11,722	0	5,550
Individual	Footwear	8,463	809	2,918	3,640	0	1,096
Individual	Raincoats	105,688	55,456	9,488	9,875	18,871	11,998
Individual	Winter jacket	11,711	3,075	2,387	5,252	997	0
Individual	Hats (scarf and others)	8,090	0	0	8,090	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	15,827	7,427	0	8,400	0	0
Family	Solar lamp (Sunbell)	691	691	0	0	0	0
Family	Torches (Rechargable)	200	0	0	200	0	0
Food and Water	Food items (KG)	26,834	0	21,834	5,000	0	0
Food and Water	High Energy Bisquits (HEBs) KG	67,993	40,855	17,208	9,930	0	0
Food and Water	Cans (number of)	137,382	0	137,382	0	0	0
Food and Water	Water (liters)	197,154	35,352	46,735	7,179	81,936	25,953

Monitoring Distribution Ratio in Greece 15 December - 25 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.