



Arrivals and Departures: In the last nine days, arrivals to the Greek Islands stabilised with an average of 2,250 arrivals per day. According to the Turkish Coast Guard, a boat capsized off the coast of Turkey, at Seferihisar in Izmir province.

Situation at Borders: In the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the taxi strike continued. Authorities of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia temporarily prevented people from entering the country from 14:00-23:30 in order to allow the decongestion of the Vinjoug site, where more than 600 people were staying. This resulted in congestion in Eidomeni (Greece) and the re-opening of the second humanitarian site as the first site quickly reached capacity. Meanwhile, some 75 buses remained waiting at a rest area outside Eidomeni. Slight tension was observed among

people who had become frustrated as a result of the long waiting period, and around 400 persons walked from the rest area to Eidomeni, a distance of over 25km. In Serbia, the number of arrivals remained low as a result of the taxi strike in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. Due to the limited number of people in Sid, two of the three scheduled trains to Croatia were cancelled.

Condition of People: On Samos, 19 people, mainly of North African nationalities are currently being held in detention at the police station. Some have been detained since 11 January.

Deaths at Sea: On 2 February, off the coast of Turkey at Seferihisar, Izmir province, nine people, including two babies, drowned, and two people were rescued.



Critical Developments

Following a positive opinion from the Schengen evaluation committee, the College of Commissioners adopted the Schengen Evaluation Report on Greece and a proposal for a Council Recommendation. This recommendation addressed the deficiencies in evaluating report on the application of Schengen rules with regards to the management of EU external borders by Greece. Recommendations were made in a number of areas, such as the improvement of the registration procedures, including sufficient staff numbers, and fingerprint scanners for registration and verification of refugees and migrants and their travel documents against SIS, Interpol and national databases, amongst others.

According to media reports, 27 Czech border police officers were deployed to the southern border of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and are expected to remain in country until 19 March. Reportedly, Czech police officers were also deployed to Hungary and Slovenia to assist in border management.

Danish Immigration Minister, Inger Stojberg, stated that Denmark will extend border controls on its frontier with Germany for an additional 20 days until 23 February, in an attempt to slow down the flow of refugees and migrants.

Following a meeting with Prime Minister Cameron on 2 February, European Council President Donald Tusk put forward a draft decision for a new settlement addressing concerns raised by the UK. Discussions on the different elements of the proposal will start this week with the objective to reach an agreement at the upcoming European Council on 18 and 19 February. Tusk's proposal includes what has been labelled as an "emergency break" which would allow for a Member State to restrict access to in-work welfare benefits for EU migrant workers, amongst others. Should the European Council reach an agreement on the proposal, the referendum on the UK's membership of the European Union could take place on 23 June 2016.

Weather Headlines

- Turning colder with a risk of snow for northern and central parts of the region on Thursday.
- Strong winds with rough seas and large waves developing at times in the Aegean Thursday through to Sunday.



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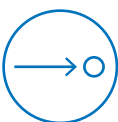


Social Media

- An emerging story on social media is video footage from a drone, that shows the devastation of the Syrian city of Homs after five consecutive years of war and conflict. The video was posted to YouTube where it has gained over 20,500 views since it was published on 2 February.
- The video can also be accessed on Twitter account @MerlinYYC and by using #SyrianRefugees, #syria, and #cdnoli

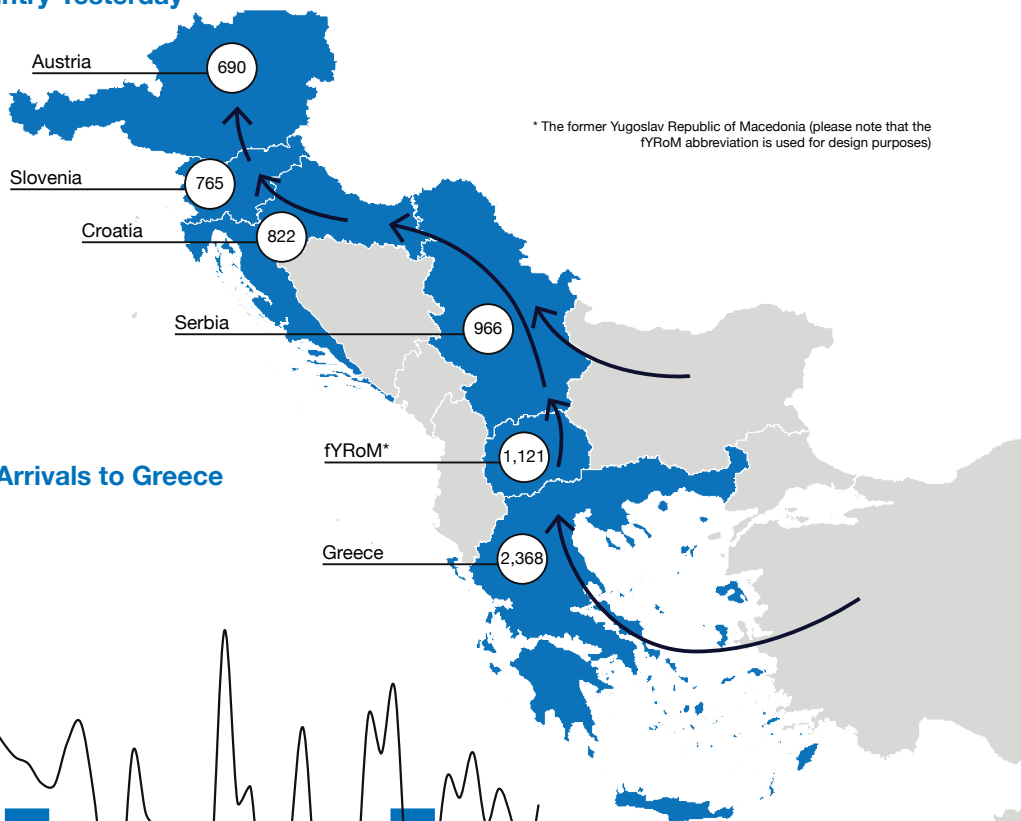
Current statistics for:

- #SyrianRefugees (estimated)
96 tweets and 46 retweets an hour
Over 111,000 impressions per hour
- #Syria (estimated)
542 tweets and 1079 retweets an hour
Over 2.69million impressions per hour
- #cdnoli (estimated)
229 tweets and 521 retweets an hour
Over 5.94million impressions per hour

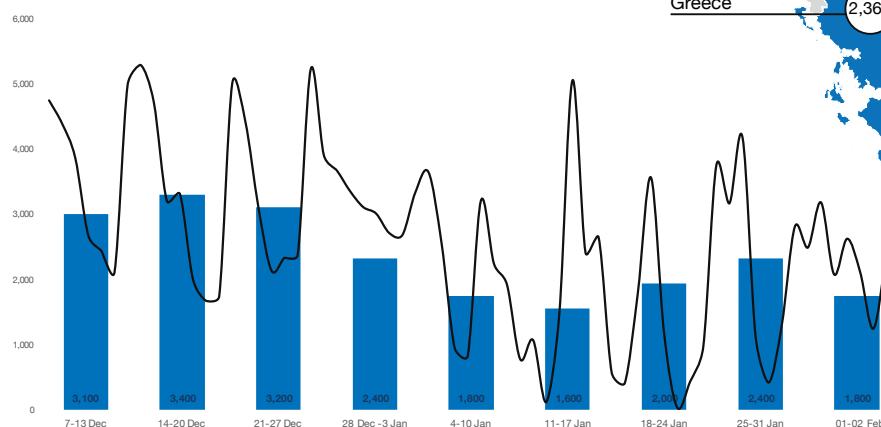


Estimated Arrivals per Country Yesterday

Greece	2,368
fYRoM*	1,121
Serbia	966
Croatia	822
Slovenia	765
Austria	690



Daily and Weekly Average Arrivals to Greece 7 December to 2 February



Average Daily Arrivals and Trends Greece

18-24 January
2,004
37% from previous week



1-2 February
1,806
-24% from previous week



25-31 January
2,368
18% from previous week



Monthly Average Daily Arrival
January (as of 31 Jan)
2,139
-34% from previous month





Weather Forecast Greece - Slovenia

Key locations crossed by refugees



Weather Assessment

- Becoming unsettled and colder with a risk of snow for Slovenia, Serbia and a possibly for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia on Thursday. Snow and ice may lead to problems travelling by road, especially in Slovenia. However, travel by rail should be largely unaffected with only minimal disruption. The drop in temperature may lead to problems for people exposed for extended periods overnight, a significant change compared to recent milder weather
- Winds will become very strong at times through Aegean Sea from Thursday to Sunday, leading to rough seas and large waves. Analysis based on previous events suggests that this is likely to result in a significant reduction in the numbers of people arriving on the Greek Islands.
- Lower temperatures and strong northerly winds on Saturday, will lead to a significant wind chill and prolonged exposure for people travelling by sea, may lead to a risk of hypothermia.



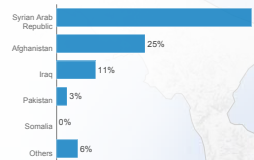
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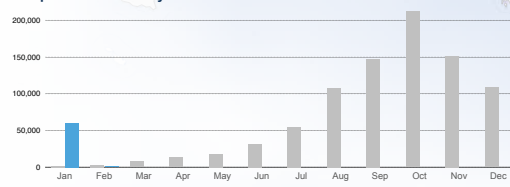
Increasing numbers of refugees and migrants take their chances aboard unseaworthy boats and dinghies in a desperate bid to reach Europe. The vast majority of those attempting this dangerous crossing are in need of international protection, fleeing war, violence and persecution in their country of origin.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



61,746 arrivals by sea in 2016

856,723 arrivals by sea in 2015

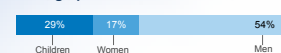
91% of arrivals come from the world's top 10 refugee-producing countries

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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





Annex 2

Refugee/Migrant Onward Movement Map

