



**Arrivals and Departures:** Over the weekend, the implementation of registration and screening procedures agreed upon through the Zagreb Joint Statement of the Heads of Police from the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia and Austria was organised, creating delays and restrictions based on nationality. In Greece, Afghan nationals were denied entry into the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, following the same procedure in Serbia. As of midday on 22 February, some 600 Afghan nationals are present in Eidomeni. UNHCR is discussing solutions with authorities related to the group of Afghan nationals currently present in Tabanovce. In addition, people without personal identification documents (passports, IDs, birth or marriage certificates) in addition to the Greek police note, were denied entry into the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

**Condition of People:** With the growing numbers of child deaths at sea, UNHCR, UNICEF and IOM issued a [call](#) for the enhanced safety of refugees and migrants. An average of two children have drowned every day since September 2015 as their families try to cross the eastern Mediterranean, and the number of child deaths is growing. Since last September, more than 340 children, many of them

babies and toddlers, have drowned in the eastern Mediterranean. The total number of children who have died may be even greater.

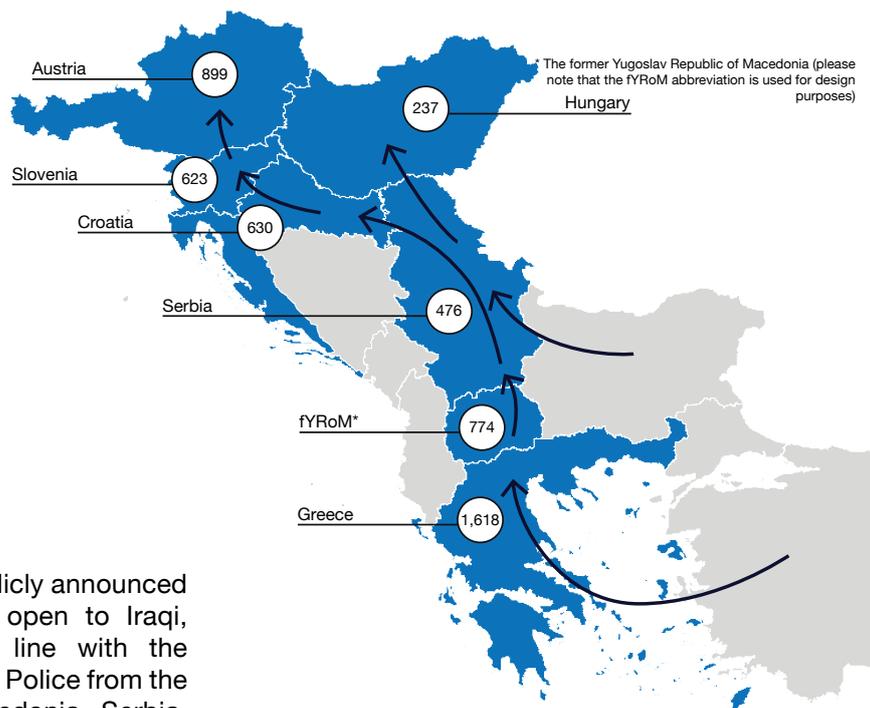
In Serbia, the Sid Refugee Aid Point was overcrowded and boarding of trains to Croatia delayed due to new verification procedures. In addition to other measures agreed upon jointly by the Chiefs of Police, according to border police in Dimitrovgrad, only Iraqi and Syrian women and children will be registered. Men and Afghan nationals, regardless of age or gender, will not be registered. UNHCR has requested official confirmation of new policy implementation guidelines. 200 refugees and migrants, who were previously not allowed entry into Croatia, walked from the reception centre in Sid towards the Croatian border in an attempt to cross the border on foot. Serbian authorities organized buses to transport them back to the Principovac RAP.

**Deaths at Sea:** On Chios, a 2 year old Afghan boy was found dead on arrival at the beach on the evening of 20 February. The child's mother reportedly became separated from other family members as smugglers were forcing passengers onto an overcrowded boat, and was unaware that he was also on the boat until arrival on Chios. This is the second such incident on Chios within the same week. The cause of the child's death has not yet been determined.



### Estimated Arrivals per Country Yesterday

Greece	1,618
fYRoM*	774
Serbia	476
Croatia	630
Hungary	237
Slovenia	623
Austria	899



### Critical Developments

The Serbian Minister of Labour publicly announced that the Serbian borders remain open to Iraqi, Afghan and Syrian nationals in line with the agreement made between Heads of Police from the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia and Austria. Entry is forbidden for Moroccans, Algerians, Libyans and numerous other nations from countries deemed as not war affected.

While the daily limit of 80 asylum applications has not yet been reached, the Austrian Minister of Interior already announced the further lowering of this limit in the future. In addition to the 1,000

soldiers already providing support in managing the refugee situation, another 450 soldiers will be deployed to the borders to assist the police. The Austrian Minister of Interior and Austrian Minister for Foreign Affairs invited authorities from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Kosovo, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Slovenia to a Conference on “Managing Migration Together” on 24 February in Vienna.

On 21 February, the Greek Alternate Minister of Citizens' Protection, stated that NATO's main mission in the Aegean will be monitoring and notifying Frontex, of Turkey adhering to the

agreement of limiting human smuggling at sea and that NATO will not be involved in the identification process or in push-backs.

### Weather Headlines

- Temperatures will be higher than average until mid-week and it will feel mild, particularly in Greece and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.
- There will be strong southerly winds developing on Wednesday in the Aegean with waves becoming moderate or rough for a time between the Islands and Turkey.



### Average Daily Arrivals and Trends Greece

1-7 February  
**1,161**  
-51% from previous week



8-14 February  
**1,147**  
-1% from previous week



15-21 February  
**2,747**  
140% from previous week



Monthly Average Daily Arrival  
February (as of 21 Feb)  
**1,685**  
-13% from previous month



### Social Media

Facebook group [Castaway souls of Sjælsmark/Denmark](#), made by a group of refugees and asylum seekers residing in the Sjælsmark deportation centre in Denmark, are preparing to demonstrate against their current situation today. The event was entirely organised via Facebook and has about 112 people confirmed to be attending with another 203 people showing interest.

### 19-21 February statistics for #Syria

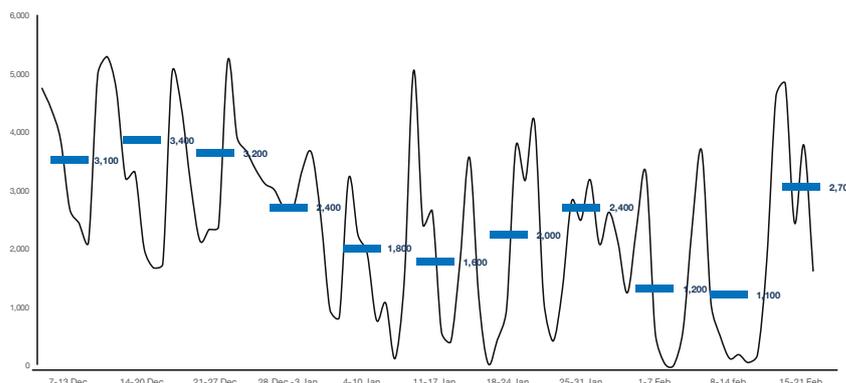
- Combined unique tweets: 25,900
- Combined retweets: 60,700
- Combined exposure: 37,654

### Current statistics for: #refugees

- 33 tweets & 46 retweets per hour
- Over 50,000 impressions per hour

Elsewhere, bombing which devastated the Syrian cities of Homs and Damascus over the course of the weekend has resulted in a significant increase in the amount of social activity using #Syria.

### Daily and Weekly Average Arrivals to Greece 7 December to 21 February





## Weather Forecast Greece - Slovenia

Key locations crossed by refugees

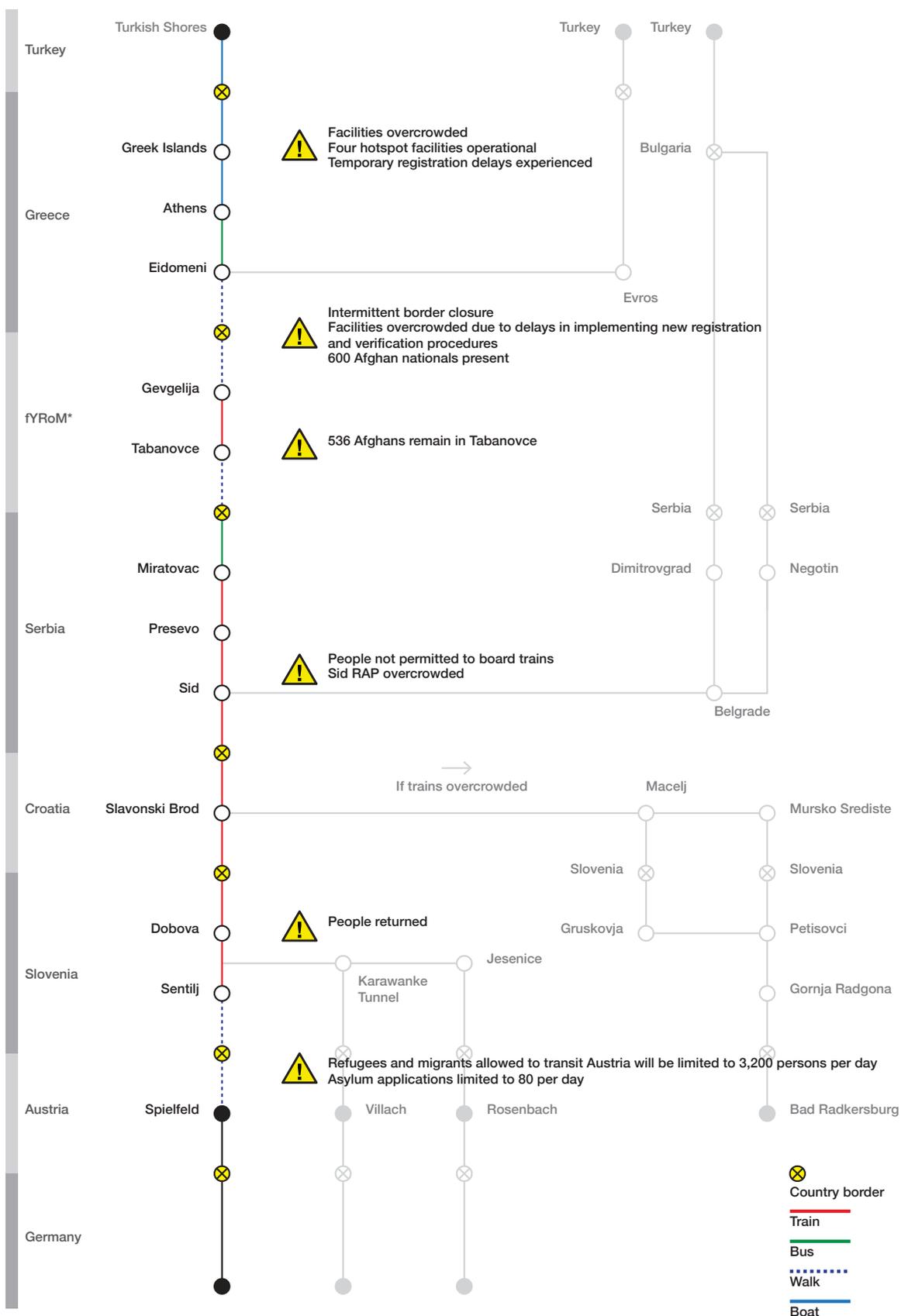


## Weather Assessment

- Mainly settled across the region this week however there will be some periods of unsettled weather, particularly on Wednesday when there will be a period of strong southerly winds in the Aegean. Some moderate or large waves are expected to build between Turkey and the Islands. Previous analysis has shown that the number of arrivals to the Greek Islands reduces in these conditions. The strong winds will not last long and the waves are expected to reduce later on Wednesday night.
- Once again it is very mild across SE Europe at the beginning of the week. Temperatures are higher than average for the time of year everywhere with possible exception to northern Slovenia and Austria. Colder air will move south for a time later in the week with minimum temperatures below freezing and the potential for some snow. This will come as a shock after the mild conditions with potential for people to suffer cold-related illness if they are unprepared.



### Situation Overview





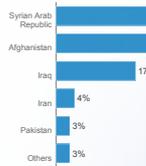
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## Key Figures from the Portal

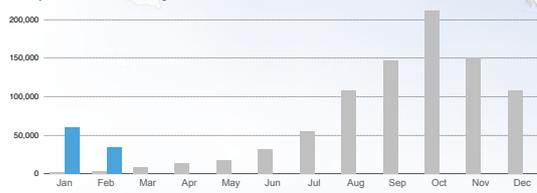
Increasing numbers of refugees and migrants take their chances aboard unseaworthy boats and dinghies in a desperate bid to reach Europe. The vast majority of those attempting this dangerous crossing are in need of international protection, fleeing war, violence and persecution in their country of origin. 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 2016



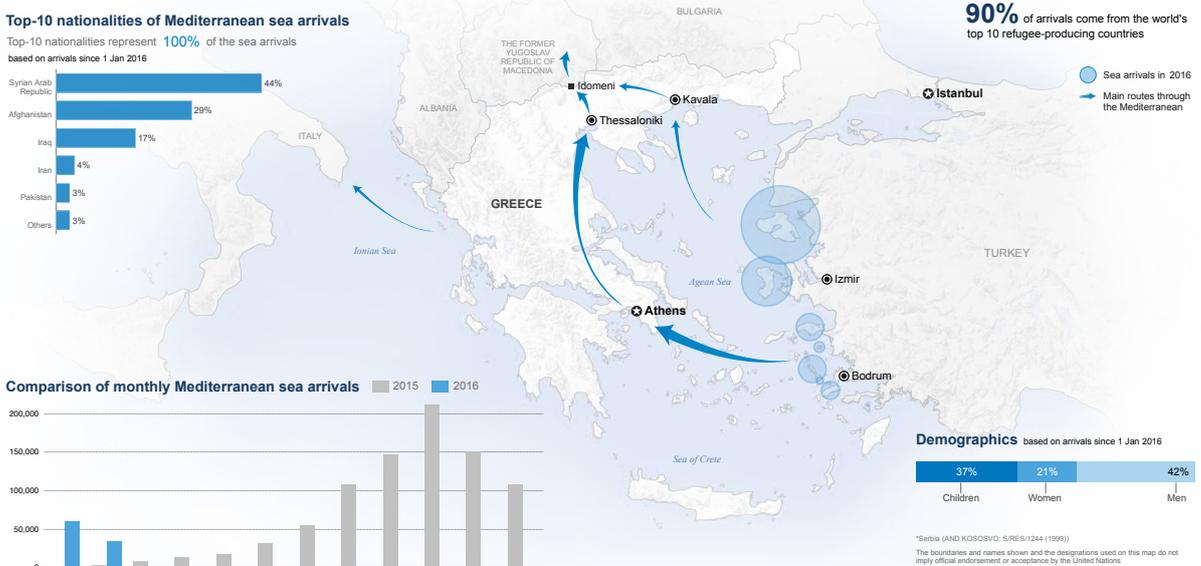
### Comparison of monthly Mediterranean sea arrivals



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**94,269** arrivals by sea in 2016

856,723 arrivals by sea in 2015

**90%** of arrivals come from the world's top 10 refugee-producing countries



### Following the humanitarian crisis in Europe: Estimated daily arrivals



## Annex 2: Social Media Weekly Roundup 12-19 February

### THE CLOONEYS VISITED MERKEL TO DISCUSS REFUGEE CRISIS

[George Clooney and his wife met privately](#) with German Chancellor, Angela Merkel, to discuss the war in Syria and Europe's response to the refugee crisis.

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### AI WEI WEI'S NEW EXHIBITION FEATURED 14,000 REFUGEE LIFE VESTS

Berlin's Konzerthaus was wrapped in 14,000 life jackets that were discarded on the shores of Lesbos, Greece.

[Chinese activist and artist](#), Ai Weiwei, continues to push for people to take into account the scale of migrants taking to the sea on a daily basis.

It may appear ironic that the life jackets are wrapped around pillars when there doesn't seem to be nobody willing to support those risking their lives. There are no longer any 'pillars' of support in Europe as members of the EU close their borders to human suffering.



### MONTHLY SOCIAL MEDIA ACTIVITY ANALYSIS

In analysing the trend of conversations on Twitter surrounding the refugee crisis and Syrian refugees, there have been consistent troughs and peaks since 17 January 2016.

The most significant peak in individual tweets using #SyrianRefugees was observed on 1 February, a possible coincidence with the International Military Review of the Syria-Iraq battlespace, as well as talks on NATO's intervention in initiatives to prevent illegal sea crossings into Europe.

Statistics for #NATO, in correlation to #SyrianRefugees, also exhibited a sharp rise in social media activity particularly on 2 February with an average of 3,200 individual tweets and 4,900 retweets. This can also be compared to Twitter activity of #Syria which showed an extremely sharp rise in retweets (63,500) since 17 January. Figures for 15 February were not far off: 18,300 individual tweets, 58,000 retweets, and 11,270 impressions.

### #refugeecrisis in Numbers

**138** tweets/hour      **62** retweets/hour      **34.15%** Percent of tweets originated from the US

### LAST 30 DAYS:

Mondays and Wednesdays presented to be the most popular days to post individual tweets with an average of 314 on Mondays, and 332 on Wednesdays.

All twitter activity statistics are analysed using Rite Tag

### Links

- Gianfranco Rosi's 'Fire at Sea' Doc Chronicles [Refugee Crisis](#) (trailer for the film)
- #LifeVaccines [campaign launched](#) to vaccinate children in Eastern Ghouta, Syria
- [Underwater museum](#) spotlights Syrian #refugeecrisis
- Actor, writer, director and UNHCR Supporter [Peter Capaldi](#) met with some of the 630,000 Syrian refugees living in camps and towns and cities across Jordan.
- UK Open Borders Activists Block Journalists Filming In [Calais Migrant Camp](#): 'This Is A Journalist Free Space' ... 'Like North Korea?' - Breitbart
- Hoaxmap debunking myths about the [refugee crisis](#)

### Image of the Week



A cartoon depiction of the Syria peace talks by Kevin Karl Kallaugher, former illustrator for The Economist. [Posted on Twitter by Lotte Leicht.](#)