



Daily Report

Arrivals and Departures:

Arrivals to the Greek Islands have decreased by 53 per cent in March as compared to February. This is likely a result of the possible combination of several factors including: poor weather conditions in the south-east Aegean; an understanding between refugee and migrant populations that the Balkan route is now closed; as well as the implementation of the EU-Turkey deal.

The total number of refugees and migrants currently present in Greece has reached 50,364, including 46,122 on the mainland. With the departure to the mainland of those who had arrived prior to 20 March, the population remaining on the islands has progressively decreased to 4,242. There are currently some 1,268 people who arrived prior to 20 March and 2,947 who arrived post 20 March.

In Serbia, between 24-28 March, a new trend was noted with over 100 people arriving from the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Bulgaria. Departures from various locations in Serbia were also observed within the same time period as over 150 people departed in the direction of the Hungarian border. The movement was reportedly encouraged by

“success” stories of some who have reached Germany using this route. Reportedly, these new movements are taking place with the help of smugglers.

Condition of People:

In Greece, the situation at the hotspots remains calm, but uncertainty and frustration is growing amongst refugees and migrant as the closed facilities are crowded. In particular, reception facilities continue to be overcrowded on Chios, which may lead to new tensions, whilst conditions in the Vathy hotspot on Samos remain substandard. UNHCR has suspended some of its activities in the hotspots which have become closed facilities. UNHCR maintains a presence in order to ensure that human rights are safeguarded, to inform new arrivals on the asylum procedure, and to offer life-saving assistance.

On 24 March, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, [expressed serious concerns](#) about the recent agreement between the European Union and Turkey, pointing to what he termed “a contradiction at the heart of the agreement,”. He also raised concerns regarding arbitrary detention of refugees and migrants.

was concluded on 27 March, following which construction work began. The prioritization of people to be transferred to this site will be agreed upon this week.

In Tabanovce, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, 154 people suffered from gastro-intestinal complaints. Medical reports confirmed that all cases were a result of food poisoning. Cooked food will not be distributed until sanitation authorities conduct inspections, with dry food and/or canned food and fresh fruit to be distributed until further notice.

Challenges

Approximately 5,330 people are currently residing at Piraeus Port, where sanitary conditions are very basic. Transfers from Piraeus Port to other sites are limited as authorities face challenges in identifying new sites due to the lack of a comprehensive shelter allocation system for the sites/camps. In addition, whilst the demand for information on access to relocation, family relocation and asylum in Greece remains high, the Greek Asylum Service’s limited capacity is causing significant delays for first time appointments, with none available prior to May 2016.

Weather Headlines

Generally fine, dry and warmer than average across the region until the end of this weekend.



Critical Developments

In Eidomeni, authorities accelerated the transfer of people to other temporary facilities and requested UNHCR’s support in identifying families and people with specific needs, who are to be prioritized in the process. Over the weekend, some 400 people were transferred from Eidomeni to different sites, some of which were assessed by UNHCR to be unsuitable and, as a result, will have to be used only as temporary accommodation.

On 26 March, some 250 activists from Italy arrived in Eidomeni to demonstrate against the closure of the border with the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. 14 volunteer organizations present in Eidomeni issued a communique to clarify that they do not wish to be associated with these activist groups. On 27 March, some tensions were reported amongst the refugee and migrant population following rumours about the possible opening of the border. Greek police tried to dissuade people from gathering, warning that the border will not open. Calm was eventually restored.

During a meeting between UNHCR and the Alternate Minister for Migration, Ioannis Mouzalas, a first “relocation site”, located 20 km from Thessaloniki with a capacity for 1,000-1,500 relocation candidates, was officially assigned to UNHCR. The assessment of the first “UNHCR relocation site”



Average Daily Arrivals and Trends Greece

7-13 March
1,420
-8% from previous week



21- 28 March
323
-47% from previous week



14 - 20 March
605
-57% from previous week



Monthly Average Daily Arrival
March (as of 28 March)
901
-53% from previous month





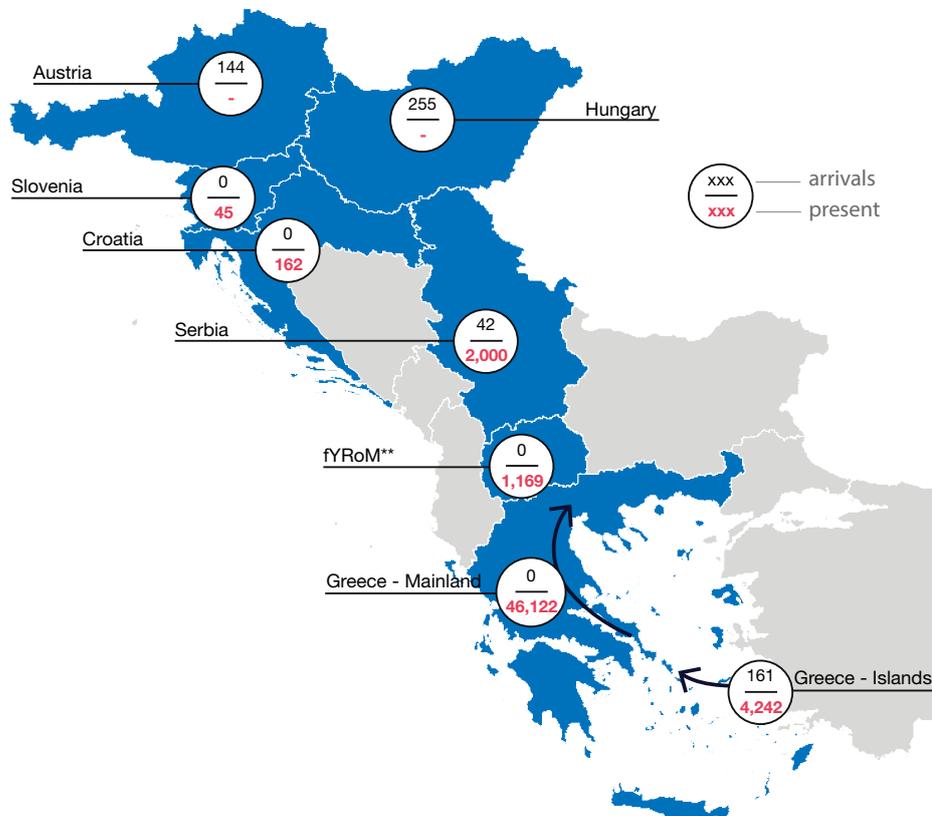
Past and Upcoming Meetings/Events



Estimated Arrivals and People Present* per Country Yesterday

* estimated people present currently not applying for asylum
** The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (please note that the fYRoM abbreviation is used for design purposes)

	Arrivals	Present*
Greece - Islands	161	4,242
Greece - Mainland	0	46,122
fYRoM**	0	1,169
Serbia	42	2,000
Croatia	0	162
Hungary	255	-
Slovenia	0	45
Austria	144	-



Social Media

Facebook Activity:

A [drone video](#) has surfaced online; the footage covers one of the locations at the Greek port of Piraeus which is hosting an estimated 5,500 refugees and migrants. The video was captured by Sid Karunaratne and was also shared by Facebook group [Are You Syrious?](#)

Twitter Activity:

Time Magazine's Twitter account posted about [photography](#) taken inside the refugee camp at Eidomeni, Greece; particular attention was placed on the dire situation of sanitation and living conditions.

Snapchat:

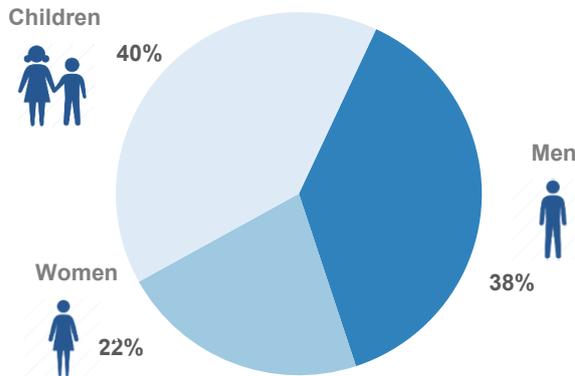
CNN on Snapchat covered the story of the recapturing of the city of Palmyra in Homs, Syria. According to the report, there are plans in place for UNESCO to evaluate the extent of the damage caused by fighting in the area.

Current statistics for: #refugees

Statistics for 29 March show that there were 1,500 tweets using #refugees until 12:15. The majority of people using the hashtag to communicate on social media originate from Western Europe, mainly the United Kingdom. Globally, #refugees has made a total of more than 33 million impressions. The gender spread is also moderately balanced; of the 745 people using the hashtag, 55.8% are male and 44.2% are female.



Greece Data Snapshot
Age and Gender (1-29 February)



Source: Hellenic Police 1-29 February



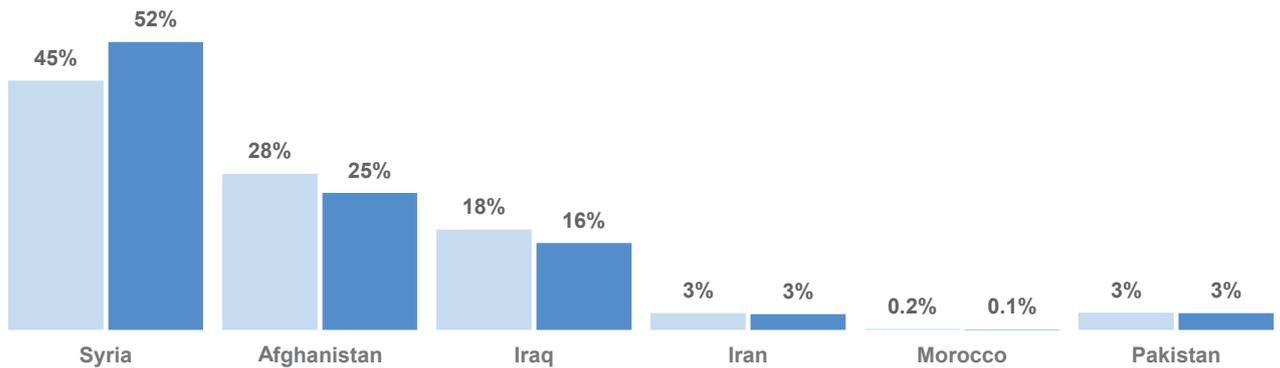
Relocation Procedures (up to 20th Mar.)

1,631 total relocation requests
569 implemented transfers (departures)

Source: Asylum service



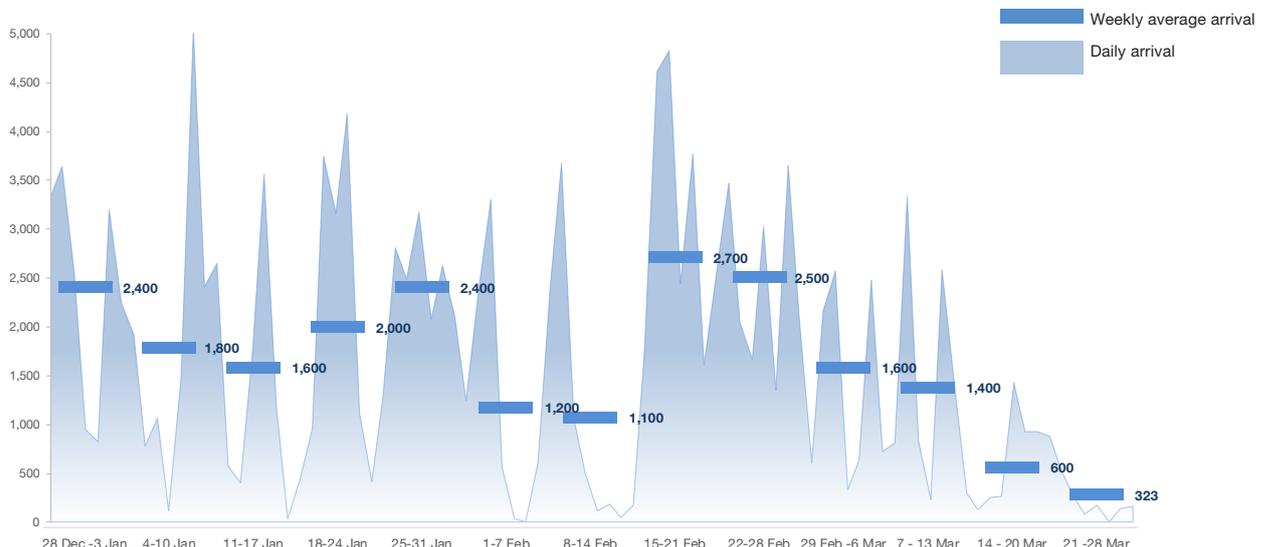
Top nationalities of arrivals in Greece
January - February 2016



Source: Hellenic Police, Hellenic Coast Guard

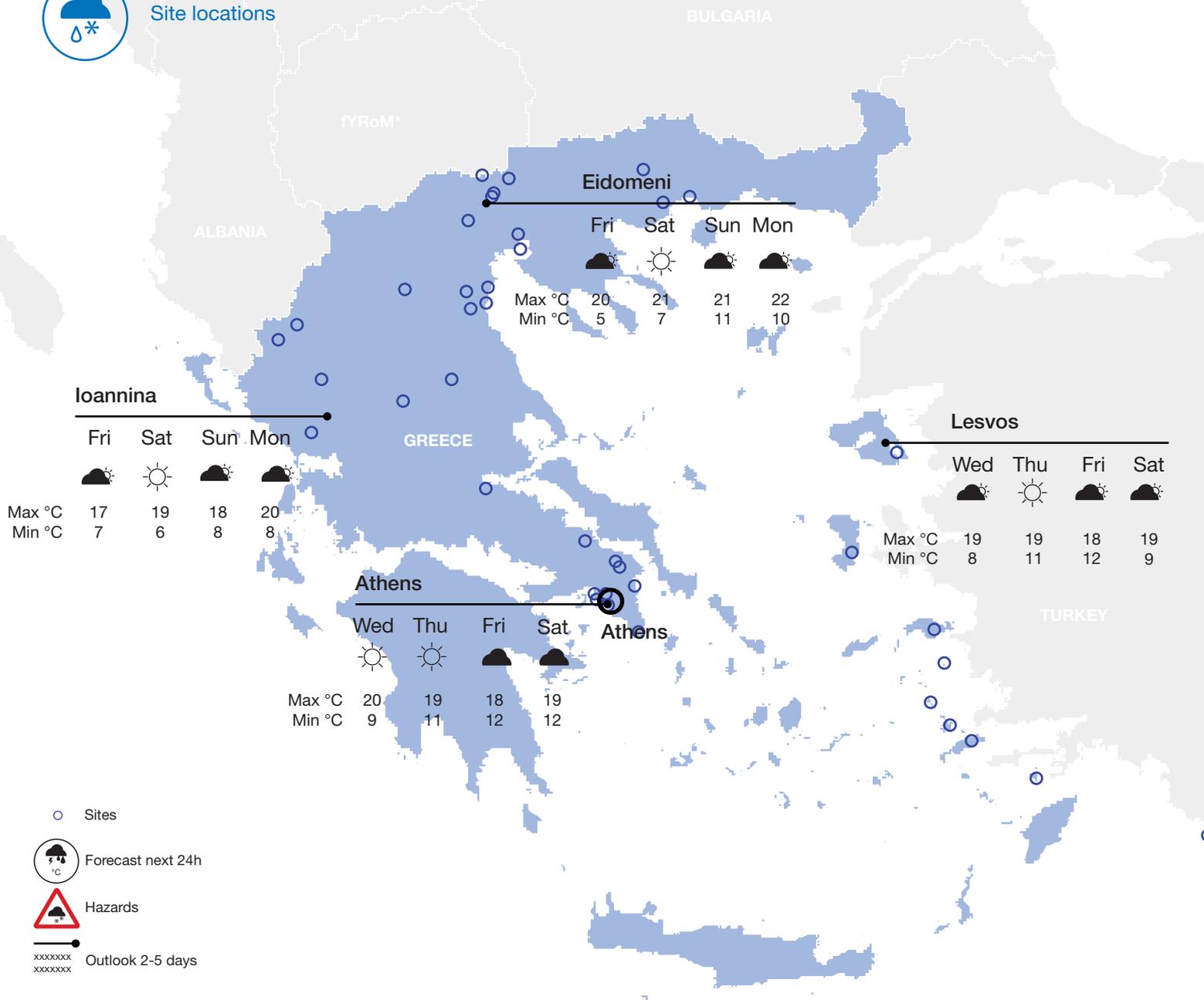


Daily and Weekly Average Arrivals to Greece
28 December to 28 March





Weather Forecast Greece
Site locations



Tomorrow – Wednesday 30th March

Fine, dry and warm in the strong spring sunshine, with scattered daytime cloud. Winds light with calm seas.

Thursday 31st March

Remaining fine, dry and warm. Becoming increasingly cloudy from the West through the evening and overnight. Winds remaining light with calm seas.

Outlook Friday 1st April – Sunday 3rd April

Remaining settled, with generally fine, dry and warmer than average temperatures across the region. Winds remaining light, with seas calm or slight.

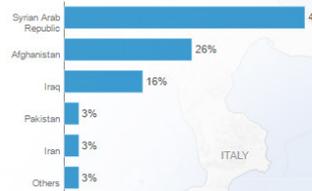


Annex 1 Key Figures from the Portal

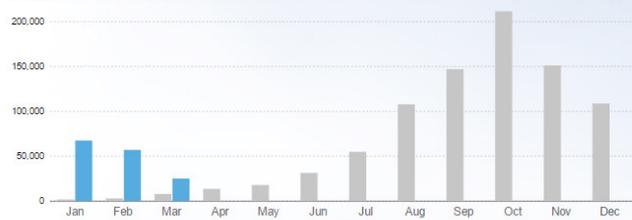
Increasing numbers of refugees and migrants take their chances aboard unseaworthy boats and dinghies in a desperate bid to reach Europe. The vast majority of those attempting this dangerous crossing are in need of international protection, fleeing war, violence and persecution in their country of origin.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



Comparison of monthly Mediterranean sea arrivals



149,534 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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Demographics based on arrivals since 1 Jan 2016

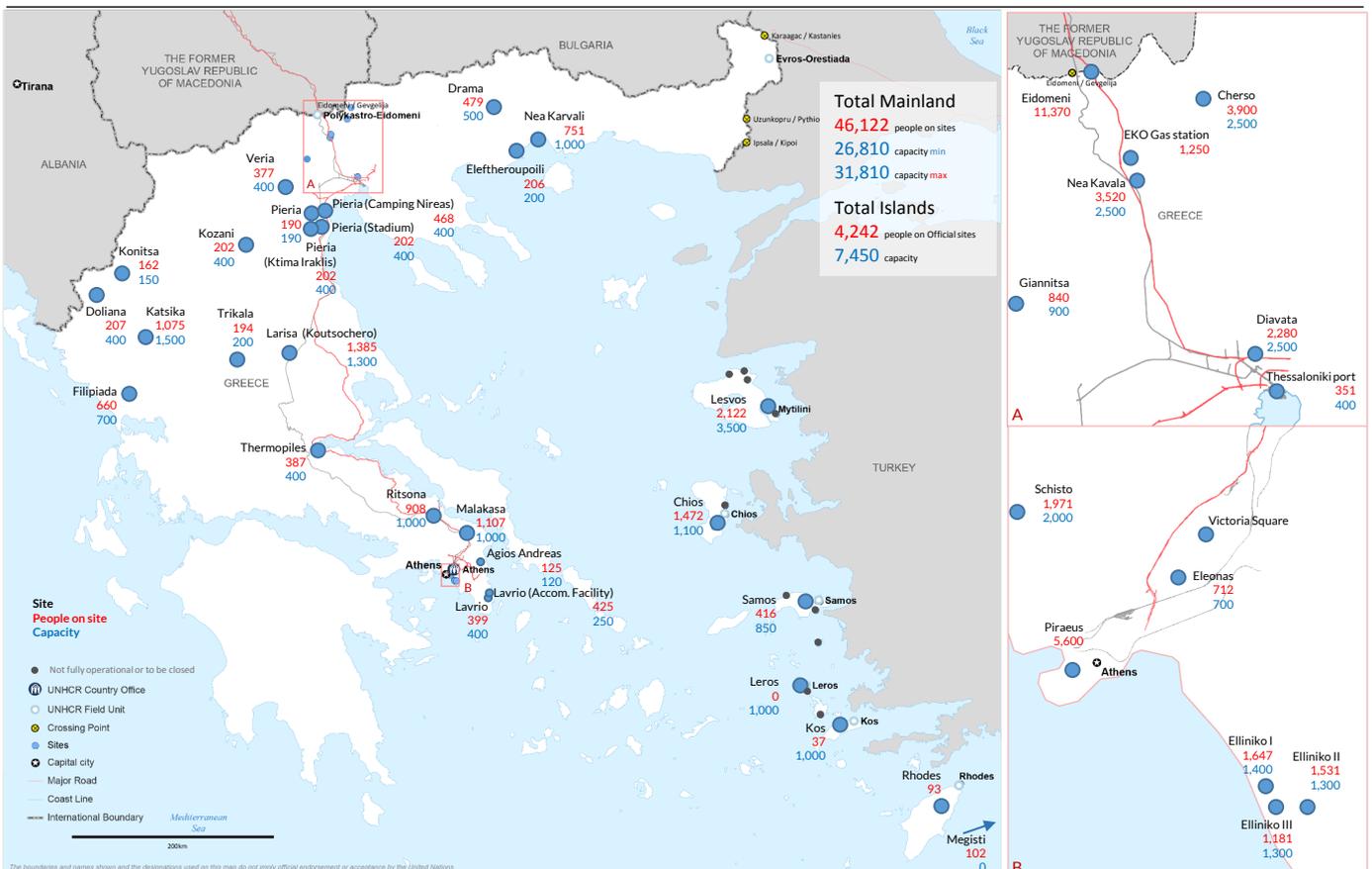


*Serbia (AND KOSOVO: SRES/1244 (1999))
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Site locations in Greece
As of 29 March 2016 08:00 a.m. EET



Based on figures from the Coordination Centre for the Management of the Refugee Crisis as of 29/03/2016 08:00 a.m. Eastern European Time.

Online map with additional information: <http://www.unhcr.gr/sites>