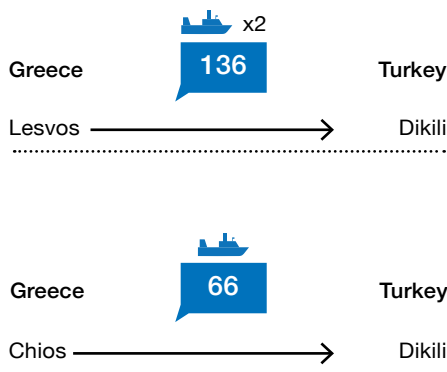
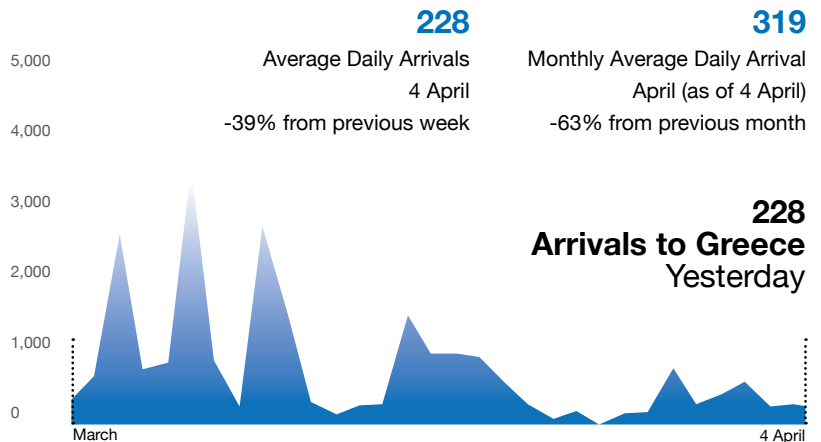




Returns to Turkey Yesterday



Average Daily Arrivals and Trends Greece



Daily Report

Arrivals and Departures: Greek authorities on the islands of Lesvos and Chios returned on Monday (4 April) 202 persons on boats bound for Turkey, the first to be sent back as part of the EU-Turkey agreement. The operation started at dawn with persons being escorted onto small ferries by Frontex officers to nearby ports on the Turkish coast. The operation was supervised by a lieutenant general of the Greek police and occurred peacefully. A total of 136 persons were returned from Lesvos and 66 from the nearby island of Chios. There is no timetable for further returns. Examining [asylum] applications will take some time" Giorgios Kyritsis, spokesman for the coordinating committee for refugees noted. According to the Greek authorities, no asylum-seekers have been sent back.

UNHCR is concerned however, that 13 individuals (including some Afghans) among those returned from Chios had indicated to UNHCR their intention to apply for asylum, but may not have had the opportunity to formally register their intention with local authorities. Meanwhile, on the Aegean islands, many media reports are seen with persons complaining of not being given sufficient time and access to the asylum procedure. It is to be noted that about 4,000 migrants and refugees are being detained on Greek islands since the agreement came into effect March 20.

The number of refugee arrivals in Italy this year is already 80% higher than in the same period in 2015. At the UN's Geneva conference on Syrian refugees last Wednesday (30 March), Italy's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Paolo Gentiloni, announced that 3,700 people had been rescued over the previous five days alone. Gentiloni put the total number of asylum seekers having made the crossing in the first three months of 2016 at 18,234. To date there are very few arrivals from Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan to Italy.

Condition of People: Greek authorities recorded an estimated 2,870 people who expressed interest in applying for asylum. Greek authorities confirmed that these people will not be sent back until their claim is assessed, a procedure that is bound to last at least two weeks. Support from the EU member states to assist Greek authorities in this matter is expected to arrive this Wednesday.

The European Commission issued a [fact sheet](#) containing detailed information on the implementation of the EU-Turkey agreement.



Critical Developments: 32 Syrian nationals belonging to six families, landed at Hanover airport early on Monday morning on a flight from Istanbul while 11 people were relocated to Finland. Another group is expected to arrive to the Netherlands today (5 April).

On Monday, in a statement by Commissioner Avramopoulos following his visit to Ankara, it was highlighted that regarding the refugee issue "the aim is to replace disorganised, chaotic, irregular and dangerous migratory flows by organised, safe and legal pathways to Europe for those entitled to international protection in line with EU and international law."

On 2 April, the Austrian Defense Minister, Hans Peter Doskozil, said that Austria will soon impose higher border controls along

the Italian border and is likely to deploy military personnel in the area. According to the statement, the troops would help protect the border, administer aid as well as register and deport migrants. The EU Chief Spokesperson, Margaritis Schinas, said that Austria will not violate any Schengen rules if it imposes stricter border controls along the Italian border.

Weather Headlines: Fine, dry and much warmer than average across the region on Wednesday and Thursday, with a risk especially in the north and west of Greece.

Becoming more unsettled through the weekend, with thundery showers, strong winds and rough seas.

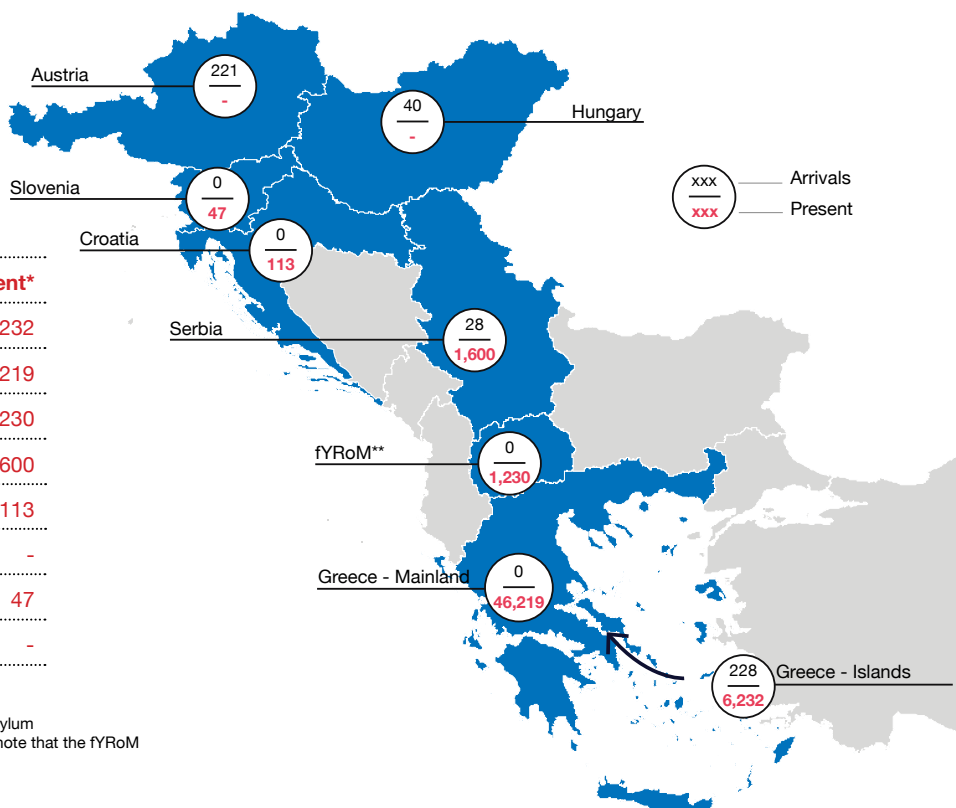


Estimated Arrivals and People Present* per Country Yesterday

Location	Arrivals	Present*
Greece - Islands	228	6,232
Greece - Mainland	0	46,219
fYRoM**	0	1,230
Serbia	28	1,600
Croatia	0	113
Hungary	40	-
Slovenia	0	47
Austria	221	-

*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)



Social Media

Facebook Activity: A Facebook event, "Idomeni Melodies", was created for the residents of Eidomeni next to the Chai tent in camp B. All residents were invited to enjoy music played by the musicians among the refugees. A short video of the 'concert' can be viewed [here](#).

Twitter Activity: #Greece trended on Twitter as the EU-Turkey deal to return refugees and migrants to Turkey got underway on Monday morning. With over 11,000 tweets which surfaced online, some individuals discussed the state of Greece's financial future, whilst a large majority of posts focused primarily on the 'turning point' of the implementation of the deal that was agreed upon last month.

A variety of hashtags were used to bring the issue to light; examples included: #Turkey, #migrantcrisis #openborders, with the most popular hashtag being #EUTurkeyDeal.

Some people posted about disagreements between residents of Chios, Greece and riot police. [Marina Prentoulis](#) posted: "Riot police [against] Chios residents complaining [for] refugees. Matter of time facing explosive situation. #EUTurkeyDeal #RefugeeCrisis Shame on EU". The full story can be read [here](#).

According to Guardian migration correspondent [Patrick Kingsley](#), "Neither Frontex nor the Greek asylum service has the full nationality breakdown of today's deportations. Both said: ask the police".

On 01 April, Frontex continued to report arrivals to Italy: "Norwegian Siem Pilot brought 545 rescued [refugees and] migrants, including 41 children, to the port of Salerno, Italy #Triton".

Current Statistics for #EUTurkeyDeal

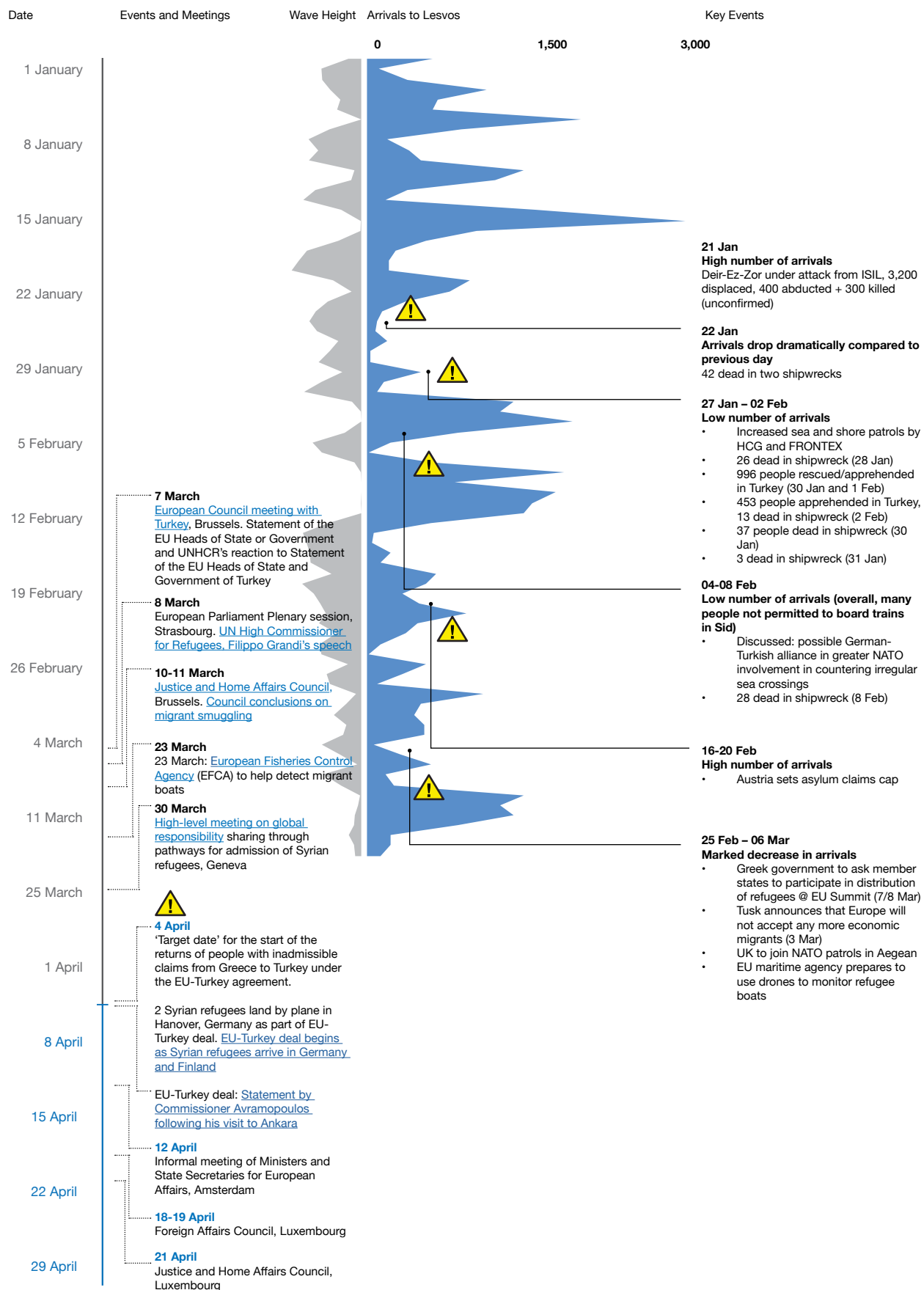
25 tweets, 63 retweets per hour
Over 53,730 impressions per hour

01-03 April - Summary of average activity for #refugeesgr

Average no. of tweets per day: 400
Average no. of retweets per day: 1,267
Average no. of impressions per day: 177



Situation Overview





Weather Forecast Greece

Site locations



Tomorrow Wednesday 6th April

Settled with fine and dry weather dominating across Greece, with light winds and calm seas iven and around the Greek Islands. Isolated showers or thunderstorms may form over the mountains by day in western and northern areas. Temperatures are well above the seasonal average, including around Eidomeni, but this is not currently expected to lead to any impacts for vulnerable people in the area. However, further north a heat health warning has been issued for parts of Serbia.

Thursday 7th April

Generally fine and dry for most parts with a few showers or isolated thunderstorms by day, again most likely over the mountains in western and northern areas. Light winds and calm seas continuing through the Aegean. Temperatures remaining well above average for the time of year (peaking today) especially in the north and west of Greece, including in and around Eidomeni.

Outlook Friday 8th - Sunday 10th April

Becoming unsettled and cooler, with a greater risk of thundery showers affecting western and northern Greece on Friday and Saturday. Winds will strengthen from the south on Friday and Saturday with choppy seas at times through the central Aegean and around the Greek Islands, presenting difficult conditions for small vessels at sea.

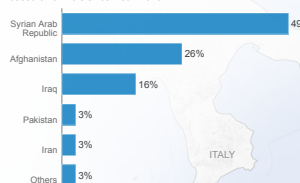


Annex 1 Key Figures from the Portal

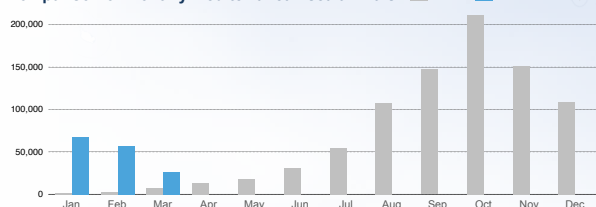
Increasing numbers of refugees and migrants take their chances aboard unseaworthy boats and dinghies in a desperate bid to reach Europe. The vast majority of those attempting this dangerous crossing are in need of international protection, fleeing war, violence and persecution in their country of origin.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



151,104 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

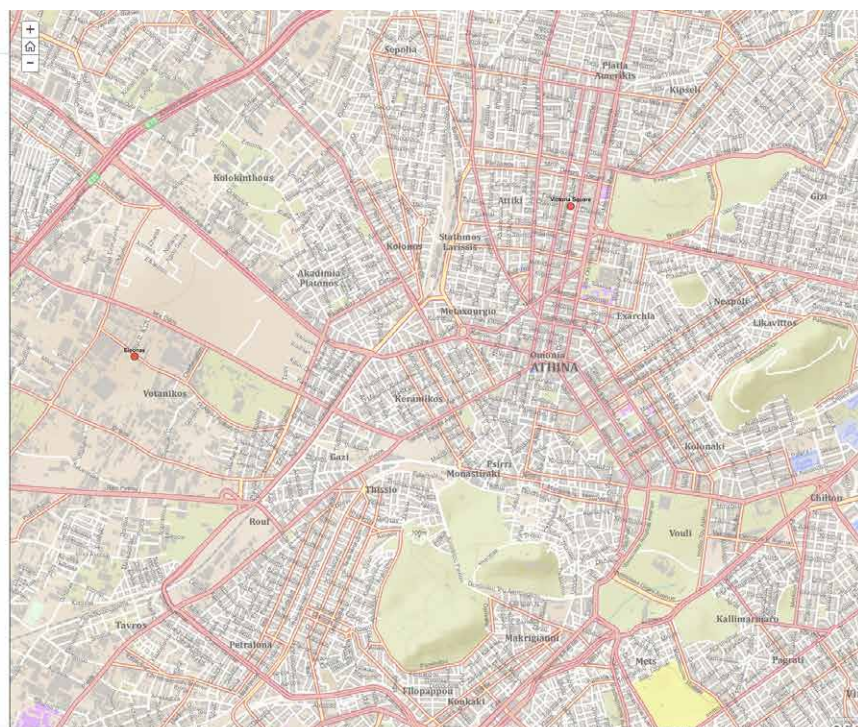
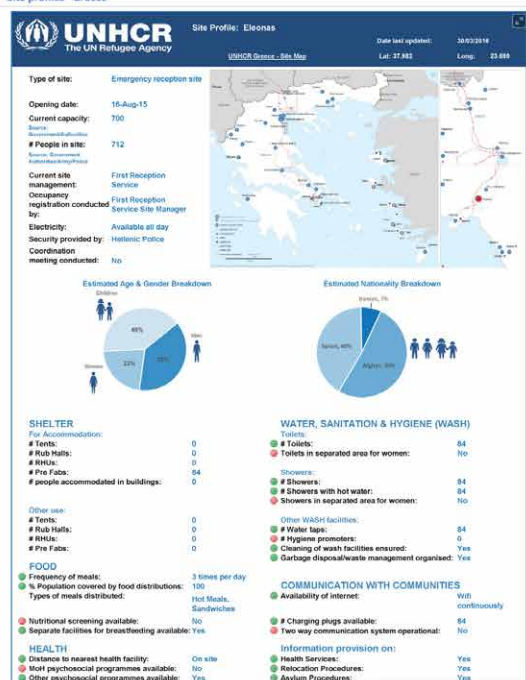
Demographics based on arrivals since 1 Jan 2016



*Serbia (AND KOSOVO: S/RES/1244 (1999))
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