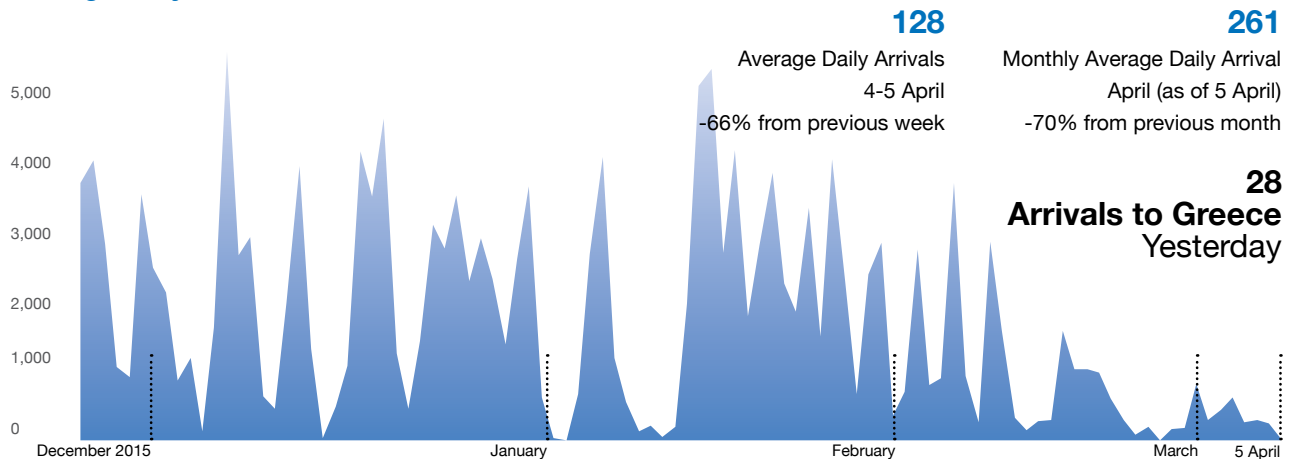




Average Daily Arrivals and Trends Greece



Daily Report

Arrivals and Departures

The procedure to return persons from Greece to Turkey has been temporarily halted as an increased number of people on Chios and Lesbos have expressed interest in applying for asylum in Greece during the past few days. As of yesterday, out of approximately 6,000 people who arrived on the Greek islands after the EU-Turkey agreement of March 20, at least 2,870 expressed interest in asylum. Greek authorities confirmed that they will not be returned as their applications need to be filed and assessed, a process which may require a lengthier period of time than initially envisioned. This is largely due to the shortage of staff required. Of the 400 staff promised by the EU, only 30 had arrived in Greece so far, said Maria Stavropoulou, the director of Greece's Asylum Service.

Condition of People

UNHCR staff in Eidomeni, where thousands of persons are staying in dire conditions near the border crossing between Greece and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, report that refugees were showing a greater interest in the EU relocation programs than they had in previous days.

Greek Alternate Defence Minister, Dimitris Vitsas, announced that Piraeus port will be decongested by the end of the week. There are currently 4,720 people at the port. "There are currently 2,600 empty spots in accommodation centers and another 10,000 are being built, most of which will be ready by next Sunday," the minister added.



Critical Developments

Today, 6 April, the European Commission published a communication on reform of the Common European Asylum System (CEAS), the Dublin regulation and on improving legal pathways to Europe Regarding the Dublin regulation, which establishes the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an asylum application. Today's announcement was a communication to then be transposed into proposals.

The Greek government is set to create a new general secretariat which will be responsible for managing the refugee crisis and intends to appoint former MP Odysseas Voudouris to head it. The government is seeking to share the responsibilities of managing the refugee and migrant crisis between the new secretariat and the Interior Ministry's existing body, headed by Vassilis Papadopoulos.

In the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the Law on Asylum and Temporary Protection was amended at a Parliamentary session held on 4 April. The amendments introduce two restrictions of concern to UNHCR: one on family reunification stating that a refugee can exercise the

right to family reunification only after three years from when asylum was granted; and another regarding the introduction of safe third country concept with the specification that an asylum claim submitted by a person who seeks to enter or have illegally entered the territory of the Republic of Macedonia from a safe third country, country – member of the EU, country – member of NATO or country – member of EFTA is considered to be manifestly unfounded.

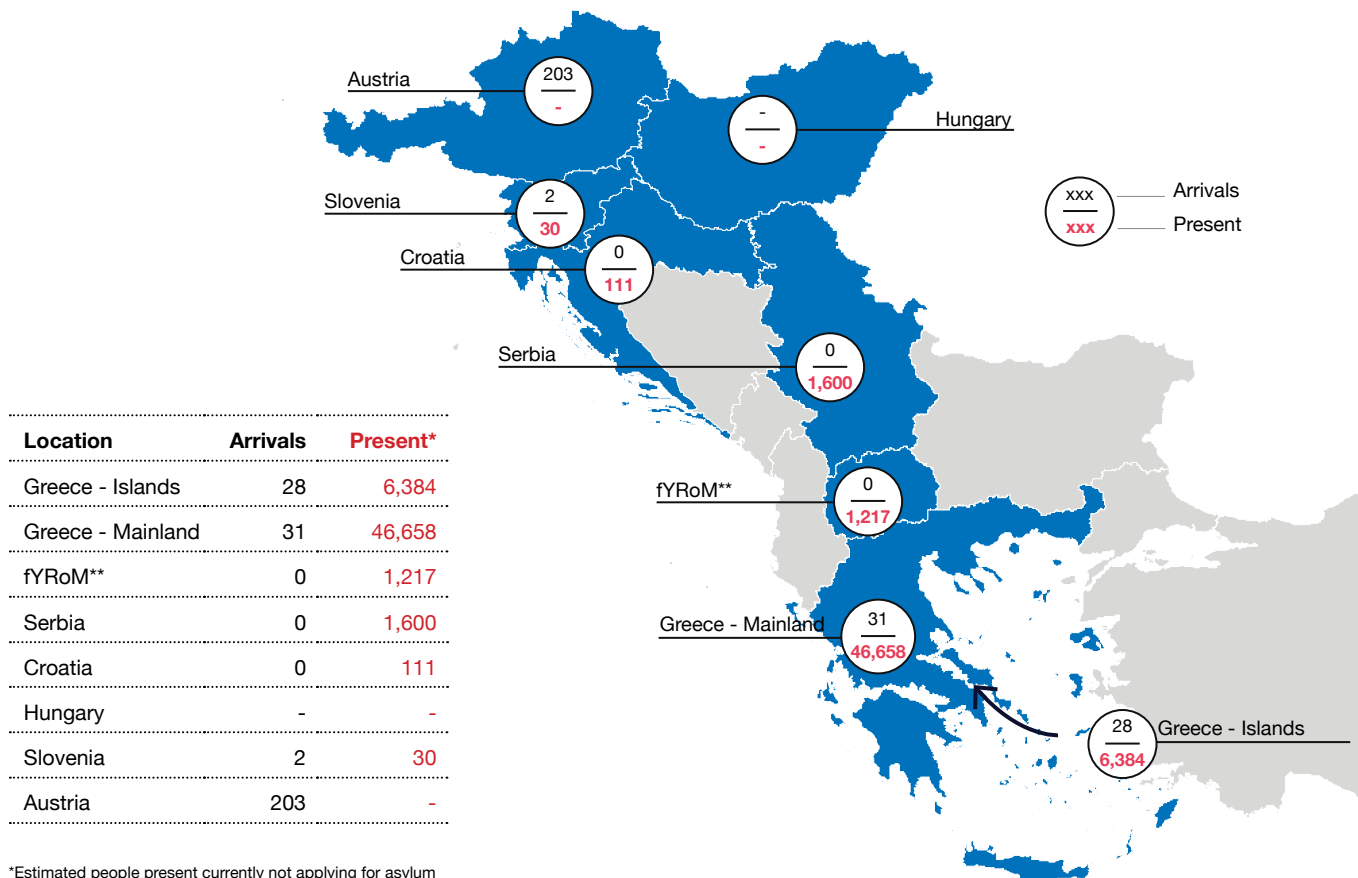
Weather Headlines

Fine and dry with high temperatures at first.

Becoming unsettled through the weekend, with thundery showers in places and with strong winds leading to rough seas in the Aegean.



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)



Social Media

Facebook Activity

Facebook group Are You Syrious? posted an advertisement for Greek, Arabic, and Farsi speaking volunteers to assist lawyers in providing legal advice to refugees on the island of Lesbos for the coming weekend.

Twitter Activity

The topic of Syria trended on Twitter in the morning and amassed over 71,000 individual tweets. There was an equal split of tweets surrounding the fact that the five-week ceasefire seemed to have effectively come to an end as Al-Nusra Front [rebels shot down a government plane](#) near Aleppo yesterday.

The surge in activity was also a result of news which emerged online yesterday of many besieged towns still lacking access to aid and emergency aid. According to online news source Middle East Eye, food aid was delivered to only 21 per cent of besieged areas in the Syrian Arab Republic. Read the full article [here](#).

MSF International posted a video of an [interview](#) they conducted with one refugee from Pakistan at the hotspot on Samos; Omer explains “We have no information about what’s going on and what they’ll do with us”.

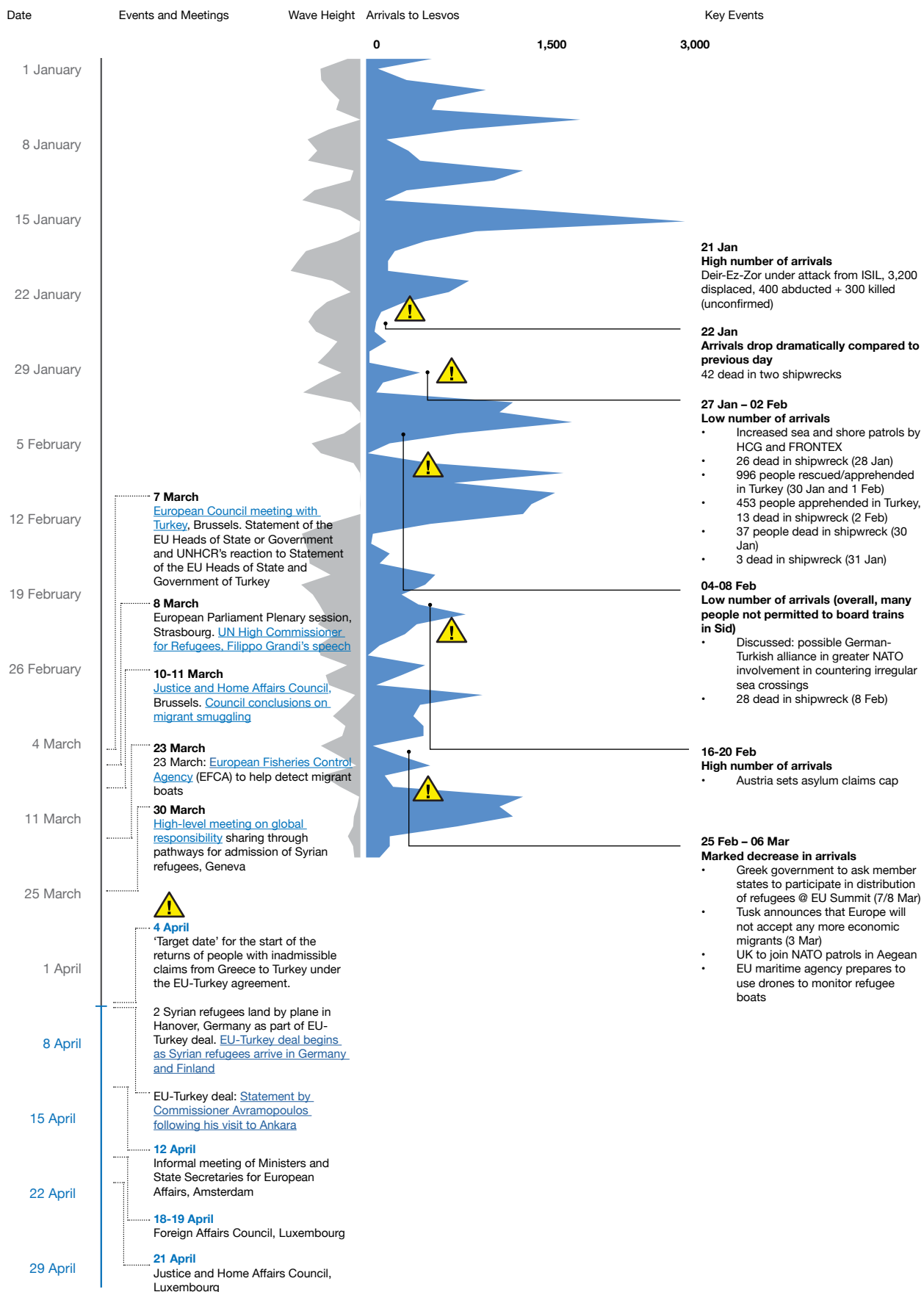
Current Statistics for #Syria

- 242 tweets, 554 retweets per hour
- Over 365,000 impressions per hour

Following the implementation of the EU-Turkey deal, activity using #Syria began to see an increase; after experiencing a slight lull in the last week, activity using #Syria began to rise on 03 April, reaching 8,700 unique tweets, 20,200 retweets and 6,975 impressions yesterday



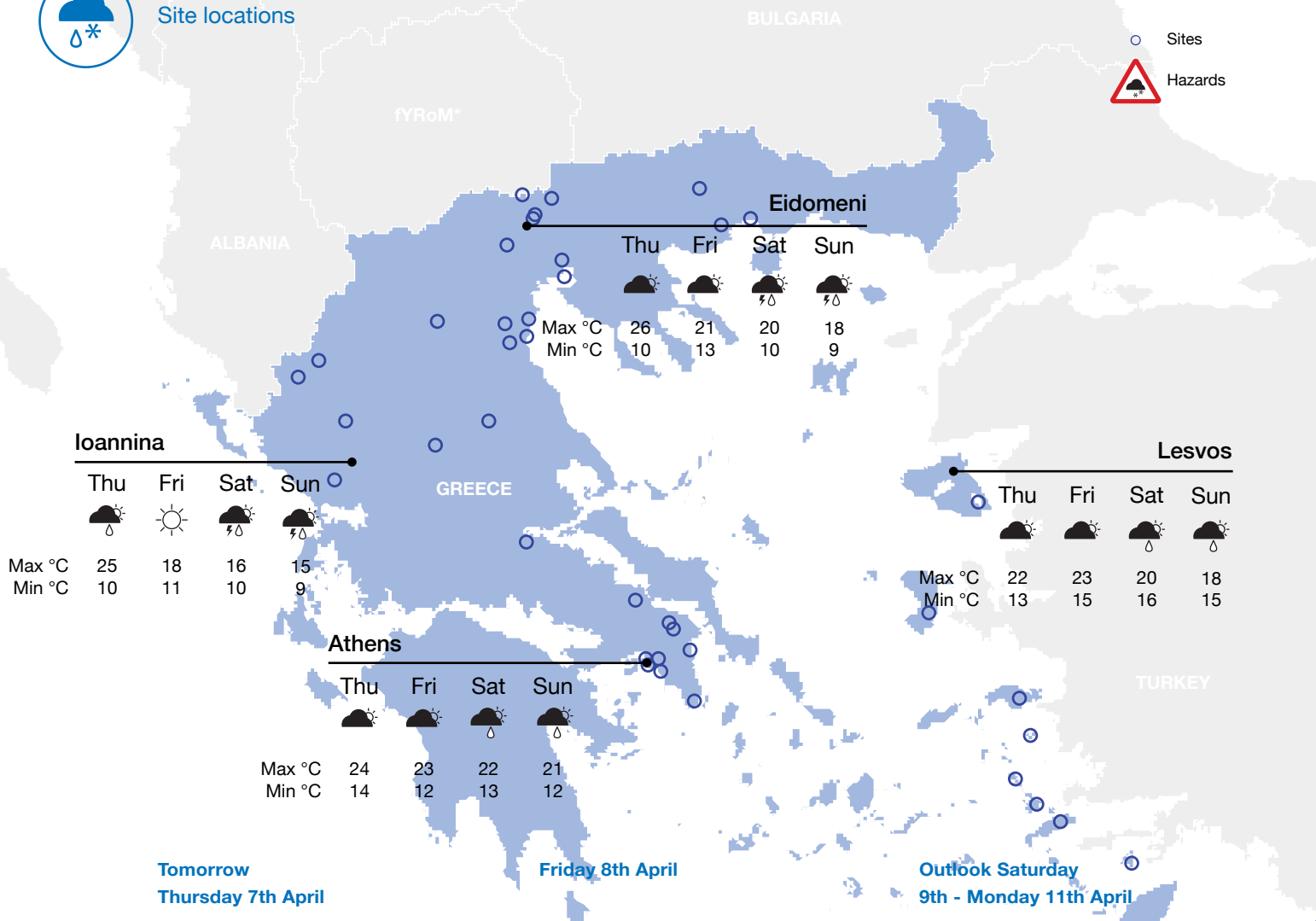
Situation Overview





Weather Forecast Greece

Site locations



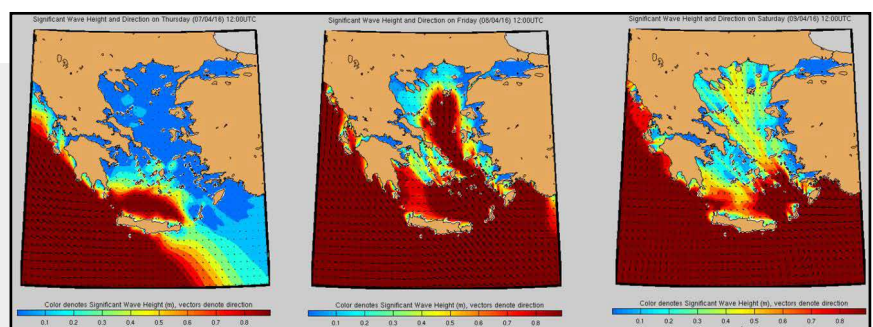
Settled with light winds and fine conditions dominating across Greece and the Aegean Sea. Although temperatures remain well above the seasonal average in Greece, especially in the north and west, no significant impacts are expected for vulnerable people, including the elderly or those suffering from chronic illness. However, further north a heat health warning is currently in force for parts of Serbia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, with some impacts expected here.

Cooler conditions spreading in to the north and west of Greece during Friday with showery outbreaks and a risk of thunderstorms at times. Remaining warm and settled further south and east across the Greek Islands. However, southerly winds will increase through the day through the central Aegean and around the Greek Islands allowing rough seas to develop. This will likely present difficult conditions for smaller boats.

Remaining unsettled and cooler, with a risk of thundery showers affecting parts of Greece, most likely in the north and west. Heavy thundery showers have the potential to lead to some localised flooding in these areas, which may affect refugee sites, although confidence in exactly where and when these showers will occur is currently low. Winds remain strong at times from the south on Saturday and Sunday, with choppy seas presenting difficult conditions for smaller boats.

Hellenic National Met Service Wave Height (Scale 0.1m - 1m)

12:00 GMT
Thursday, Friday, Saturday



Source: UK Met Office, WMO, www.ecmwf.int and Local National Met Services
[HNMS](#), [ECMWF](#)

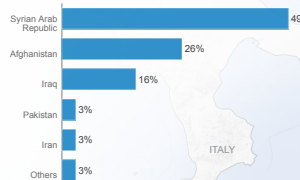


Annex 1 Key Figures from the Portal

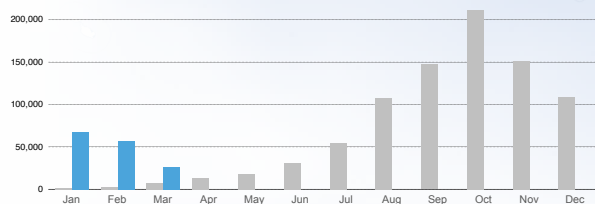
Increasing numbers of refugees and migrants take their chances aboard unseaworthy boats and dinghies in a desperate bid to reach Europe. The vast majority of those attempting this dangerous crossing are in need of international protection, fleeing war, violence and persecution in their country of origin.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

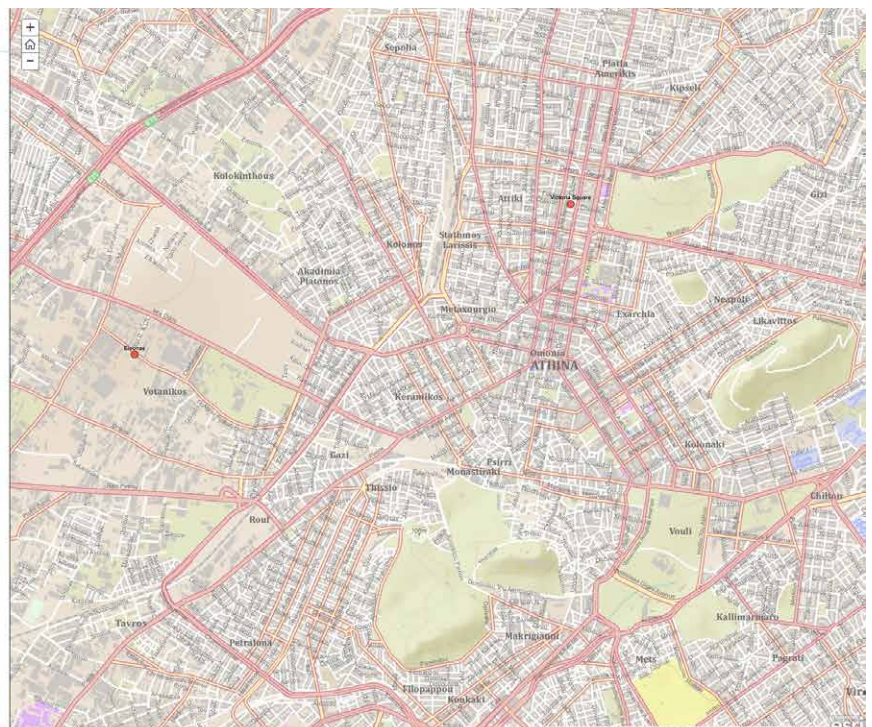
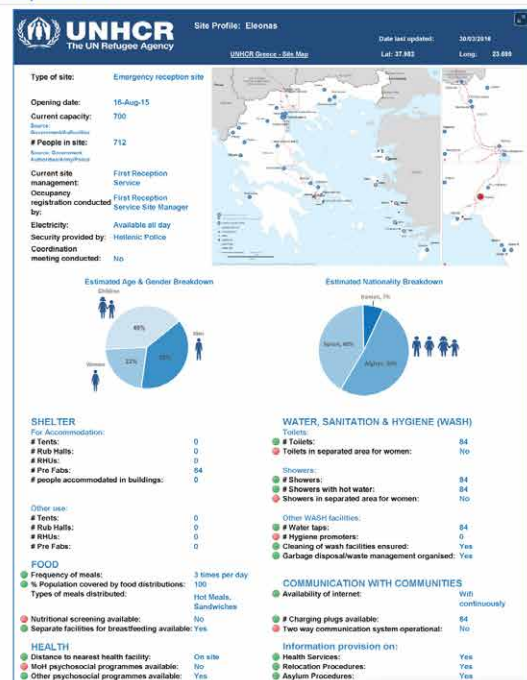
Demographics based on arrivals since 1 Jan 2016



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