



Daily Report

Arrivals and Departures: A decrease in interceptions and/or apprehensions was observed on the Aegean coasts of Turkey. It is reported that security measures were intensified, particularly on land, which contributed to the decrease in the number of those attempting to cross to the Greek islands.

New arrivals on the Aegean islands dropped from 262 on Sunday to 70 during the 24 hours preceding Thursday morning. "We had a very low influx from the other side of the Aegean (...) which we consider positive," said Giorgos Kyritsis, spokesperson for the Greek Refugee Crisis Management Coordination Body. It remains unclear if the decline is directly related to the EU-Turkey agreement.

Nikos Xydakis, Greek junior foreign minister for European affairs, [indicated](#) there would likely be few people returned to Turkey over the next two weeks. The majority of persons present in the hotspots have lodged asylum claims which need to be processed before any further steps can be taken. Out of 3,097 refugees and migrants currently detained at Moria, Lesbos' hotspot, an estimated 3,083 have expressed intention to apply for asylum.

Condition of People: Tension remains high at Piraeus as people are reluctant to leave the port, which the authorities intend to decongest by the end of the week. Assisted by translators they are providing information to people regarding transport means and accommodation facilities across the country. The 4,725 people still there remain sceptical and many expressed concern regarding their future.

On the initiative of the Alternate Social Solidarity Minister, Theano Fotiou, an accommodation program for unaccompanied minors to ministry's facilities in Thessaloniki and Serres will be implemented in cooperation with SOS Children's Villages and the Social Welfare Center of the Central Macedonia Region. A memorandum of understanding was signed between these three actors to offer humane living conditions and education to 40 unaccompanied minor refugees.

Critical Developments: Yesterday's [Communication from the European Commission on reforming the Common European Asylum System \(CEAS\)](#) and enhancing legal pathways to Europe aims to work towards proposals to provide 'a humane and efficient asylum policy', and to avoid people having to resort to dangerous and irregular journeys to find protection in Europe. The EC identifies five priority areas which are communicate as following: 1) establishing a sustainable and fair system for determining the MS responsible for asylum seekers, either by streamlining and supplementing the Dublin Regulation, or by moving to a new system based on a distribution key; 2) achieving greater convergence and reducing asylum shopping; 3) preventing secondary

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Arrivals to Greece Yesterday

Estimated Arrivals and People Present* per Country Yesterday



	Arrivals	Present
01 Turkey	-	-
02 Greece	70	6,867
Mainland	7	47,141
03 fYRoM**	0	1,214
04 Serbia	4	1,300
05 Croatia	0	111
06 Hungary	159	-
07 Slovenia	0	30
08 Austria	198	-
09 Lesbos	-	-
10 Chios	69	-



movements within the EU; 4) a new mandate for EASO; 5) reinforcing the Eurodac system. Secondly, in order to ensure and enhance safe and legal migration routes, the EC will work on: 1) a structured resettlement system; 2) reforming the EU Blue Card Directive; 3) measures to attract and support innovative entrepreneurs; 4) a REFIT evaluation of the existing legal migration rules; 5) pursuing close cooperation with third countries. UNHCR is analysing the details of the Communication and will respond accordingly.

In [Turkey](#), the Office of the Prime Minister issued Circular 2016/8 in relation to efforts to combat irregular migration. The Prime Minister set out that responsibility for managing returns is attributed to the DGMM and announced that all administrative, financial and technical assistance should be allocated to them by related government bodies.

Given the great number of refugees for which solutions have to be found either through the provision of international protection in Greece, through the relocation program, or via family reunification in another EU memberstate, the Asylum Service announced its decision to implement an emergency

plan for the registration of asylum claims of the people present in the open accommodation facilities. Registration of these claims, which will take place in collaboration with the appropriate authorities and the contribution of EASO and UNHCR, is expected to start in the following weeks and will function for approximately a month.

Further to statements made on 2 April by the Austrian Defense Minister regarding increased border controls, according to media reports, the Ministry of Interior announced plans to establish a new border management system also at the border crossing points of Nickelsdorf/Hegyeshalom and Klingenbach/Sopron (Austrian-Hungarian border), including the establishment of a fence of 30km.

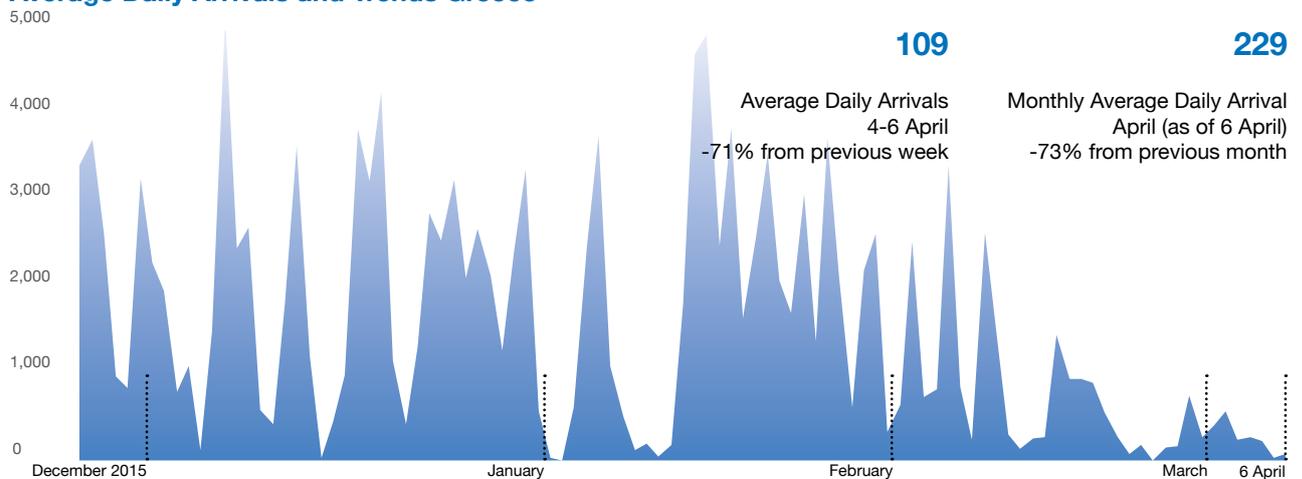
Weather Headlines

Becoming unsettled through the weekend, with thundery showers in places and the potential for localised impacts.

Strong winds at times leading to rough seas in the Aegean and around the Greek Islands.



Average Daily Arrivals and Trends Greece



Social Media

A video emerged highlighting the living conditions of people residing at the Eidomeni camp. Watch the video [here](#) (in French).

Twitter Activity

The Twitter page for [Greek Reporter](#) reported on many aspects of the refugee crisis and the EU-Turkey deal. Some extracts included the following:

[EU: No More Blanket Deportations of Migrants](#) – following protests and criticism from international human rights activists as well as refugees and migrants, the EU announced there will be “no automatic return” before refugees are given the opportunity to apply for asylum.

[Refugees and Migrants Refuse to Leave Piraeus Port](#), Idomeni Camp – as tensions and fears rise, residents at Piraeus port ‘tent city’ and Eidomeni camp refused to move to assigned hosting facilities out of fear of deportation.

Current Statistics for #EUTurkeyDeal

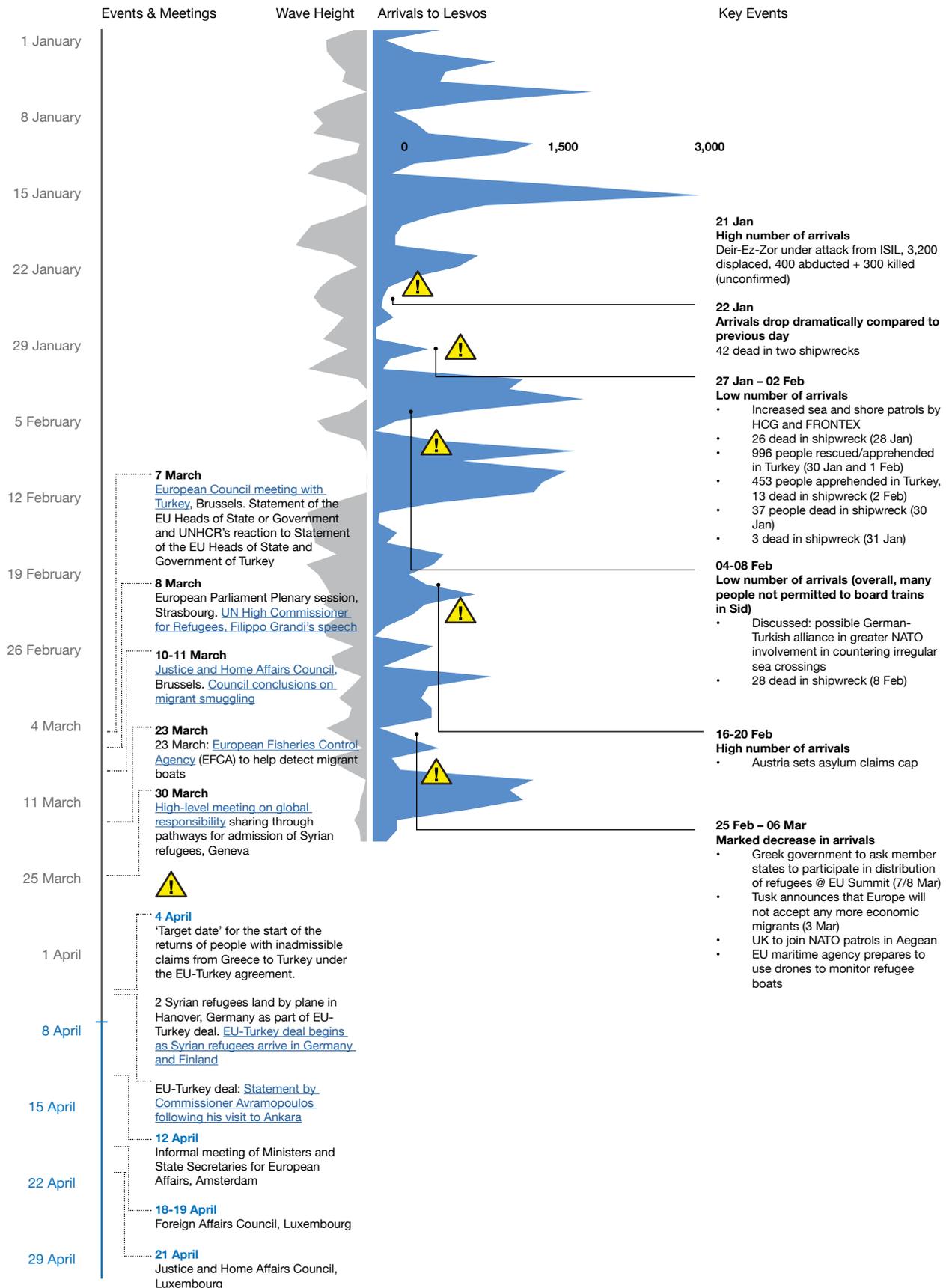
- Over 9,000 impressions per hour
- 57.58% and 21.21% of posts using #EUTurkeyDeal were in English and German respectively

Current Statistics for #refugeesgr

- 4 tweets, 46 retweets per hour
- Over 372,000 impressions per hour

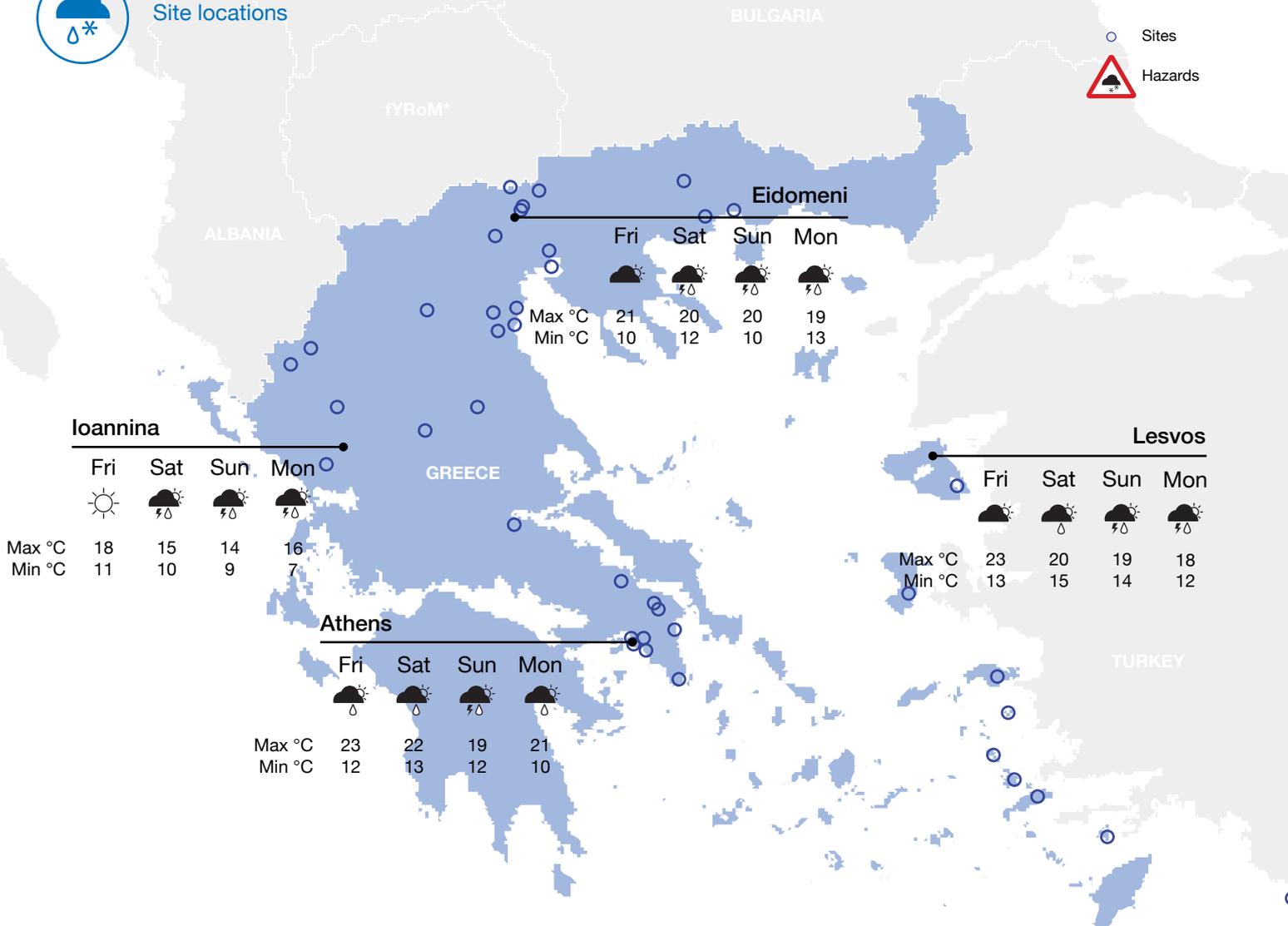


Situation Overview





Weather Forecast Greece
Site locations



Tomorrow
Friday 8th April

Cooler, more unsettled weather spreading in to the north and west of Greece during Friday with showery outbreaks and a risk of thunderstorms developing. 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 which may present difficult conditions for smaller boats.

Saturday 9th April

Similar to Friday but with a risk of showery outbreaks and localised thunderstorms for all parts, especially in the north and the west. Here, thunderstorms may become heavy, with a risk of lightning and strong and gusty winds at times. Fresh to strong southerly winds continuing in the Aegean and around the Greek Islands, leading to rough seas, which may present difficult conditions for small boats.

Outlook Sunday
10th - Tuesday 12th April

Remaining unsettled for all parts with thundery showers developing, most likely in the north and west where these could become heavy. These thunderstorms may lead to localised flooding, which could potentially affect refugee sites, with lightning, gusty winds and hail also a possible hazard. However, confidence in exactly where and when these showers will occur is currently low. Strong winds and rough seas gradually easing through Monday but continuing to present difficult conditions for smaller boats at times.



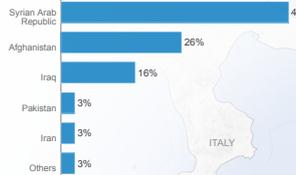
Annex 1 Key Figures from the Portal

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.

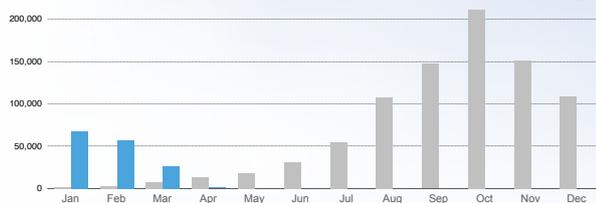
Top-10 nationalities of Mediterranean sea arrivals

Top-10 nationalities represent 100% of the sea arrivals

based on arrivals since 1 Jan 2016



Comparison of monthly Mediterranean sea arrivals



152,152 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



Demographics based on arrivals since 1 Jan 2016



*Serbia (AND KOSOVO) S/RES/1244 (1999)
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Site locations in Greece

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