



Daily Report



Planning and Preparation: The European Commission [announced](#) that they would allocate €83 million, under the new Emergency Assistance Instrument, to improve living conditions for refugees in Greece; with funding dispersed immediately to UNHCR (€25 million), the International Federation of the Red Cross and six international NGOs. EU Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management, Christos Stylianides, signed the first contracts in Athens under the new instrument for emergency support within the EU, set up to help Member States cope with crises, such as large numbers of refugees.

The European Commission further announced that regarding its [commitment](#) to accelerate the implementation of the Facility for Refugees in Turkey, the implementation of a new set of projects will receive EU support. A further €60 million will be allocated to DGMM to cover expenses for food, health care and accommodation of people who have been returned from Greece to Turkey. A further €50 million in humanitarian aid will address the immediate needs of Syrian refugees in Turkey.

Arrivals and Departures: Italian Interior Minister, Angelino Alfano, stated in a media [interview](#) that compared to last year, the number of people arriving irregularly to Italy by sea has increased by 4.7% in 2016. As such, he described the situation as “not an emergency nor is the reception system under collapse”.

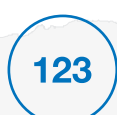
In Greece, 134 people arrived on average to the islands in April. There are currently 46,333 people located on the mainland

and 7,645 on the islands. Of those on the islands, 5,844 have expressed intention to apply for asylum as of the 18 April. Of the 2,671 relocation requests, 860 transfers took place so far. A total of 3,288 pledges have been made available by EU Member States as of 19 April.

Conditions of People: In Greece, the media reports that [people](#) who have been kept at the hotspots' closed facilities on Lesbos and Chios islands, are gradually being released as they complete the maximum detention period of 25 days. However, this does not imply that they have had their asylum claims processed. On Lesbos, people can be accommodated at the open facility in Kara Tepe awaiting the assessment of their asylum applications. On Chios, alternative open accommodation sites are overcrowded. UNHCR continues to collaborate with the authorities to promote alternatives to the restriction of liberty through the creation of new and/or expansion of already existing open sites on the islands.

Deaths at Sea: On Tuesday, a UNHCR team [interviewed](#) survivors of what could be one of the worst tragedies involving refugees and migrants in the last 12 months. If confirmed, as many as 500 people may have lost their lives when a large ship went down in the Mediterranean Sea at an unknown location between Libya and Italy. The 41 survivors (37 men, three women and a three-year-old child) were rescued by a merchant ship and taken to Kalamata, in the Peloponnese peninsula of Greece on 16 April. Those rescued include 23 Somalis, 11 Ethiopians, 6 Egyptians and a Sudanese.

The survivors told UNHCR that they had been part of a group



Key Figures

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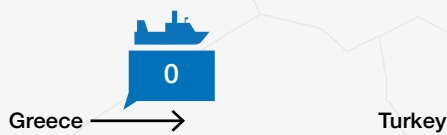
Arrivals to Greek Islands
Yesterday

39

Departures to Greece Mainland
Yesterday

0

Departures to Turkey
on 20 April 2016



Past and Upcoming Meetings and Events

15 April
17 Syrian refugees arrive at Hannover airport from Turkey

18-19 April
Foreign Affairs Council, Luxembourg

Today 20 April

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of between 100 and 200 people who departed last week from a locality near Tobruk in Libya on a 30-metre-long boat.

Critical Developments

During an address to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg held on the 19 April, Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoğlu stated that regarding the EU-Turkey agreement, Turkey intends to fulfil its commitments and stressed that the same is expected from the EU. He mentioned that Chancellor Angela Merkel, European Council President Donald Tusk, and European Commission vice-president Frans Timmermans, will travel to Turkey on 23 April.

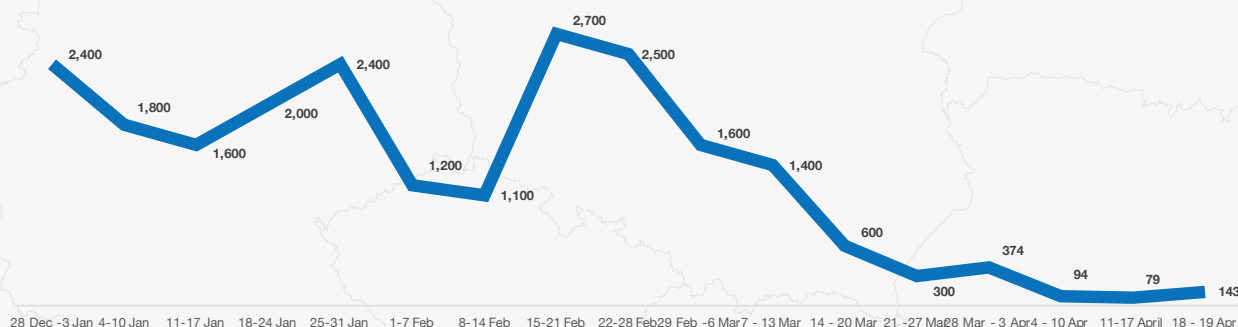
The Italian government has [presented](#) a "strategic coordination" proposal regarding the EU and NATO operations in the Mediterranean. The proposal, shared by Germany,

France, Spain and the UK, was delivered by Defence Minister Roberta Pinotti during an EU Foreign and Defence Ministers meeting in Luxemburg, to EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs Federica Mogherini and NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg.

On 19 April, the Greek Alternate Minister of Migration Policy, Yiannis Mouzalas, called a High Level Inter-agency Steering Committee meeting. The Minister chaired the meeting in cooperation with the UNHCR Representative and highlighted the close cooperation with UNHCR. He emphasized the three priorities for the Government: decongestion of Eidomeni, Piraeus and Elliniko; improving overall conditions at sites on the mainland and the islands. On the islands he stressed the particular need to speed up the examination of asylum claims and the increase of the capacity of the asylum services and the intention of the Government to transit from closed facilities to alternative accommodation.



Average Daily Arrivals and Arrival Trends Greece



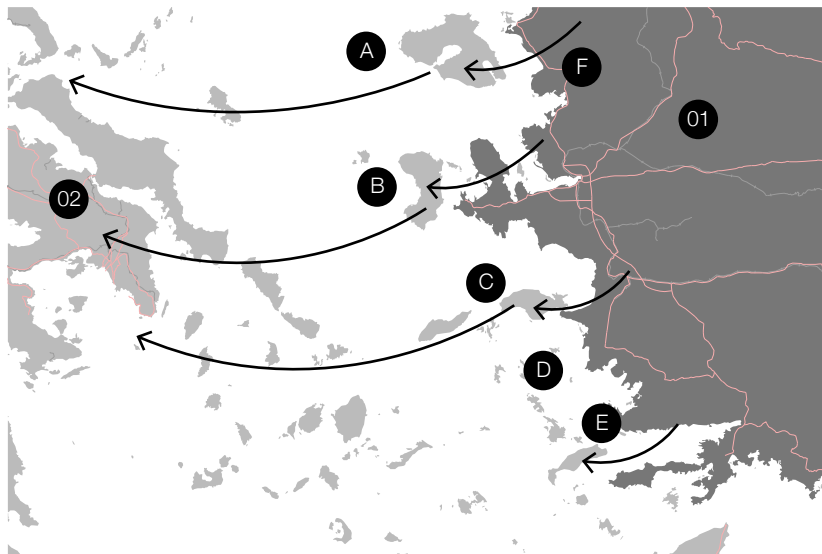
Estimated Arrivals and People Present* per Country Yesterday

| | Arrivals | Present* |
|-----------------|----------|----------|
| 01 Turkey | | |
| 02 Greek Island | 178 | 7,645 |
| Greece Mainland | 39 | 46,333 |
| 03 fYRoM** | 0 | 918 |
| 04 Serbia | 34 | 950 |
| 05 Croatia | 0 | 0 |
| 06 Hungary | 174 | |
| 07 Slovenia | 0 | 38 |
| 08 Austria | 183 | |

* Number of people present in Greece and estimated number of people currently present in countries along the previous route not applying for asylum
 ** The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (please note that the fYRoM abbreviation is used for design purposes)



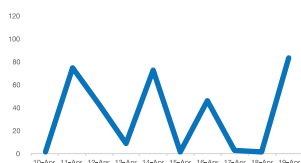
Greek Islands and Turkey: Estimated Arrivals and Transfers



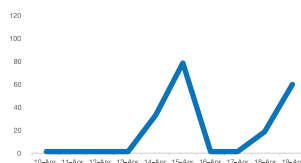
| | Arrivals | Departures to Mainland |
|------------------|----------|------------------------|
| 01 Turkey | | |
| 02 Greece | 178 | 39 |
| Breakdown | | |
| A Lesbos | 84 | 34 |
| B Chios | 60 | 4 |
| C Samos | 13 | 1 |
| D Leros | | |
| E Kos | 21 | |
| F Dikili | | |
| Other | | |

Arrivals to Greek Islands 10 April - 18 April

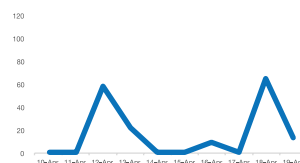
Lesbos arrivals



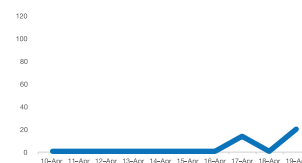
Chios arrivals



Samos arrivals

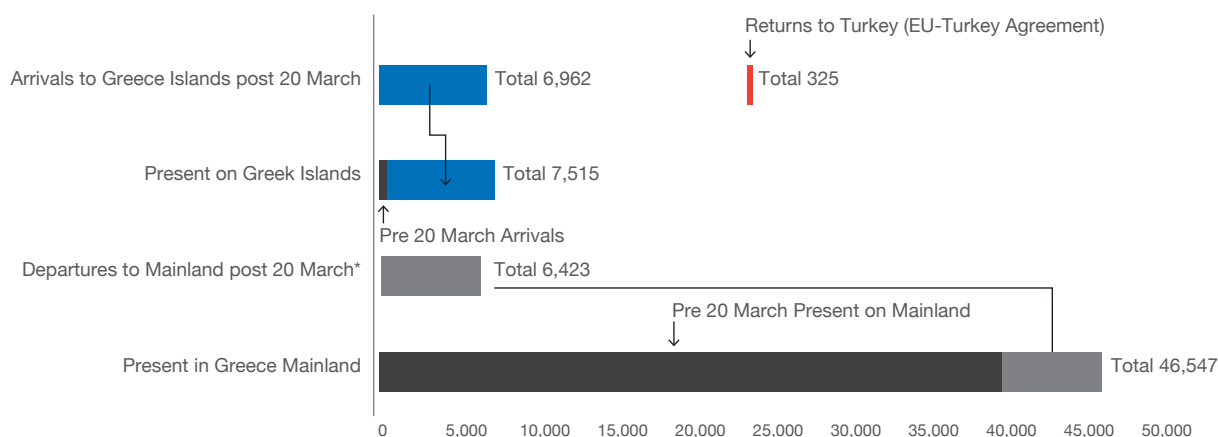


Kos arrivals



Population Overview

Arrived, present and transferred to Greece Mainland and returned to Turkey since 20 March



*People able to depart are those only who arrived before 20 March

Total in Greece: **53,824**

Reporting period 20 March - 18 April



Timeline Overview

7 March

[European Council meeting with Turkey](#), Brussels. Statement of the EU Heads of State or Government and UNHCR's reaction to Statement of the EU Heads of State and Government of Turkey

8 March

European Parliament Plenary session, Strasbourg. [UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Filippo Grandi's speech](#)

10-11 March

[Justice and Home Affairs Council](#), Brussels. [Council conclusions on migrant smuggling](#)

23 March

23 March: [European Fisheries Control Agency](#) (EFCA) to help detect migrant boats

30 March

[High-level meeting on global responsibility](#) sharing through pathways for admission of Syrian refugees, Geneva

4 April

'Target date' for the start of the returns of people with inadmissible claims from Greece to Turkey

5 April

31 Syrians were resettled in Netherlands

12 April

Informal meeting of Ministers and State Secretaries for European Affairs, Amsterdam

15 April

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32 Syrian refugees land by plane in Hanover. [EU-Turkey deal begins as Syrian refugees arrive in Germany and Finland](#)

11 Syrians were resettled in Finland

EU-Turkey deal: [Statement by Commissioner Avramopoulos following his visit to Ankara](#)

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Social Media

Twitter Activity

The Twitter account of [NoBorders](#), a page dedicated to posting updates and breaking news regarding the refugee crisis, posted images of their kitchen camp which was destroyed by Greek authorities.

The European Asylum Support Office (EASO) [retweeted](#) David Stellini, Spokesperson on Justice and Home Affairs and Social Policies for the EPP Group: "EASO's Jean Pierre Schembri tells MEPs 'EASO needs adequate human and financial resources to carry out its tasks'".

The European Commission posted: "Don't be afraid of #refugees: they bring their talent, energy and knowledge". This is an excerpt from a speech given by European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker at the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe which took place yesterday, 19 April in Strasbourg. In his speech, Mr Juncker referred to the refugee crisis as one of the "most difficult tests". The full speech can be accessed [here](#).

Current Statistics for #refugeecrisis

- 50 tweets, 17 retweets per hour
- Less than 100 impressions per hour
- **Related hashtags:** #childrenofsyria, #greece, #refugees, and #lesvos

#refugees over the last month:

3,100

Highest no. of tweets on 4 April

8,000

Highest no. of retweets on 4 April

39,400

Highest no. impressions on 8 April

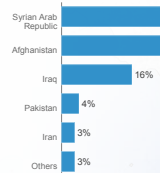


Annex 1 Key Figures from the Portal

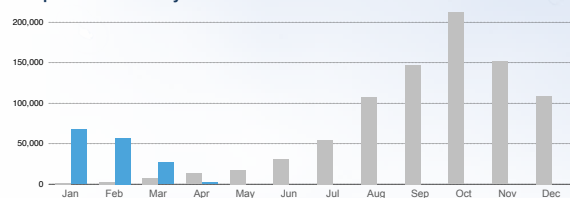
Increasing numbers of refugees and migrants take their chances aboard unseaworthy boats and dinghies in a desperate bid to reach Europe. The vast majority of those attempting this dangerous crossing are in need of international protection, fleeing war, violence and persecution in their country of origin.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



153,709 arrivals by sea in 2016

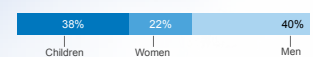
856,723 arrivals by sea in 2015

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

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Sea arrivals in 2016
Main routes through the Mediterranean

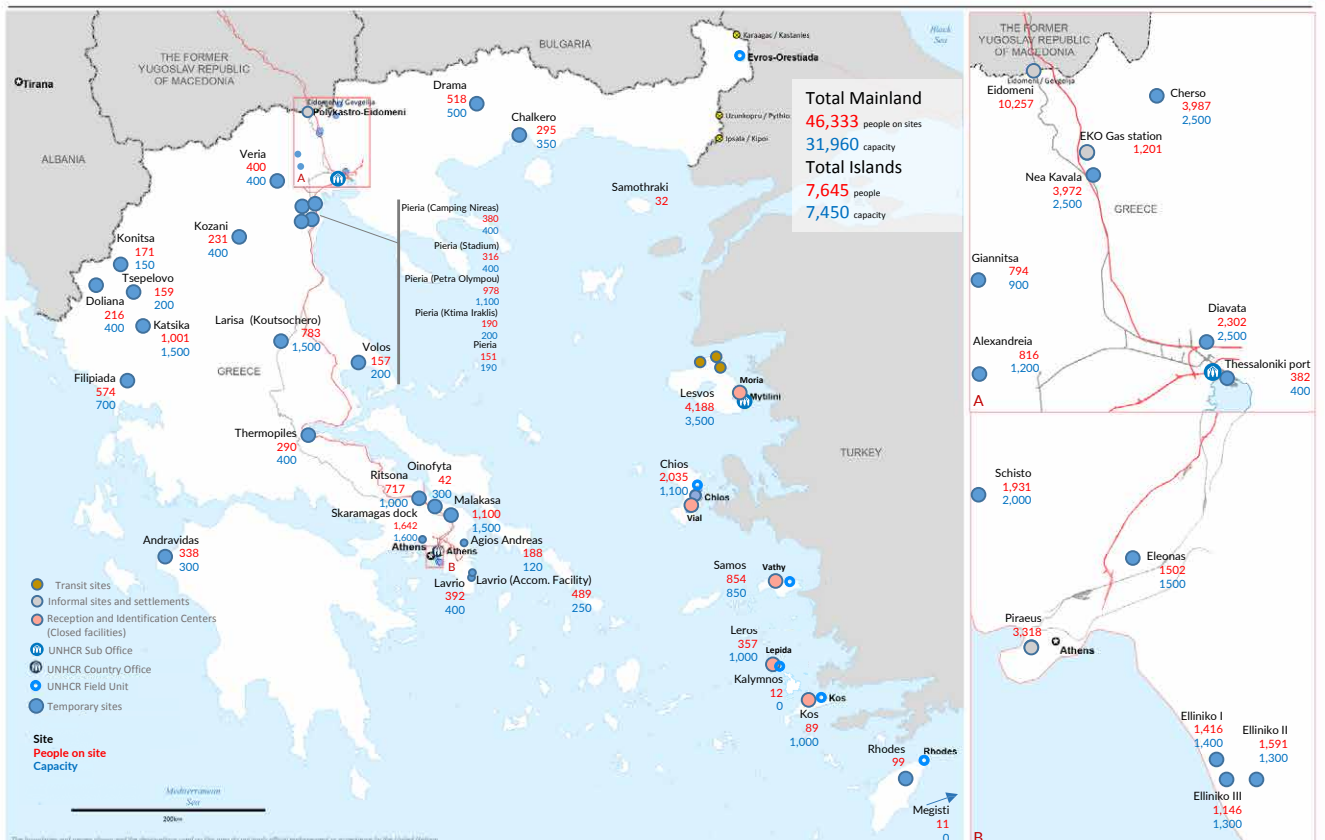
Demographics based on arrivals since 1 Jan 2016



*Serbia (AND KOSOVO: SRES/1244 (1999))
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Europe Refugee Emergency

Daily map indicating capacity and occupancy (Governmental figures)
As of 20 April 2016 08:00 a.m. EET



Presence and capacity are based on Governmental figures from the Coordination Centre for the Management of the Refugee Crisis, as of 20/04/2016 08:00 a.m. Eastern European Time.
Online map with additional information: <http://www.unhcr.gr/sites>