



Daily Report

Arrivals and Departures



According to the Turkish Coast Guard, 1,252 people were intercepted and rescued in the Aegean Sea so far in April. There were 567 apprehensions on land in the same period.

Conditions of People

In Serbia, the number of people accommodated in government facilities continued to decrease, with only 51 remaining in the Sid and Adasevci Refugee Aid Points and 95 in the Presevo Reception Centre. Almost 400 people are currently staying in Belgrade; many planning to depart towards the Hungarian border, where some 350 people are waiting in the open to be admitted into the transit zones. Some 68 individuals were admitted on 20 April. 396 people expressed intent to seek to asylum in Serbia so far in April whilst a total of 2,343 people have expressed intent to apply for asylum in 2016.

On 20 April, Eurostat [released](#) its latest statistics on the number of positive asylum decisions per EU member state in 2015. The 28 EU Member States granted protection status to 333,350 asylum seekers in 2015, an increase of 72% compared with 2014.

In 2015, the number of asylum applicants from Syria rose to 363 thousand in the EU Member States, which was 29 % of the total. Afghan nationals accounted for 14 % of those applying and Iraqi nationals for 10 %, while Kosovans and Albanians accounted for 5 % and Pakistanis for 4 %. Among the most numerous groups of applicants in the EU Member States in

2015 and by far the largest relative increase compared with 2014, was recorded for people from Iraq.

Critical Developments

The European Commission released the first progress [report](#) since regarding the implementation of the EU-Turkey agreement of 18 March. At the press conference discussing the report's findings, the Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs & Citizenship emphasised the need for solidarity, and noted that an improved spirit of 'unity' developed as a result of the common aim of curbing 'irregular movement from Turkey to the EU (...) through legal channels of resettlement.' He also noted that numbers of arrivals to the Greek islands had dropped, however continued efforts are needed. "The Greek authorities had put in place the necessary operational and legal measures and work continues to improve conditions in reception facilities. The European Commission is working with Turkish authorities to ensure protection is available to those that require it", he specified. A second progress report will be available in June.

The Council of Europe assembly released a [report](#) entitled "The situation of refugees and migrants under the EU-Turkey Agreement of 18 March 2016". The report lists numerous concerns regarding human rights violations, people kept in overcrowded and insanitary closed facilities on the Greek



Key Figures

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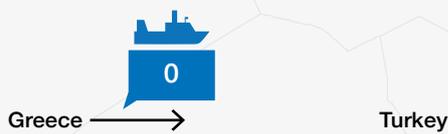
Arrivals to Greek Islands
Yesterday

7

Departures to Greece Mainland
Yesterday

0

Departures to Turkey
on 21 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

20 April
Securing the external borders of the EU – a challenge for external and internal security

Today 21 April
20-21 April
Secretary General of NATO, Jens Stoltenberg to visit Greece and Turkey

21 April
Justice and Home Affairs Council, Luxembourg

23 April
Donald Tusk to visit Gaziantep, Turkey with Angela Merkel and Frans Timmermans



islands to inadequate legal protection for people seeking to appeal against rejection of an asylum claim.

Interior and foreign ministers of Bulgaria, Greece, Albania and Macedonia are to meet in Thessaloniki on Thursday and Friday to [discuss](#) possible measures to manage possible further population movements into Europe.

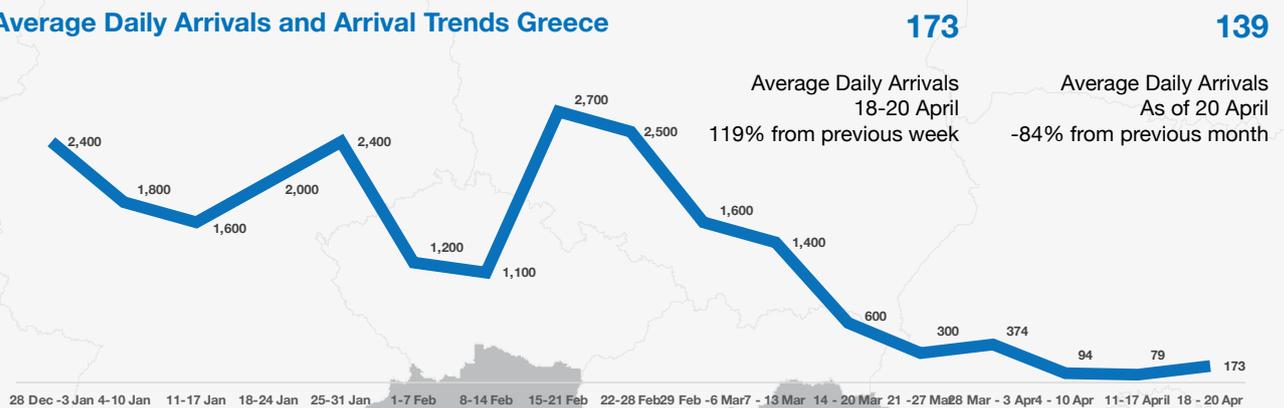
During the Justice and Home Affairs Council to be held today, 21 April, ministers will discuss the implementation of the EU-Turkey agreement. They will also hold a debate on the European Commission's communication regarding the reform of the common European asylum system and enhancing legal avenues to Europe. The Council will also take stock of the work carried out so far regarding the proposal for a European border guard, on which the Council adopted its position on 6 April 2016.

Response

On the Greek islands, UNHCR continues to advocating for alternatives to closed facilities. UNHCR continues to support the authorities with identifying people with specific needs and transferring them to open facilities. On the mainland, available services at facilities where people are accommodated vary. UNHCR is working closely with the Greek authorities to improve reception conditions on the mainland. UNHCR is the only humanitarian agency currently present in all sites on the mainland. Essential items will be distributed as required at all locations.



Average Daily Arrivals and Arrival Trends Greece



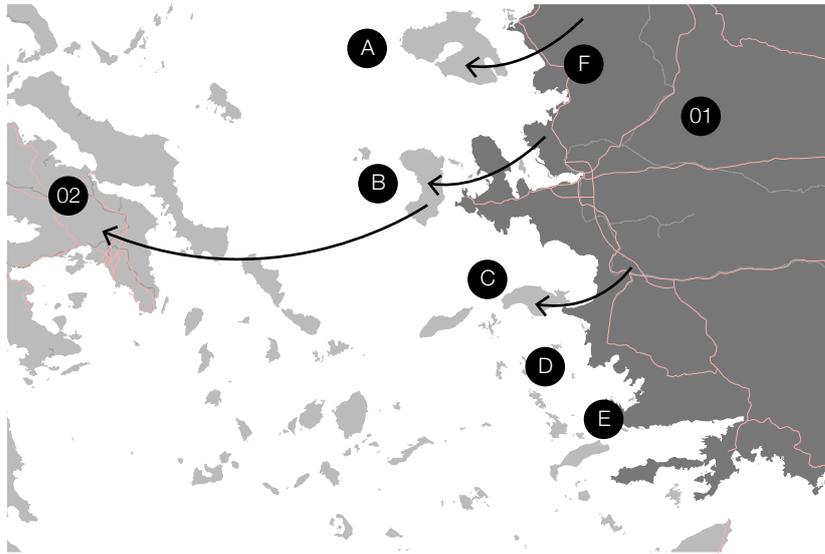
Estimated Arrivals and People Present* per Country Yesterday

	Arrivals	Present*
01 Turkey		
02 Greek Islands	233	7,843
Greece Mainland	7	46,020
03 fYRoM**	0	941
04 Serbia	5	950
05 Croatia	0	111
06 Hungary	206	
07 Slovenia	0	37
08 Austria	268	

* 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)

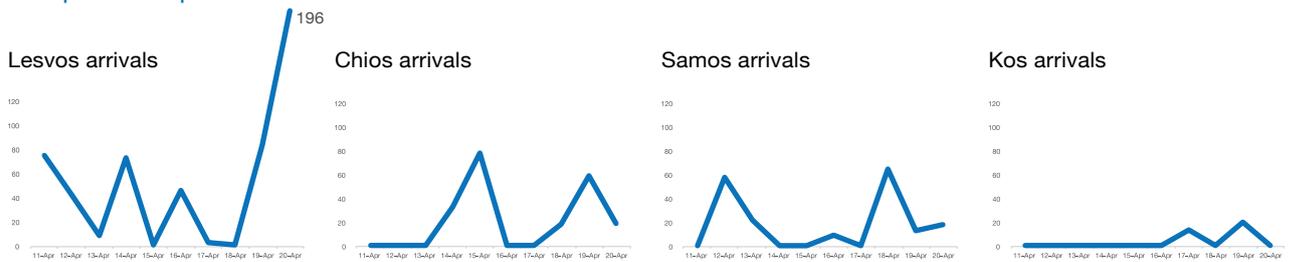


Greek Islands and Turkey: Estimated Arrivals and Transfers



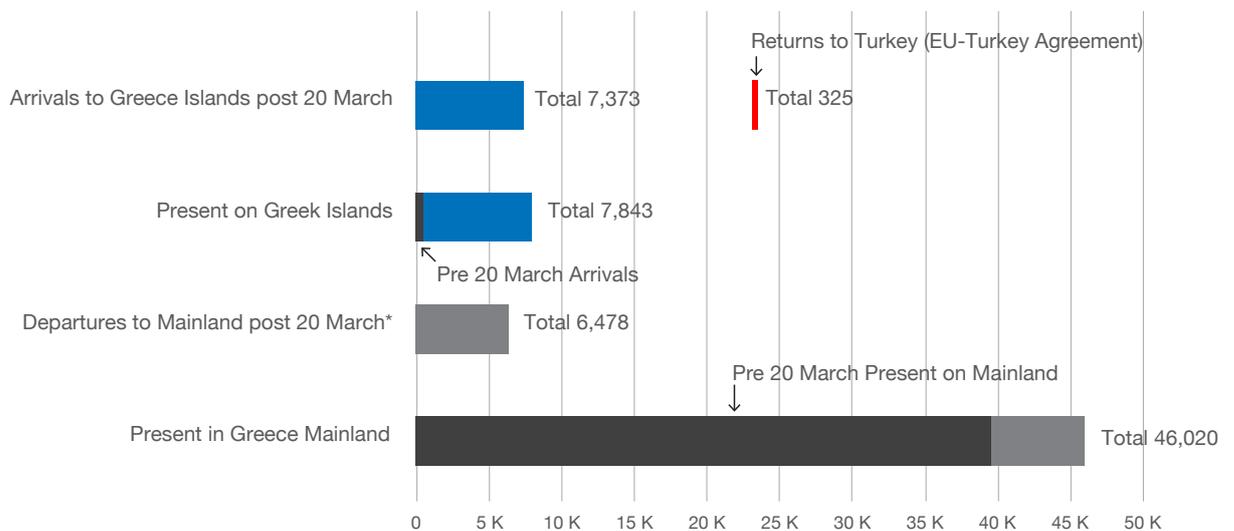
	Arrivals	Departures to Mainland
01 Turkey		
02 Greece	233	7
Breakdown		
A Lesvos	196	
B Chios	19	4
C Samos	18	
D Leros		
E Kos		
F Dikili		
Other		3

Arrivals to Greek Islands 11 April - 20 April



Population Overview

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



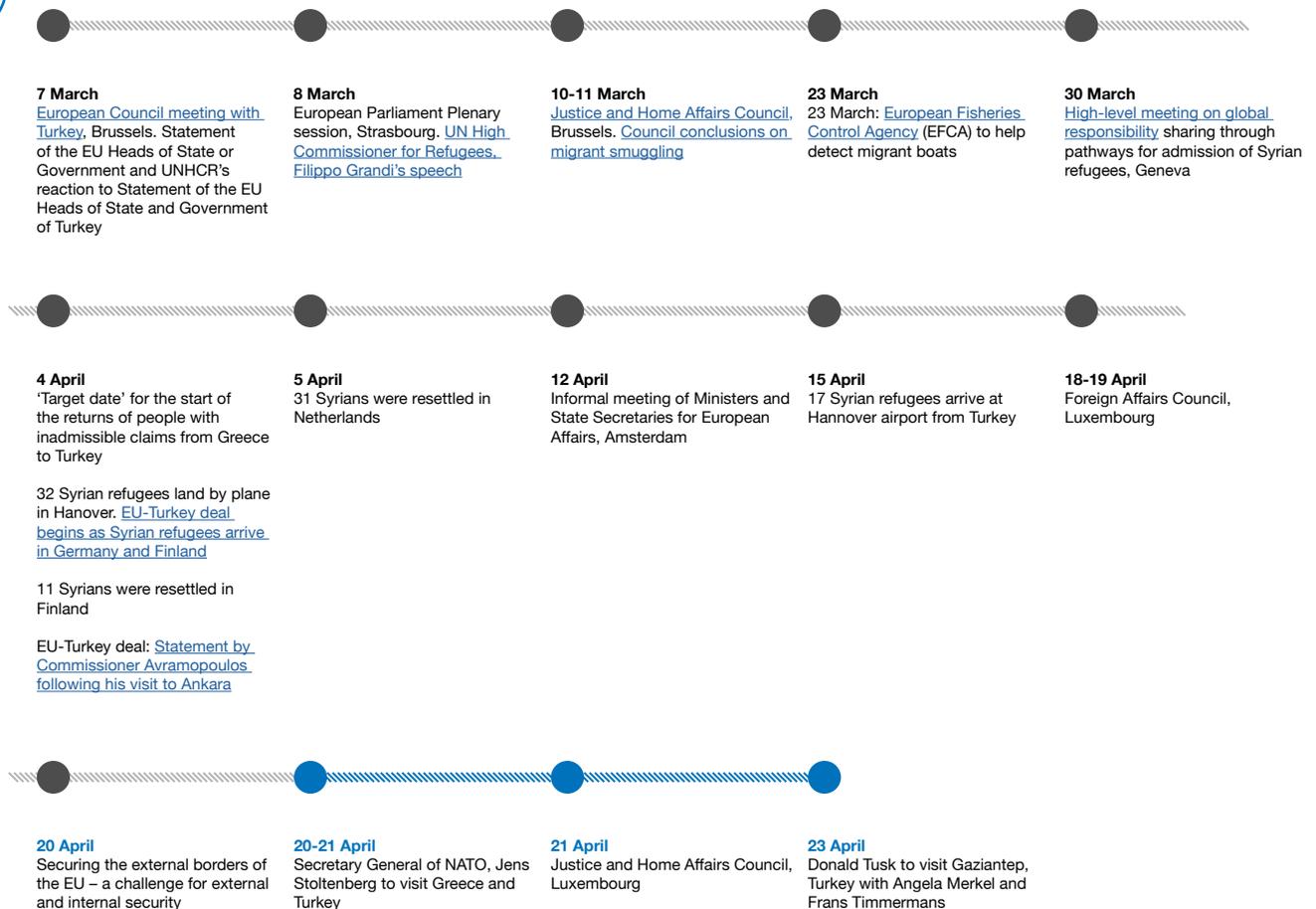
*People able to depart are those only who arrived before 20 March

Total in Greece: **53,863**

Reporting period 20 March - 20 April



Timeline Overview



Social Media

The Human Rights Watch (HRW) [Daily Brief](#) for 20 April can be accessed via live-blogging site, Storify. Topics covered included: the drowning of some 500 refugees and migrants attempting to reach Europe from North Africa, and the displacement of Syrians after two camps, near the border with Turkey, were attacked by the Syrian Military.

The European Asylum Support Office (EASO) posted about their services to all refugees and asylum seekers, saying that "EASO staff will be happy to assist and inform on #relocation". Along with the tweet, EASO posted a map of the location of their offices in Thessaloniki, Lesbos, Chios, Samos, and Athens with the contact number for each office.

Facebook Activity

Amy Bird, a volunteer on the Greek island of Lesbos, posted: "Daraya, Syria, has been under siege for over 1,200 days, [and] it has received no humanitarian aid. Please watch if you still don't [understand] why people are trying to run to Europe for 'safety'" Her status post was in reference to a new eyewitness video which highlights the devastating effect of the the conflict which resulted in the Syrian town of Daraya falling under siege. The video is available on [YouTube](#).

Current statistics for #refugeecrisis

54 tweets, over 236,000 impressions per hour
18.12% of posts using #refugeecrisis originated from the US
16.67% of posts using #refugeecrisis originated from the UK
10.14% of posts using #refugeecrisis originated from Greece

Related hashtags: #greece, #eu, #refugees

Twitter Activity

Frontex posted: "Swedish reconnaissance plane took part in several search and rescue operations in Central Med as part of [Operation] #Triton". The full report of the operation can be accessed [here](#) (in Swedish).

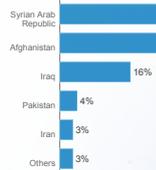


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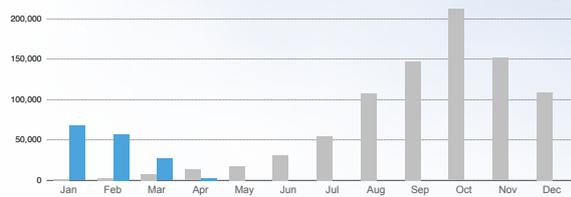
Increasing numbers of refugees and migrants take their chances aboard unseaworthy boats and dinghies in a desperate bid to reach Europe. The vast majority of those attempting this dangerous crossing are in need of international protection, fleeing war, violence and persecution in their country of origin.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



154,227 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



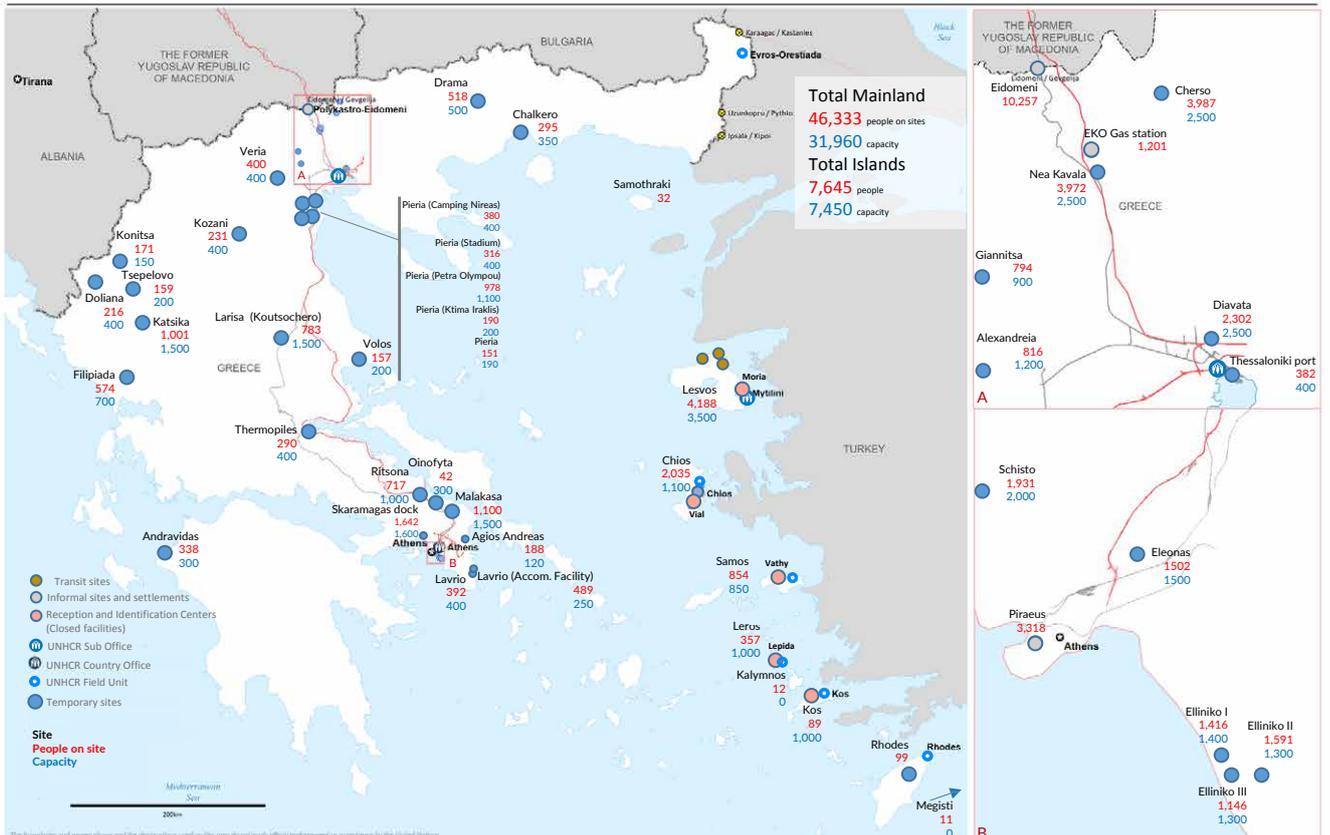
Demographics based on arrivals since 1 Jan 2016



*Serbia (AND KOSOVO): SRES/1244 (1999) Download excel data
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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>