



Daily Report



Arrivals and Departures

An estimated 181,450 refugees and migrants have entered Europe by sea so far this year, the majority of whom arrived to Greece (154,268). At least 1,261 people have died or gone missing as of 22 April.

Conditions of People

The United Nations Security Council [deplored](#) the recent maritime tragedy in the Mediterranean Sea that resulted in up to 500 deaths when overcrowded boats capsized en route from Libya to Europe, emphasizing the need for better coordination of efforts in dealing with the smuggling of migrants.

In a press statement, members of the Council expressed "grave concern" at the proliferation and endangerment of lives by the smuggling of migrants in the Mediterranean Sea, including off the coast of Libya. The Council also called for full implementation of [resolution 2240](#) (2015), which is intended to disrupt the organized criminal enterprises engaged in migrant smuggling and prevent the loss of life.

Earlier last week, UNHCR [reported](#) on this incident which could be one of the most tragic involving refugees and migrants in the past 12 months. The 41 survivors include 37 men, 3 women, and a 3-year-old child who were rescued by a merchant ship and taken to Kalamata, in the Peloponnese peninsula of Greece, on 16 April. UNHCR assisted the survivors with transport from Kalamata to Athens, hotel accommodation, and psychosocial support. Those rescued include 23 Somalis, 11 Ethiopians, 6 Egyptians, and one Sudanese. The survivors told UNHCR that they had been part of a group of between 100 and 200 people who departed last week from a locality near Tobruk in Libya on a 30-metre-long boat.

Visiting the Islamic Republic of Iran as part of his tour to the region to review the situation of Afghan refugees, UNHCR Assistant High Commissioner for Operations, George Okoth-Obbo, [commended](#) Iran for its generosity and exemplary role in relation to refugees. He noted UNHCR's commitment to continue and further enhance its support towards Iran. In this context, he reaffirmed UNHCR's commitment to Iran and the Afghan refugees; he noted that the Solutions Strategy for Afghan Refugees (SSAR) – the quadripartite regional framework between UNHCR and the governments of the Islamic Republics of Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Iran – continues to be the main framework for joint interventions aimed at facilitating voluntary return and sustainable reintegration of Afghan refugees in Afghanistan while simultaneously providing assistance to refugee hosting communities. Afghan nationals remain the second largest population group of those who arrive to the Greek islands.

Critical Developments

German Chancellor, Angela Merkel, European Council President, Donald Tusk and first vice-president of the European Commission, Frans Timmermans, met with Turkish Prime Minister, Ahmet Davutoğlu on Saturday, April 22. The delegation visited a refugee camp near the border with Syria before visiting a child protection centre. The visit was aimed at highlighting the initial beneficiaries of the €6 billion in funding that the EU has pledged to Turkey over the next few years, through the EU-Turkey agreement. One aspect of the agreement sets out that Syrian nationals returned to Turkey from Greece will be guaranteed their rights to international protection. The Turkish government made an amendment to the Temporary Protection Regulation on access to Temporary



Key Figures

52

Arrivals to Greek Islands
Yesterday

51

Departures to Greece Mainland
Yesterday

0

Departures to Turkey
on 25 April 2016



Greece → Turkey

Past and Upcoming Meetings and Events

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

21 April
Justice and Home Affairs Council, Luxembourg [Interior ministers sign off on EU coast guard](#)

23 April
Donald Tusk to visit Gaziantep, Turkey with [Angela Merkel and Frans Timmermans](#)

Today 25 April 2016

12-13 May
Foreign Affairs Council, Brussels

23 May
Foreign Affairs Council, Brussels

26-27 May
G7 Summit, Ise-Shima, Japan



Protection regarding Syrian nationals, who have irregularly travelled to Europe and returned to Turkey as of 20 March from Greek islands.

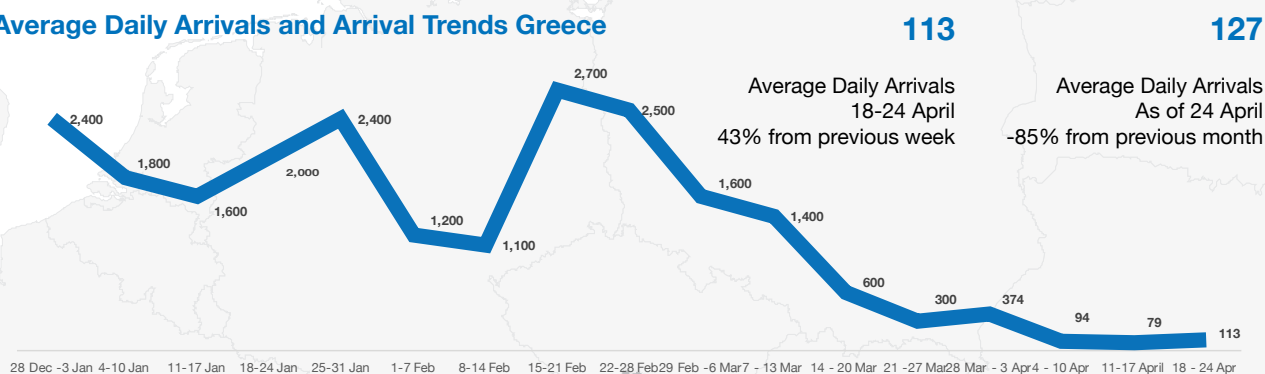
However, despite recent legislative changes, only a small minority of Syrians have the [right to work in Turkey](#). The majority turn to daily labour and live in urban areas. Of the 2.7 million Syrian refugees in Turkey, some 10% live in camps run by Turkish authorities such as the one visited by the delegation.

Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) has [resumed search, rescue and medical aid operations](#) in the central Mediterranean Sea, between Africa and Europe, and conducted its first operation of 2016. MSF's first operation of 2016 occurred on Saturday 23 April, with the Dignity 1 accepting a transfer of 308 rescued people (205 men, 80 women, 23 children), mainly Eritrean, from an Italian rescue boat. The Dignity 1 is now on its way to Sicily where the 308 people will disembark on Monday.

During a [meeting](#) held in Thessaloniki, Greece on Thursday and Friday (21-22 April), the Interior and Foreign Ministers of Bulgaria, Greece, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and Albania agreed to seek common decisions regarding tackling the refugee and migrant crisis. The ministers will meet on the matter every six months. The meetings might be held more often if deemed necessary and their format might be extended. The main aim of the exchanges is to enhance dialogue and extend the perspective for further cooperation and coordination in dealing with the common challenges arising from the refugee crisis.



Average Daily Arrivals and Arrival Trends Greece



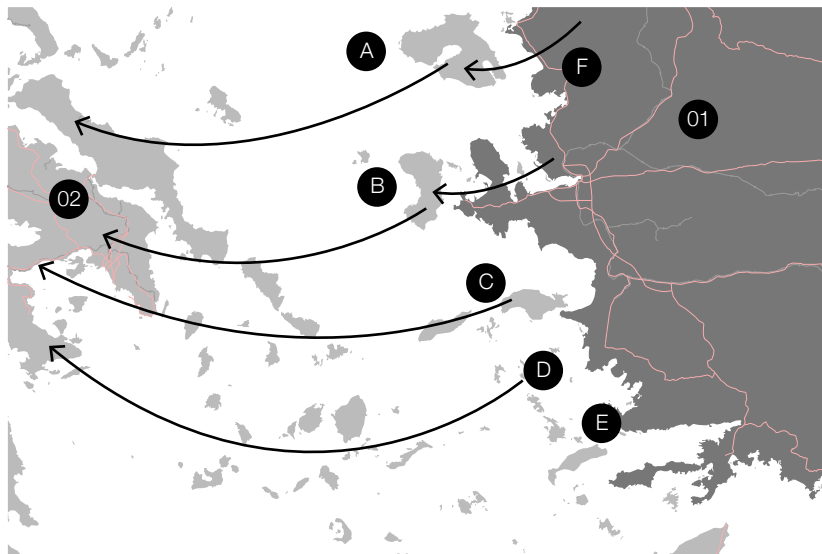
Estimated Arrivals and People Present* per Country Yesterday

	Arrivals	Present*
01 Turkey		
02 Greek Islands	52	8,033
Greece Mainland	51	46,026
03 fYRoM**	0	938
04 Serbia	38	950
05 Croatia	0	126
06 Hungary	81	
07 Slovenia	0	40
08 Austria	175	

* 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**

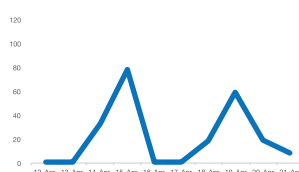
01	Turkey		
02	Greece	52	51
Breakdown			
A	Lesvos	4	29
B	Chios	48	11
C	Samos		2
D	Leros		9
E	Kos		
F	Dikili		
	Other		

Arrivals to Greek Islands 15 April - 24 April

Lesvos arrivals



Chios arrivals



Samos arrivals

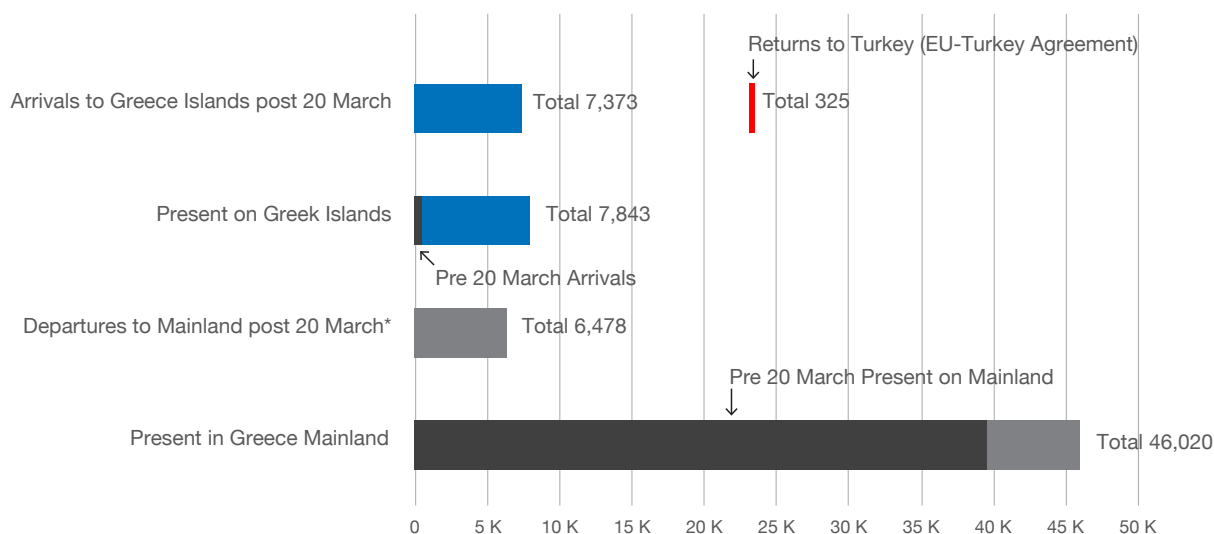


Kos arrivals



Population Overview

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

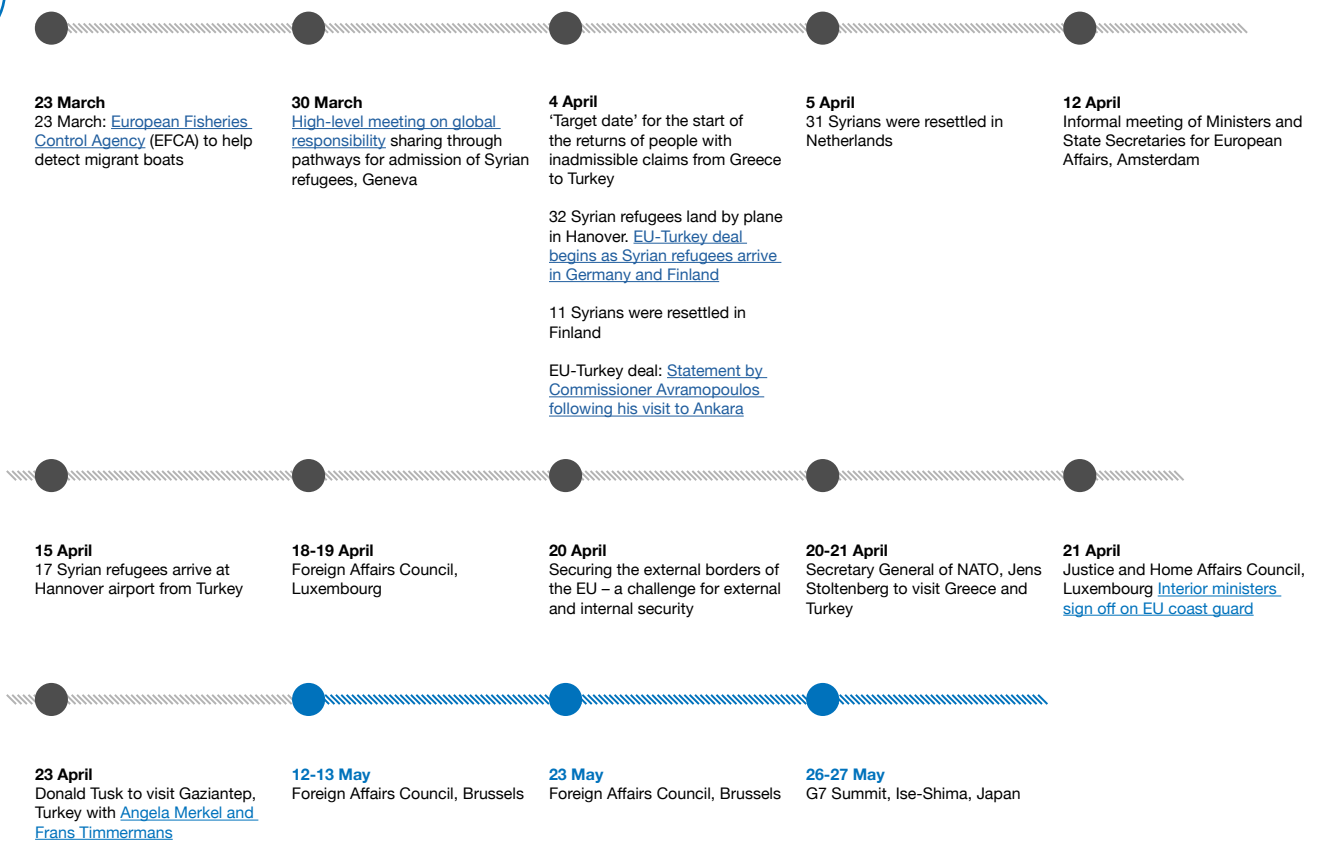


*People able to depart are those only who arrived before 20 March
Total in Greece: **53,863**

Reporting period 20 March - 20 April



Timeline Overview



Social Media

The [UNHCR YouTube](#) channel uploaded a video concerning the story of Ibrahim Al-Hussein. The Syrian refugee is set to carry the Olympic torch tomorrow, 26 April, on its journey from Greece to Brazil for the 2016 summer Olympic Games.

Facebook Activity

Facebook group [United Rescue Aid](#) posted an official document which provides information about the asylum schedule in Greece. The document provides the information in the following languages: Greek, English, French, Albanian, Bengali, and Tigrinya. It states that “starting Monday, March 28th 2016, appointments for lodging international protection applications will be booked through skype calls according to the following schedule” and proceeds to outline the schedule for all asylum offices in Greece.

Twitter Activity

[Free Syria Media Hub](#) posted about a Reuters report: “Car bomb near Damascus kills six people”. In the [article](#) published on their website, Reuters reported that the death toll from the explosion was expected to rise. The incident occurred on the ‘outskirts of the Sayeda Zeinab district south of Damascus’.

[Middle East Eye](#) posted updates on the ongoing civil war in Syria. In one article which highlights the damage sustained by the country, specifically the Old City in Aleppo, Middle East Eye (MEE) reports that residents of the city [will stay and](#)

[fight](#) despite the breakdown in the ceasefire. In the same vain, MEE sought to shed light on ongoing situation at the [Greece-former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia](#) border with the use of a series of photographs taken from the informal camp.

Current Statistics for #Syria

- 250 tweets, over 408,000 impressions per hour
- 19.94% of posts using #Syria originated from the US
- 15.37% of posts using #Syria originated from the UK
- **Related hashtags:** #humanrights, #iran, and #russia

22-24 April - Summary of actual activity for #Syria (figures less than 100 are not counted)

23,000

Total number of tweets

59,300

Total number of retweets

2,498,200

Total number of impressions

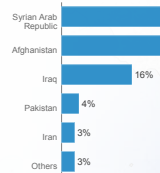


Annex 1 Key Figures from the Portal

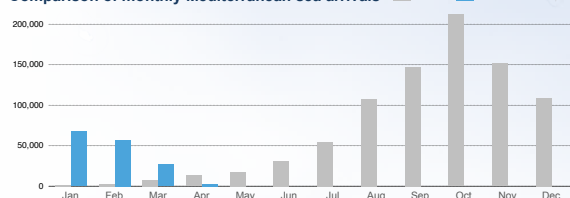
Increasing numbers of refugees and migrants take their chances aboard unseaworthy boats and dinghies in a desperate bid to reach Europe. The vast majority of those attempting this dangerous crossing are in need of international protection, fleeing war, violence and persecution in their country of origin.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



154,268 arrivals by sea in 2016

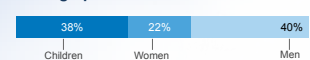
856,723 arrivals by sea in 2015

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

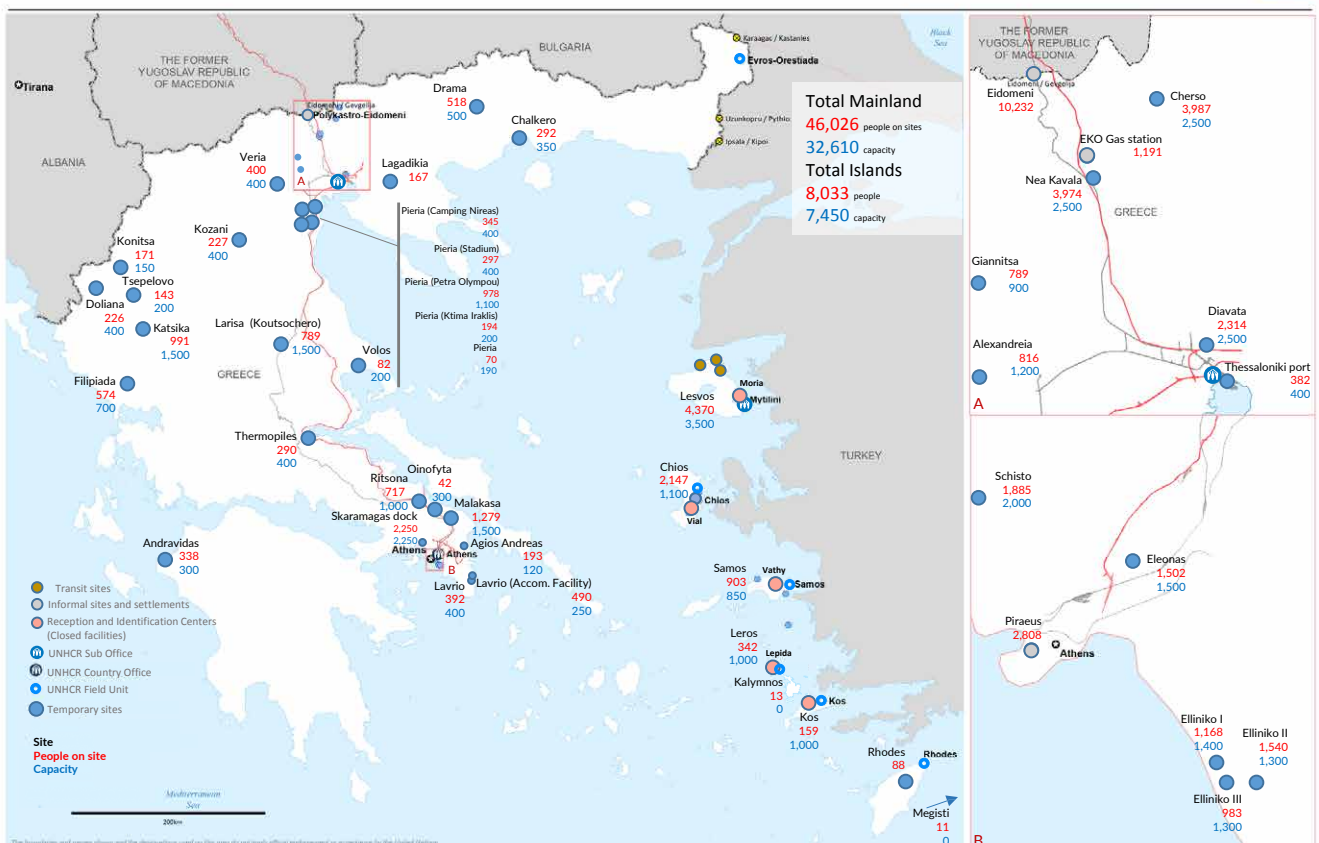
Demographics based on arrivals since 1 Jan 2016



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

Daily map indicating capacity and occupancy (Governmental figures)
As of 25 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 25/04/2016 08:00 a.m. Eastern European Time.
Online map with additional information: <http://www.unhcr.gr/sites>