



Daily Report

Arrivals and Departures



According to the media, 49 people were returned to Turkey from the Greek islands of Chios, Kos and Lesbos on Tuesday. 5 people were readmitted to Turkey from Chios in the morning followed by 31 (18 Bangladeshi, 4 Pakistani and 9 from Myanmar) from Kos at midday and 13 people (8 from Afghanistan, 4 from Iran and 1 person from Jordan) from Lesbos. On Wednesday, 12 Syrian nationals who expressed their will to return to Turkey boarded a plane at the airport of Mytilini. Frontex officials escorted the group onto the plane, airport formalities were conducted smoothly and UNHCR verified the composition of the group. The plane is expected to depart at midday, and land in Adana, Turkey. 387 people have been transferred to Turkey since 4 April.

Conditions of People

At Piraeus Port, efforts to decongest the port are on-going. All those previously located at the E2 Gate were transferred. Refugees and migrants who did not move to official sites established by the Greek authorities were transferred to the stone warehouse at the Port. According to the Greek Government, the number of people remaining at E1 Gate and the stone warehouse is estimated at 2,707. Those remaining at E1 Gate will be transferred by the end of next week. UNHCR supported the transfer of 53 people from the EKO gas station and 47 from the Eidomeni informal site, to Lagkadikia accommodation site. Those at the site are mainly Syrian and Iraqi families with children.

According to media, the Director of the Greek Asylum Service announced that people are now able to lodge asylum claims directly at temporary accommodation centres following difficulties in obtaining an appointment via Skype. As of 25 April, authorities will examine 50 applications per day on the islands. So far (as of 20 April), the Asylum Service registered 3,870 applications for relocation, of which 1,570 were accepted by EU Member States.

In Turkey, during the period between 22 to 26 April, sources reported that some 270 people were apprehended, intercepted, or rescued at Turkey's land and sea borders. Their countries of origin include Afghanistan, Iran, Myanmar, Pakistan, Palestine and Syria.

Critical Developments

In a letter to the European Commission sent on Tuesday, 26 April, the Turkish government pledged to bolster legal protection to non-Syrians upon return to Turkey as part of the EU-Turkey Agreement. This follows previous assurances concerning Syrians and the fact that all returned Syrians could be granted or re-avail themselves from temporary protection. These pledges aim to support the implementation of the EU-Turkey agreement by addressing the remaining legal concerns hampering its full implementation.

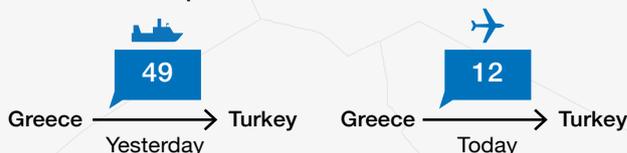


Key Figures

62
Arrivals to Greek Islands
Yesterday

17
Departures to Greece Mainland
Yesterday

61
Departures to Turkey
on 26 - 27 April 2016



Past and Upcoming Meetings and Events

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 27 April 2016

28 April
Germany and Turkey:
Relationship at a Crossroads
(debate), SETA Ankara, Turkey

10 May
The Economic Impact of Syrian
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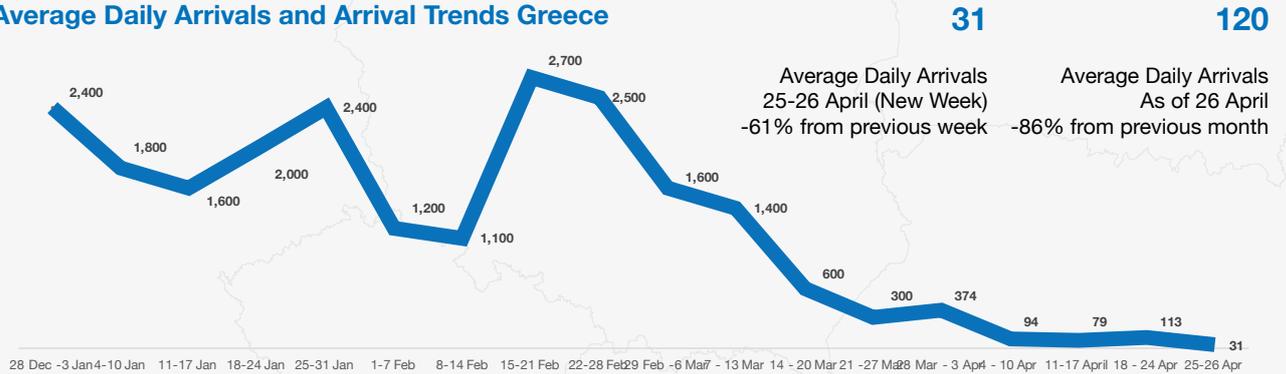
During an official visit to Turkey on 25-26 April, Johannes Hahn, EU Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy & Enlargement Negotiations said that he welcomed the additional assurances, specifying that proposed measures would “accelerate the procedure” of returning irregular people from the Greek islands.

On 26 April, the Greek government sent additional information to the European Commission (EC) regarding further measures they would implement to better manage the EU’s external

borders. This information will feed into the EC’s assessment of whether deficiencies in the management of the EU’s external borders are persisting, as part of the so-called “Back To Schengen” roadmap. The outcome of this assessment will be available by 12 May. If the EC finds remaining deficiencies, it could propose to allow member states to prolong temporary border controls within the Schengen area until mid-November. Since September 2015, eight of the 26-Member Schengen area (including Austria and Germany) have introduced border control measures aimed at stemming the flow of refugees and migrants across Europe.



Average Daily Arrivals and Arrival Trends Greece



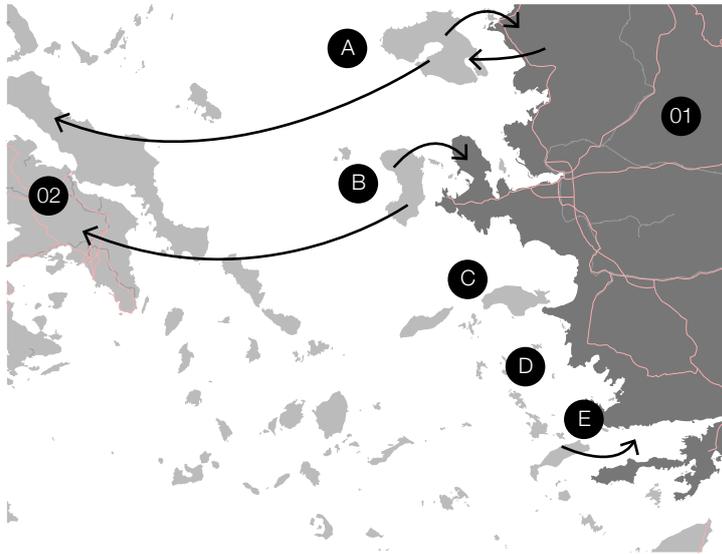
Estimated Arrivals and People Present* per Country Yesterday

	Arrivals	Present*
01 Turkey		
02 Greek Islands	62	7,969
Greece Mainland	17	45,890
03 fYRoM**	0	842
04 Serbia	73	950
05 Croatia	0	93
06 Hungary	127	
07 Slovenia	0	41
08 Austria	230	

* 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)

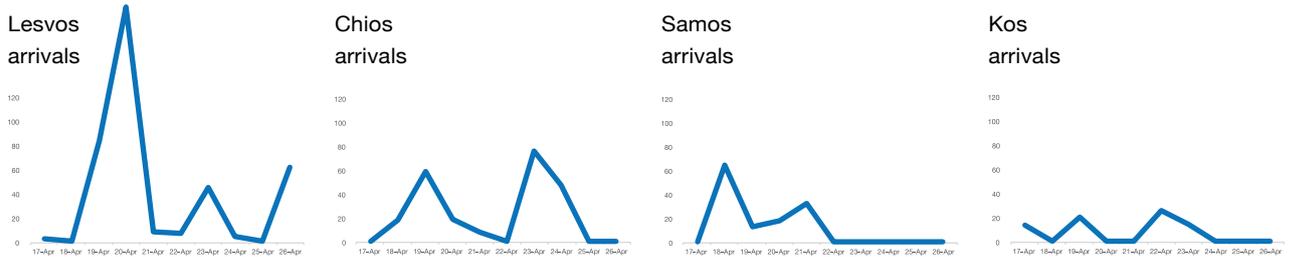


Greek Islands and Turkey: Estimated Arrivals and Transfers



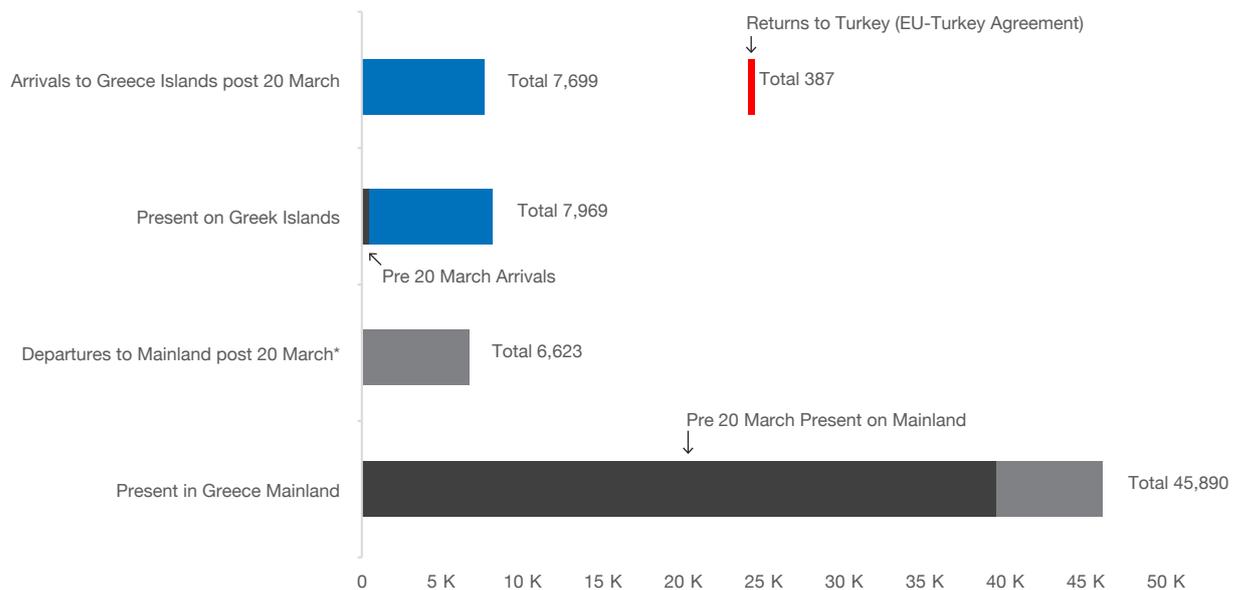
	Arrivals	Departures to Greece Mainland	Departures to Turkey (Boat)
01 Turkey			
02 Greece	62	17	49
Breakdown			
A Lesvos	62	4	13
B Chios		10	5
C Samos			
D Leros			
E Kos			31
Other		3	

Arrivals to Greek Islands 17 April - 26 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: **53,859**

Reporting period 20 March - 27 April



Timeline Overview

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

17 Syrian refugees arrive at Hannover airport from Turkey

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](#)

18-19 April

Foreign Affairs Council, Luxembourg

20 April

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

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](#)

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Social Media

Facebook Activity: A Facebook event hosted by Facebook group [Calais Action](#) is set to take place on 22 May 2016. The event is in aid of Refugees Welcome! Theatre & Comedy Fundraiser for Calais Action.

Facebook Group [Forgotten in Idomeni](#) posted a recap of events that took place after the visit of the Greek Minister for Migration to Moria camp; there were reports of police using teargas to attempt to diffuse the situation while some refugees breached the fence separating them from the main office.

Twitter Activity: [USAIM](#), the US Association for International Migration, tweeted about their participation in offering relief to #SyrianRefugees. The non-profit organisation, partner to IOM, aided in distributing money to Syrian refugees in Erbil, Iraqi Kurdistan.

[Niels W Frenzen](#), clinical professor of law at the University of Southern California, tweeted: "NATO to blockade Libyan coast this summer to stop central Mediterranean migrant flows". His tweet was in reference to an [article](#) written and published by the Malta Independent which reported that, as part of a plan to reduce the number of refugees and migrants entering Europe, NATO's military alliance is 'reportedly just three months away from launching the mission' to patrol the coast of Libya. The mission is set to receive final approval by

NATO leaders at a summit scheduled for 7 July in Warsaw, Poland.

Current Statistics for #Lesvos

- 12 tweets, 42 retweets per hour
- Over 23,000 impressions per hour
- 76.47% of posts using #Lesvos originated from Greece

Related hashtags: #greece, #refugees, and #moria

#SyrianRefugees over the last month

900

Highest number of tweets (30 March)

1,400

Highest number of retweets (30 March)

250,400

Highest number of impressions (12 April)

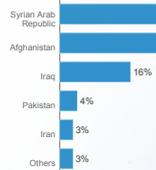


Annex 1 Key Figures from the Portal

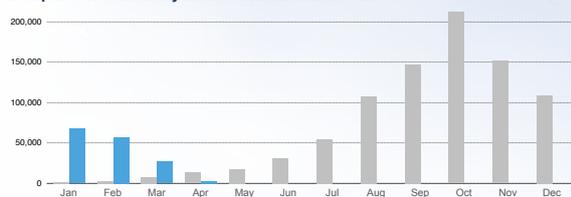
Increasing numbers of refugees and migrants take their chances aboard unseaworthy boats and dinghies in a desperate bid to reach Europe. The vast majority of those attempting this dangerous crossing are in need of international protection, fleeing war, violence and persecution in their country of origin.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



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



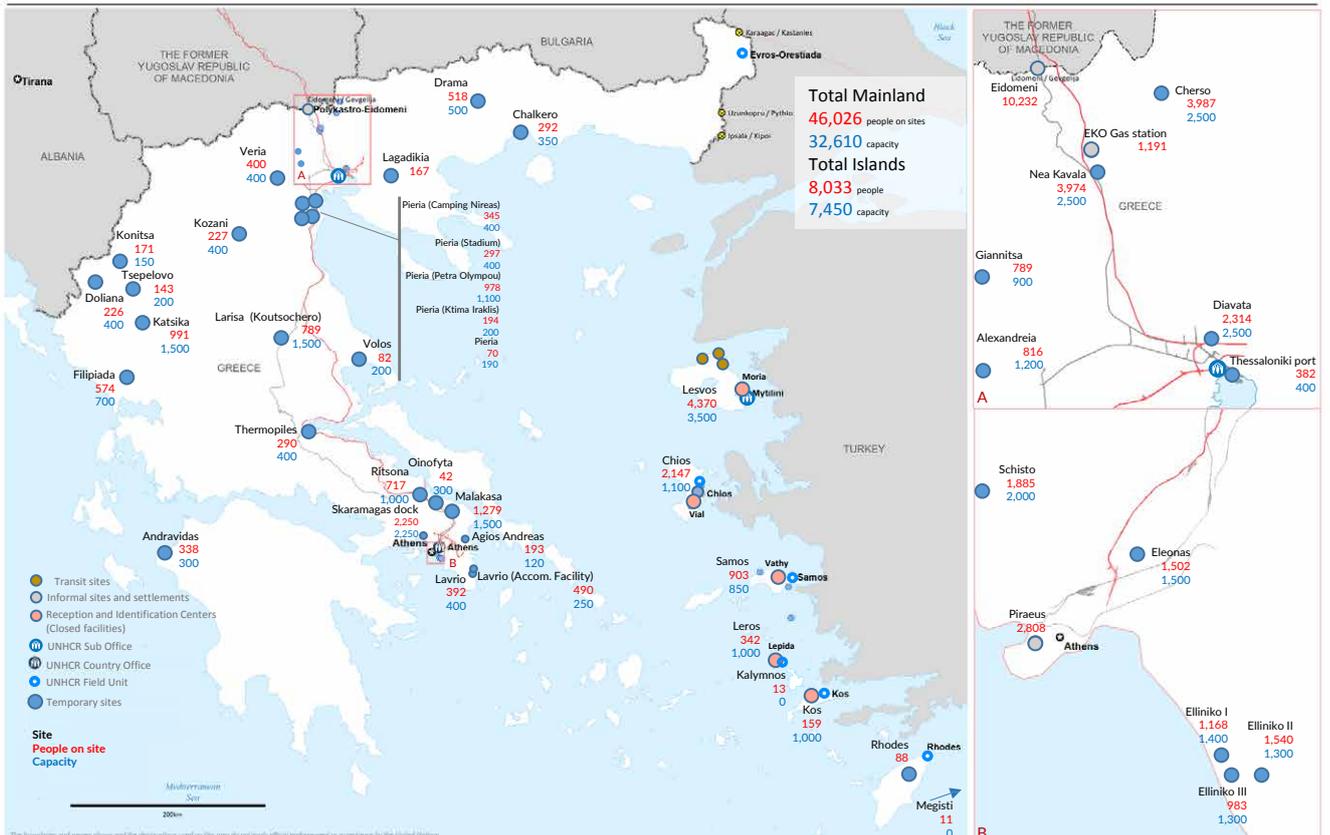
Demographics based on arrivals since 1 Jan 2016



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