



Daily Report

Arrivals and Departures



During the first four months of 2016 27,893 people arrived by sea to Italy. During the same period in 2015, 26,228 people disembarked which constitutes an increase of 6%. In Italy, the number of refugees and migrants who arrived in April was noted to be 9,116. As compared to the same month in 2015 (16,063), the total number of arrivals has dropped by more than half (57%).

More than one million asylum-seekers arrived in Germany in 2015, resulting in a significant backlog of pending asylum applications. The number of new arrivals has significantly dropped in recent weeks since the so-called Balkan refugee and migrant route was closed last month.

Death at Sea

Two shipwrecks occurred near the coast of Libya. One boat with 120 people on board sunk during a search and rescue operation on 29 April. Reportedly, 15 people drowned. On 30 April, a rubber boat which had left Sabrata in Libya with 110 persons on board was damaged. 27 people were later rescued by a merchant vessel.

Condition of People

German authorities announced on Thursday, 28 April, that all asylum applications will be processed by the end of 2016, according to the head of the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees. Around 400,000 asylum cases are [pending](#) and another 300,000 people are waiting for a date to be set to commence their asylum procedure.

In Austria, in 2015, 85,798 people lodged asylum claims, which constitutes an increase by almost 215% in comparison to 2014. Most were from Afghan nationals (over 25,560), followed by Syrians (almost 24,550) and Iraqis (approx. 13,630). The asylum recognition rate stood at 35% with over 80% of recognition for Syrians. In addition, 2,478 people were granted subsidiary protection.

The Greek Alternate Minister of Migration Policy, Yannis Mouzalas, [announced](#) that the 380 unaccompanied children at the Moria facility in Lesvos will be transferred to a different location. The decision came following riots on Tuesday, 28 April, mostly from unaccompanied children.

Critical Developments

The European Commission will report on Turkey's progress in meeting the 72 benchmarks required for visa-free access to the EU on Wednesday. The visa liberalisation is a key component of the EU-Turkey agreement of 18 March. Also on Wednesday, the European Commission will present a proposal to reform the Dublin Regulation.

In Hungary, a temporary tented reception centre with capacity for 300 people is being established in Körmend near the Austrian border.



Key Figures

0
Arrivals to Greek Islands
Yesterday

0
Departures to Greece Mainland
Yesterday

0
Departures to Turkey
on 2 May 2016

Past and Upcoming Meetings and Events

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

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

Today 2 May 2016

10 May
The Economic Impact of Syrian Refugees in Lebanon, The Graduate Institute, Geneva

12-13 May
Foreign Affairs Council, Brussels

23 May
Foreign Affairs Council, Brussels

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



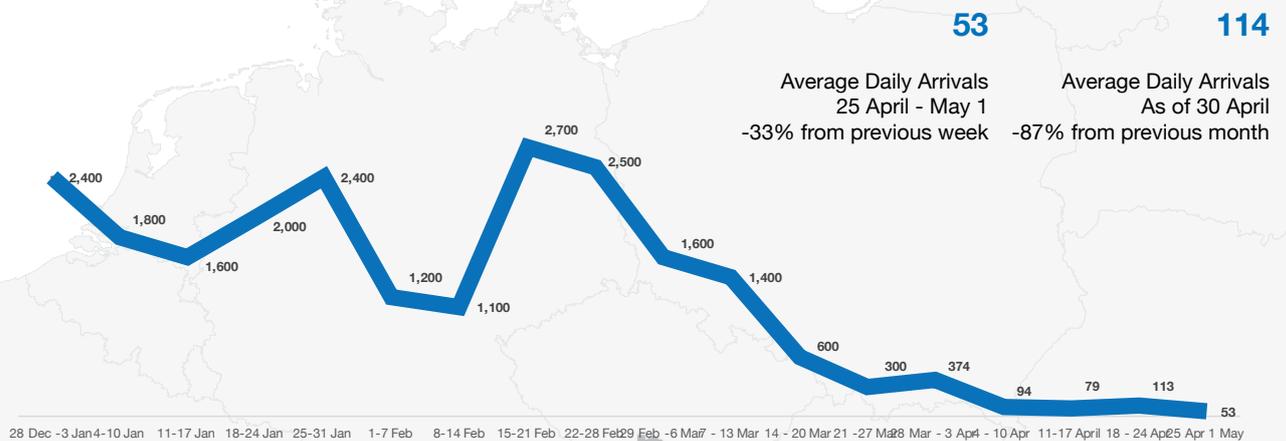
Response

UNHCR has a daily presence in the transit zones to monitor admission procedures and coordinate with UNHCR Serbia to identify cases with specific needs, as well as advocate for appropriate support and accelerated entry. UNHCR is coordinating with SOS Children's Villages to ensure the daily presence of their paediatrician in the transit zone. UNHCR partner the Hungarian Helsinki Committee provides support to individual cases in need of legal aid. Meanwhile, UNHCR Serbia is coordinating with UNICEF, MSF, and other partner agencies presence on the Serbian side.

UNHCR and partners Oxfam and Samaritan's Purse, with support from DG ECHO, will distribute in the coming weeks non-food items to all 47,000 people currently residing in the sites on the mainland; the kits will contain blankets, buckets, hygiene items, solar lamps, and other useful items for daily use.



Average Daily Arrivals and Arrival Trends Greece



Estimated Arrivals and People Present* per Country Yesterday

	Arrivals	Present*
01 Turkey		
02 Greek Islands	0	7,940
Greece Mainland	0	46,040
03 fYRoM**	0	818
04 Serbia	26	950
05 Croatia	0	92
06 Hungary	208	
07 Slovenia	0	41
08 Austria	136	

* 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)

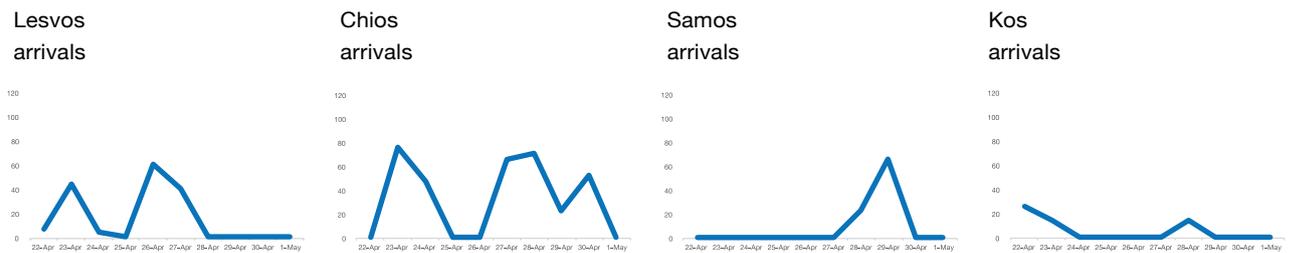


Greek Islands and Turkey: Estimated Arrivals and Transfers



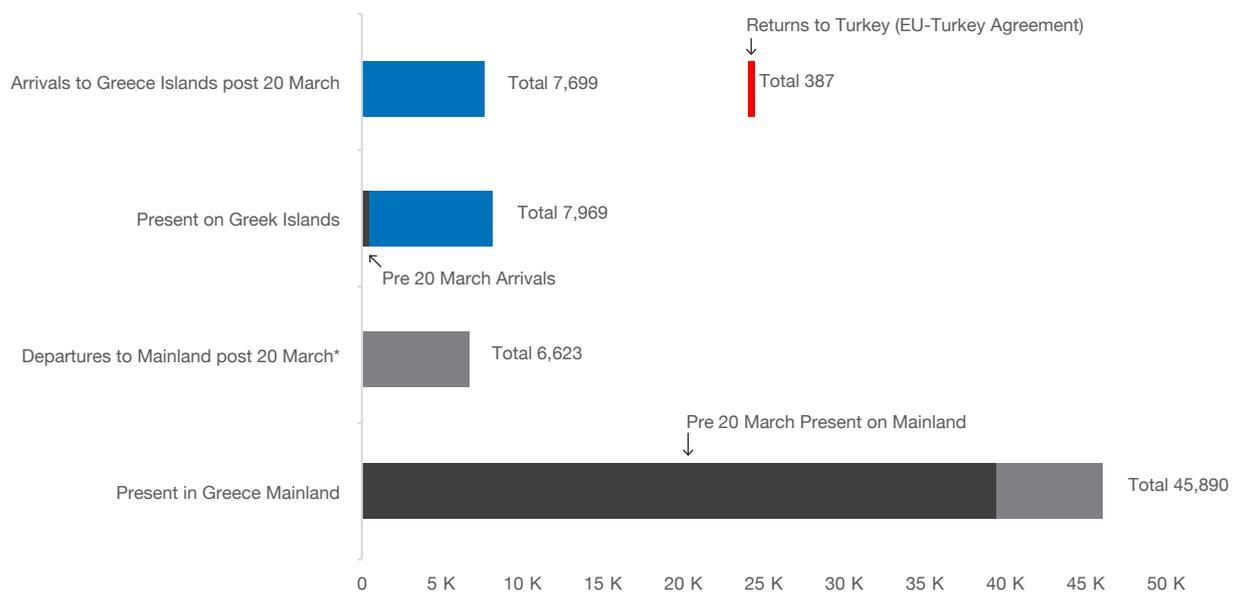
	Arrivals	Departures to Greece Mainland	Departures to Turkey (Boat)
01 Turkey			
02 Greece		0	0
Breakdown			
A Lesvos			
B Chios			
C Samos			
D Leros			
E Kos			
Other			

Arrivals to Greek Islands 22 April - 1 May



Population Overview

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



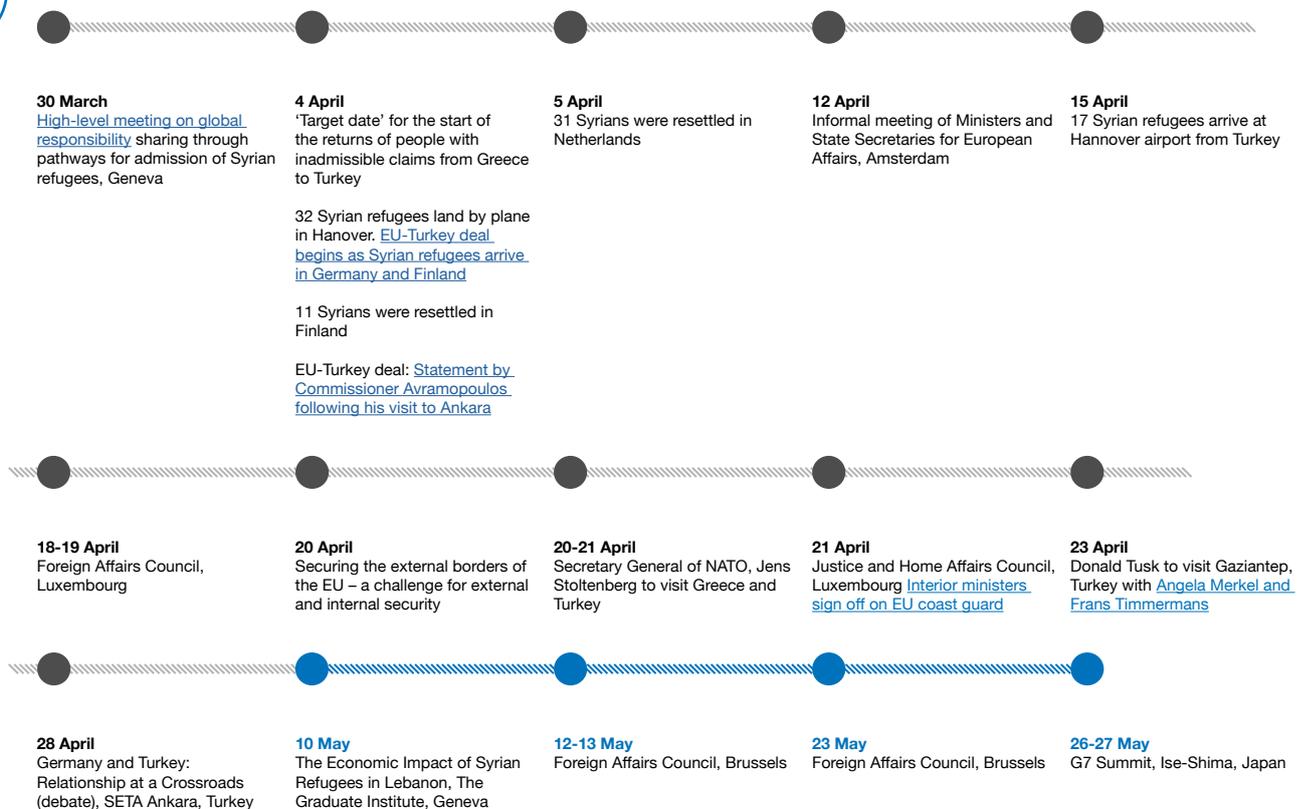
*People able to depart are those only who arrived before 20 March

Total in Greece: **53,859**

Reporting period 20 March - 27 April



Timeline Overview



Social Media

[Al Jazeera English](#) tweeted about the social media movement to draw more attention to the ongoing conflict in Syria; according to their article, the hashtag #AleppolsBurning is at the forefront of [calls to boycott Facebook](#) over recent events in war-torn Aleppo. In an argument which saw many people deactivate their Facebook accounts or change their profile pictures to a simple red square, many questioned the fact that Facebook has failed to “initiate a Safety Check for Aleppo” to allow people to alert their respective loved ones that they are not in danger. There were expressions of general discontent across all social media platforms.

Facebook Activity: Facebook group [RefuComm communication and information for refugees](#) posted pictures of a demonstration which took place in Frankfurt, Germany on Sunday. The demonstration was one of many which took place over the weekend in solidarity with Syrians. Another page on Facebook, [Syria Solidarity Campaign](#), also posted images alongside a video of a demonstration which took place outside the Russian Embassy in London, England on Sunday afternoon. Many, if not all, of the demonstrations are a result of the bombing of a hospital in Aleppo-Al Quds on 27 April, reportedly killing 50 people, including Aleppo’s last paediatrician; [CCTV footage](#) (obtained by Channel 4 News) has surfaced online which shows the hospital moments before and after it was struck.

There is also a Worldwide Red Protest event organised on Facebook which will span the duration of 30 April to 7 May. Locations includes major European and North American cities. Events have already taken place in other European countries as well as many more States in the US.

Current Statistics for #save_aleppo

- 112 tweets, 71 retweets per hour
- Over 100,000 impressions per hour
- From the period 28 April to 1 May, #save_aleppo accumulated a total of 9,000 tweets, 7,400 retweets, and 192,000 impressions

Related hashtags: #aleppo, #syria, and #syrian

Current Statistics for #Aleppoisburning

- 579 tweets, 2,350 retweets per hour
- Over 1.15 million impressions per hour
- 20% of posts using #Aleppoisburning originated from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Many other countries including Morocco, Egypt, and the Syrian Arab Republic, also provided input.

Due to the heightened level of activity, including protests and boycotts, use of the hashtag reached a monumental peak on Saturday 30 April. On Twitter alone, there were 27,400 individual tweets, 73,800 retweets and 817,000 impressions.



Annex 1 Key Figures from the Portal

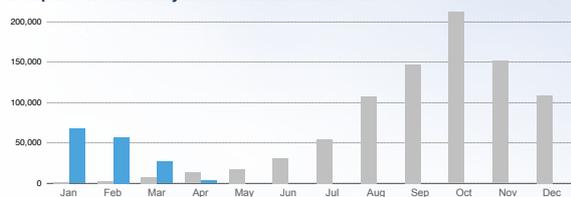
Increasing numbers of refugees and migrants take their chances aboard unseaworthy boats and dinghies in a desperate bid to reach Europe. The vast majority of those attempting this dangerous crossing are in need of international protection, fleeing war, violence and persecution in their country of origin.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



154,661 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



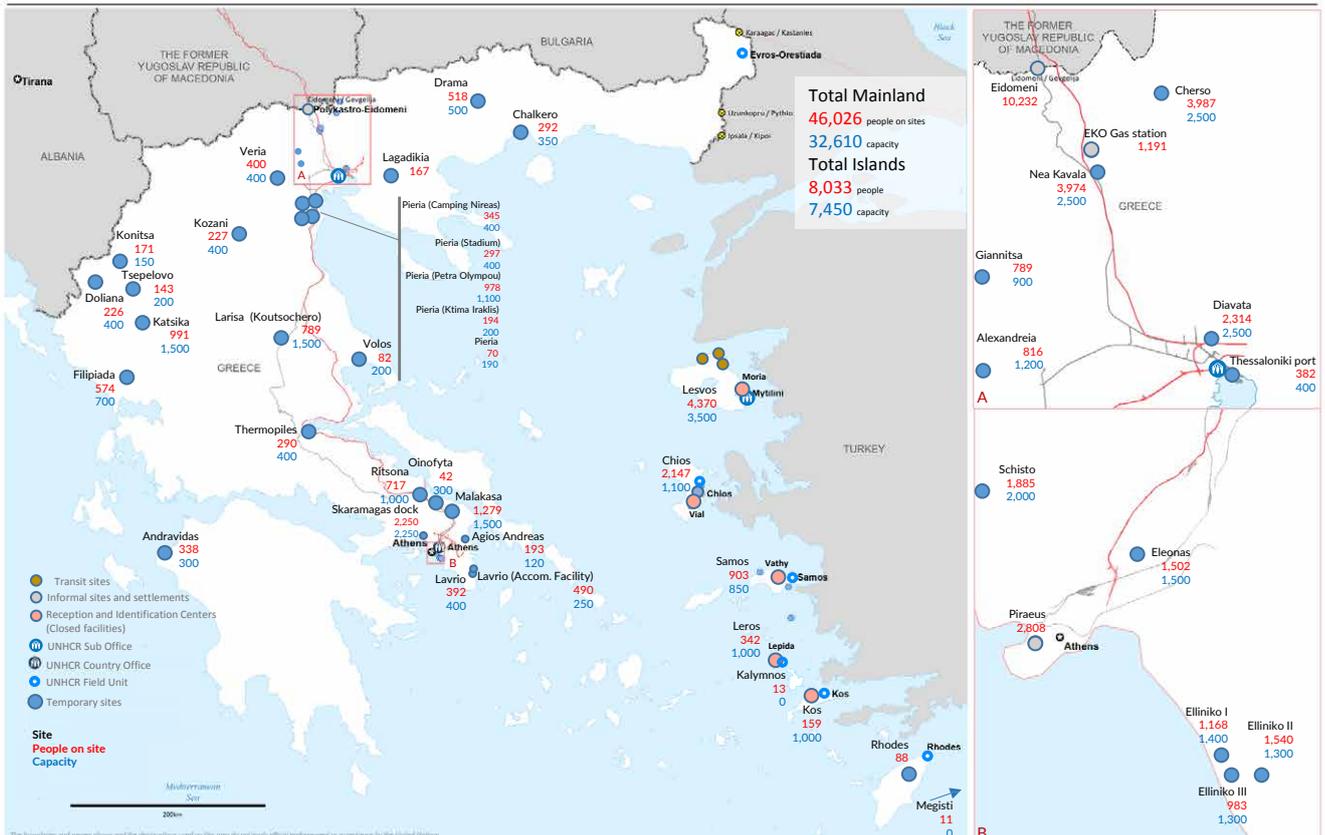
Demographics based on arrivals since 1 Jan 2016



*Serbia (AND KOSOVO): SIRE5/124 (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>