



Daily Report

Arrivals and Departures



In Turkey, between 10-11 May, media sources reported that 343 people were apprehended at Turkey's sea borders for attempting to cross to the Greek Islands. They were reportedly of Syrian, Iraqi, Pakistani and Afghan nationality.

On 11 May, 73 refugees and migrants arrived to the Greek islands. According to the Government's figures, 54,542 people remain in country, with 8,529 people on the islands and 46,013 people on the mainland. Those on the mainland are hosted in the different official sites established by Greek authorities, in collaboration with UNHCR and other partners, as well as in the informal sites of Eidomeni, EKO gas station, and Piraeus Port. Of those on the mainland, UNHCR accommodation scheme for relocation candidates and asylum-seekers currently also hosts about 5,000 people, in hotel, apartment, and host family arrangements.

Condition of People

In Greece, at the Eidomeni makeshift site, some 9,000 people remain present and according to authorities, some have been there for the past two months. While efforts from the authorities to decongest the informal site continue, conditions remain extremely dire, causing a rise in tension among those present. As of 11 May, UNHCR, in support of the Greek authorities, facilitated the transfer of 235 people to Orfeas hotel and Lagkadikia official site. According to the Representative of the Government's Inter-Ministerial Coordination Body, four new sites near the city of Thessaloniki will host refugees and migrants. He explained that Oreokastro site (former factory) is fully operational and another in Kalohori is ready to receive

refugees and migrants. UNHCR confirmed its readiness to support authorities in ensuring adequate standards in these locations.

According to local media, four buses with 148 refugees left Piraeus on 10 May with destination to Thermopylae, where 312 refugees are already hosted. According to authorities, around 2,000 refugees and migrants are now hosted at the port's warehouse.

Key Developments

During a European Parliament plenary session held on 11 May, Members of European Parliament (MEPs) voiced serious concerns regarding Turkey's limited progress in meeting the benchmarks to benefit from a visa-free regime to the EU for its citizens by the end of June, in accordance with the EU-Turkey Agreement. EU Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship Avramopoulos also acknowledged that additional progress was required. He emphasized he was however "optimistic" that the necessary reforms would be implemented by Turkey by the end of June, while assuring that the EU would not lower its standards to the benefit of Turkey.

During the [plenary](#), MEPs also discussed the continuation of checks at the Schengen's internal borders, as recommended by the European Commission on 4 May. Many MEPs warned that such checks were putting the Schengen area, a significant achievement of the EU, at risk. Others emphasized the potential costs imposed in the transport and tourism



Key Figures

73
Arrivals to Greek Islands
Yesterday

40
Departures to Greece Mainland
Yesterday

0
Departures to Turkey
on 12 May 2016

Past and Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 7-10 May**
Greek ferry strike
- 10 May**
Briefing ALDE President, Guy Verhofstadt
- 10 May**
The Economic Impact of Syrian Refugees in Lebanon, The Graduate Institute, Geneva
- 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

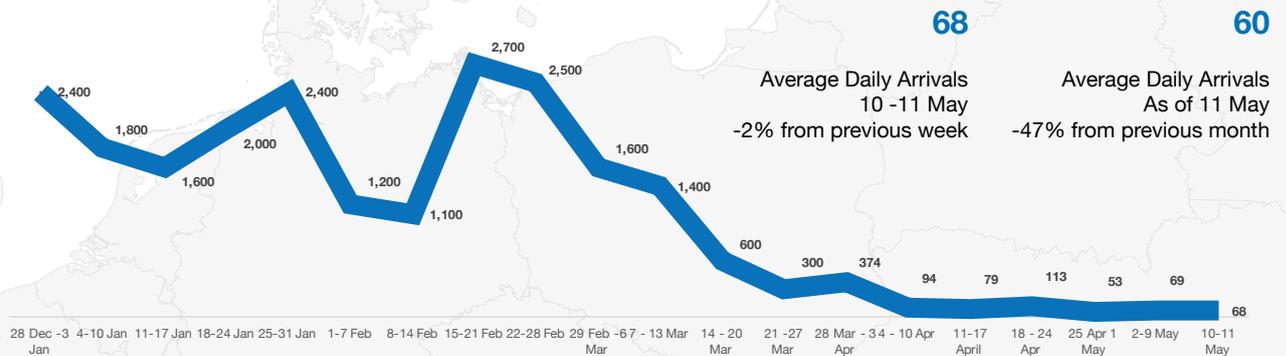


sectors. In parallel, speakers agreed that, to restore the normal functioning of the Schengen, the EU's external borders needed to be properly secured. The following day, on 12 May, the Council approved the Commission's recommendation, noting that Austria, Germany, Denmark, Norway, and Sweden should maintain temporary border controls. Before doing so, they are required to exchange views with their neighbours to ensure that the checks are only carried out where it is deemed necessary and proportionate.

On 11 May, The European Commission recommended to open negotiations with Nigeria with the view to concluding a readmission agreement with the country. Readmission agreements apply to third country nationals residing irregularly on one of the parties' territory. In particular, while they do not apply to asylum-seekers, they cover those whose claims have been rejected. In a [press release](#), the European Commission assured that the rights set out by the Geneva Convention would be guaranteed under the readmission agreement. The recommendation now needs to be adopted by the Council in order that the European Commission can formally launch negotiations.



Average Daily Arrivals and Arrival Trends Greece



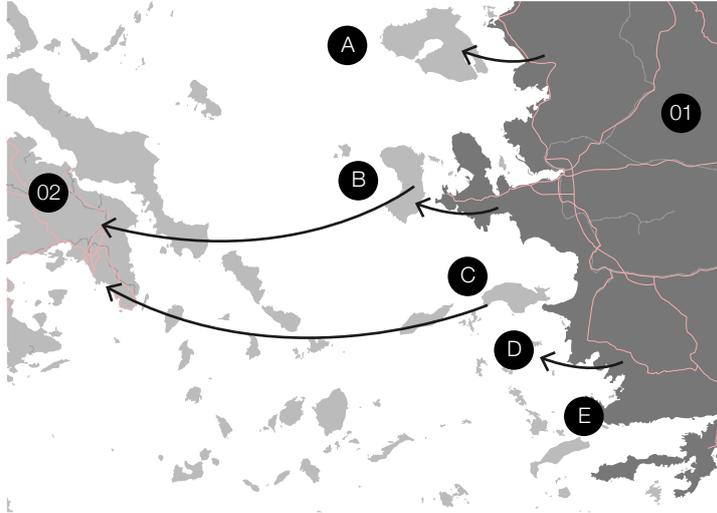
Estimated Arrivals and People Present* per Country Yesterday

	Arrivals	Present*
01 Turkey		
02 Greek Islands	73	8,529
Greece Mainland	40	46,013
03 fYRoM**	0	818
04 Serbia	62	900
05 Croatia	0	104
06 Hungary	88	
07 Slovenia	0	41
08 Austria	191	

* 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)

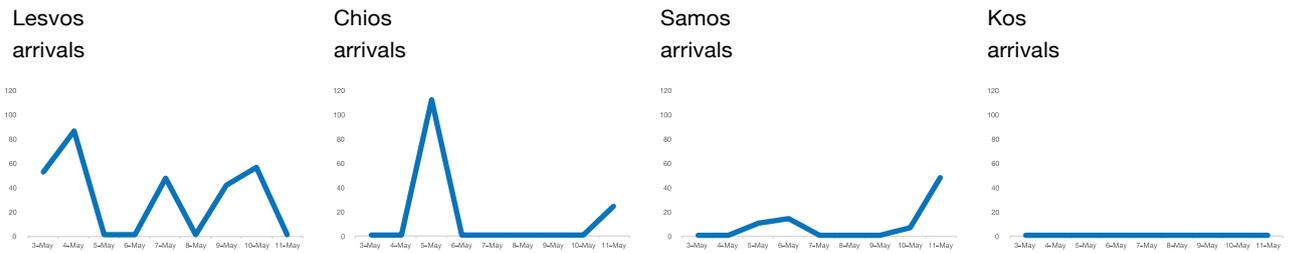


Greek Islands and Turkey: Estimated Arrivals and Transfers



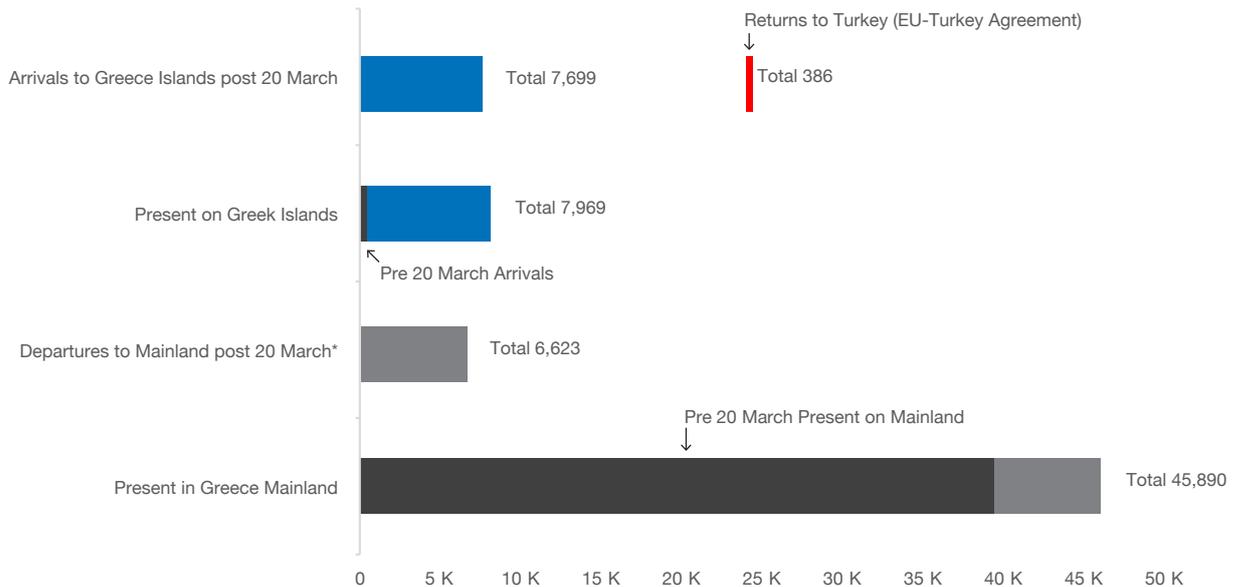
	Arrivals	Departures to Greece Mainland	Departures to Turkey (Boat)
01 Turkey			
02 Greece	73	40	
Breakdown			
A Lesvos		34	
B Chios	24	5	
C Samos	49		
D Leros		1	
E Kos			
Other			

Arrivals to Greek Islands 3 May - 11 May



Population Overview

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



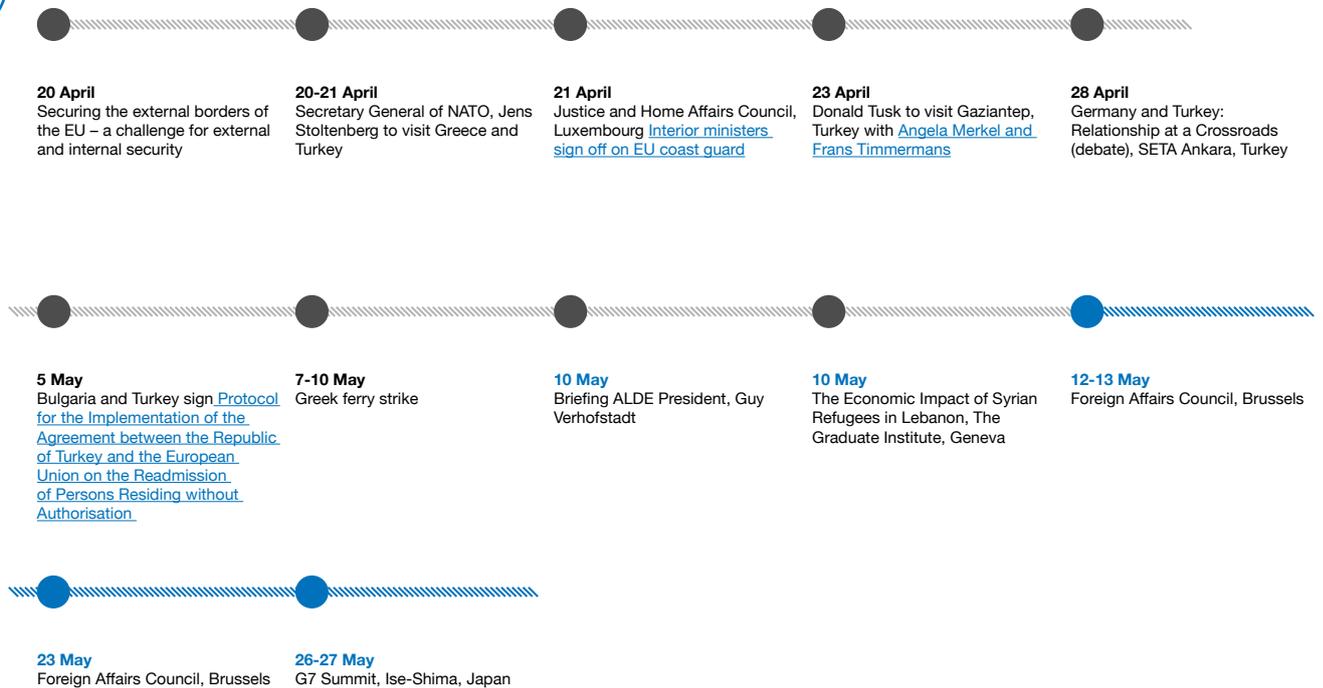
*People able to depart are those only who arrived before 20 March

Total in Greece: **53,859**

Reporting period 20 March - 27 April



Timeline Overview



Media and Social Media

General Media:

[The Times of Israel](#): Chinese artist and activist Ai Weiwei is preparing to film a documentary on the current refugee and migrant crisis; the process has involved a visit to the Gaza Strip where he interviewed refugees. Speaking to Agence France-Presse (AFP), the artist stated that he has also visited “Jabaliya refugee camp, Khan Yunis, and [the] Shejaiya area... [as well as] Rafah crossing”.

Twitter Activity:

[SOS Mediterranee FR](#) tweeted that 119 people (including three women, a four-year-old child, and 40 minors) were rescued off the coast of Libya by SOS Méditerranée and Sea Watch Foundation. Medical staff from MSF were also present, and [provided care](#) to those injured and/or who required it.

[MSF Sea](#): At Eidomeni camp, MSF staff have begun their vaccination initiative yesterday, 11 May. The team aim to vaccinate the children of Eidomeni camp against tuberculosis.

[Vienna Daily](#) tweeted about the Greek Ambassador to Austria returning to Vienna yesterday after the closure of the Balkans route into Europe, initiated by Austria. According to the [article](#) (written and published by Greek Reporter), Ambassador

Chryssoula Aliferi was pulled back from Vienna in late February.

Current Statistics for #refugees

- 12 tweets, 9 retweets per hour
- Over 234,000 impressions per hour
- Yesterday, #refugees accumulated 1,200 individual tweets, 5,400 retweets, and made 37,700 impressions.

