Daily Report

25

Key Figures

0
Arrivals to Greek Islands
Yesterday

48
Departures to Greece Mainland
Yesterday

0
Departures to Turkey
on 24 May 2016

Arrivals and departures

An estimated number of 1,375 people lost their lives at sea while attempting to reach Europe this year, which is 25% lower than the number people who died during the same period of time in 2015 (1,828). As of 24 May, no such events took place in the Aegean Sea, where during the first months of the year (as of April), 376 people died. By contrast, nearly 95 refugees and migrants drowned in the Mediterranean Sea during May last year, and an estimated 330 died in May 2014. So far this year, 190,960 people reached Europe via the Mediterranean Sea (Spain: 903, Italy: 33,907, Greece: 156,150). As of 23 May, 190,057 people arrived to Italy and Greece.

On 24 May, five separate disembarkation operations of people rescued at sea took place in Augusta (508 people), Catania (395 people), Pozzallo (417 people), Reggio Calabria (290 people), and Crotone (395 people) totalling 2,005 people. People mainly originate from Sub-Saharan countries, Somalia, Eritrea, Egypt, Palestine, and Iraq. Reportedly, another 850 people were intercepted by Libyan authorities. Several hundred rescued refugees and migrants are due to arrive in Italian ports today following rescue operations.

Condition of People

In Greece, at Eidomeni, where thousands of refugees and migrants have been camping for the past two months in hopes that the border crossing would re-open and they would be able to continue their journey, decongestion efforts have been ongoing. People are transferred to several sites throughout mainland Greece. UNHCR has provided people with humanitarian assistance in formal sites and informal sites such as Eidomeni. On 23 May, the Greek Government announced the evacuation of approximately 9,000 people, informing refugees and migrants accordingly. The evacuation of the site began on 24 May and is ongoing.

Key Developments

At the UN World Humanitarian Summit in Istanbul, Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras expressed his satisfaction with the implementation of the EU-Turkey Agreement so far, saying that refugee flows have significantly diminished. During a meeting with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, Tsipras noted that people smuggling seems to have been deterred to a great extent, with NATO's participation being a crucial element.

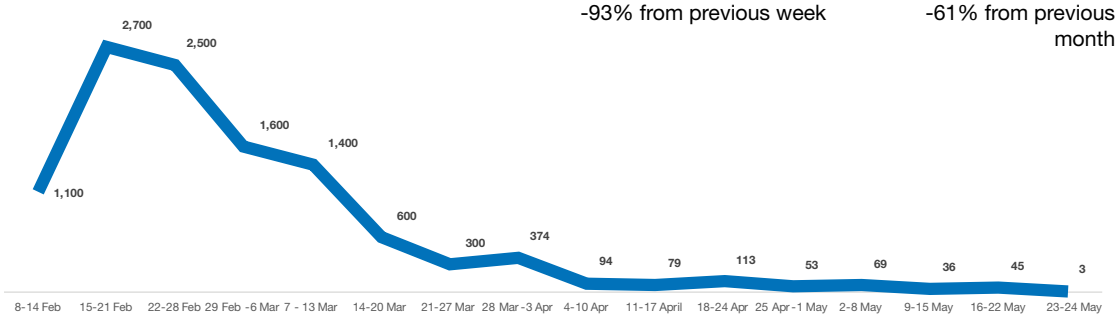
Planning, preparation and funding

The European Commission has awarded 25 million euros in emergency funding to the European Asylum Support Office (EASO) to enhance its capacity to further support Greek authorities. These additional resources will be used to support the implementation of the EU-Turkey Statement of 18 March and the EU emergency relocation scheme. The funding is provided under the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) of EC DG Home and will allow for the deployment of additional member state experts and interpreters, as well as the setting up of mobile EASO offices in hotspots to assist with asylum application processing.

Average Daily Arrivals and Arrival Trends Greece

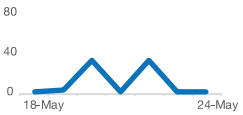
3
Average Daily Arrivals
23-24 May
-93% from previous week

44
Average Daily Arrivals
As of 24 May
-61% from previous month



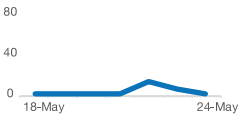
Arrivals to Greek Islands
18 May - 24 May

Lesvos arrivals

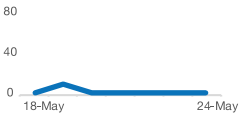


Chios arrivals

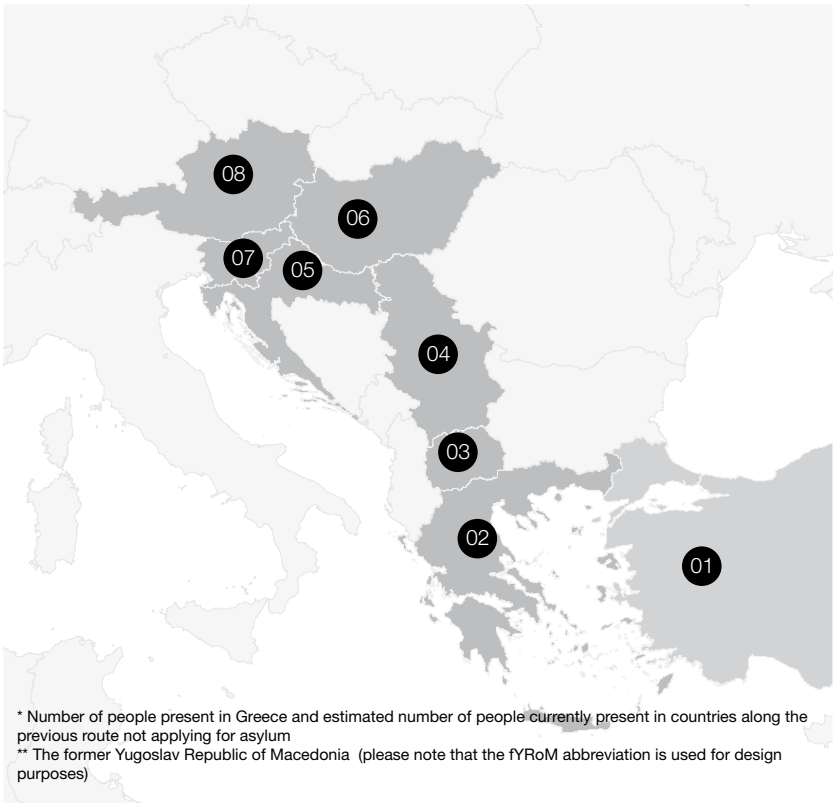
Samos arrivals



Kos arrivals



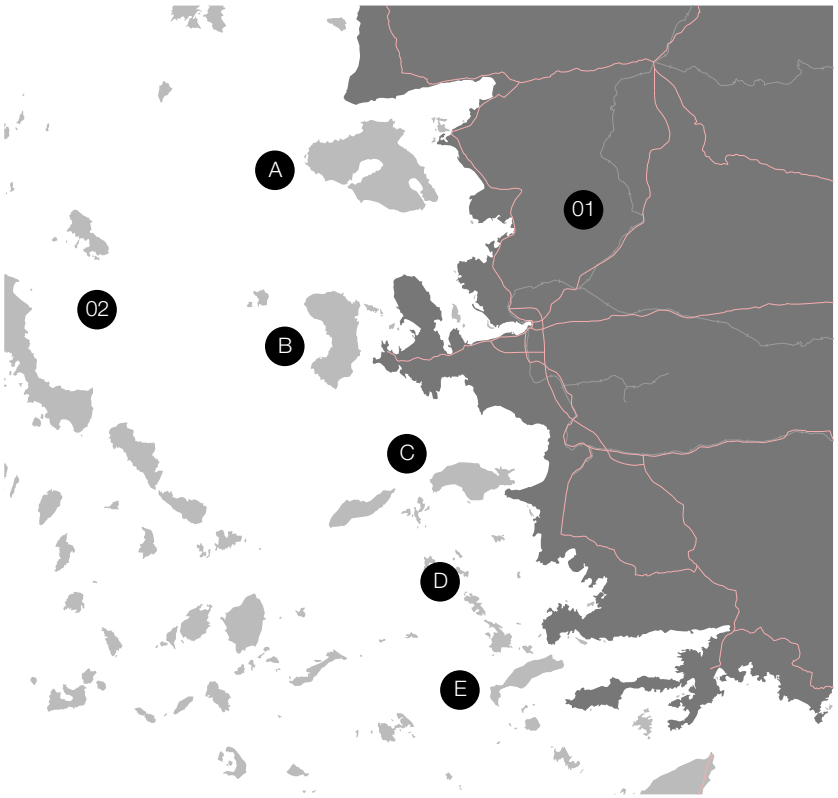
Estimated Arrivals and People Present* per Country
Yesterday



* 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)

01	Turkey
02	Greek Islands Arrivals: 0 Present*: 8,467
	Greece Mainland Arrivals: 48 Present*: 45,408
03	fYRoM** Arrivals: 0 Present*: 404
04	Serbia Arrivals: 68 Present*: 1,400
05	Croatia Arrivals: 0 Present*: 69
06	Hungary Arrivals: 169 Present*: -
07	Slovenia Arrivals: 0 Present*: -
08	Austria Arrivals: - Present*: -

Greek Islands and Turkey: Estimated Arrivals and Transfers



A	Lesvos Arrivals: - to Mainland: 46 to Turkey: -
B	Chios Arrivals: - to Mainland: 2 to Turkey: -
C	Samos Arrivals: - to Mainland: - to Turkey: -
D	Leros Arrivals: - to Mainland: - to Turkey: -
E	Kos Arrivals: - to Mainland: - to Turkey: -
	Other Arrivals: - to Mainland: - to Turkey: -

Statistics for #idomeni on 24 May

7,900
Total number of tweets

35,000
Total number of retweets

2,323,200
Total number of impressions

Meetings

26 May
Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs extraordinary summit, Brussels

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

27-28 May
Conference on the Protection of Human Rights of Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Migrants, Greece

30 May
Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, Brussels

Social Media

General Media: A video has emerged online of an experiment conducted by Amnesty Poland based on psychologist Arthur Aron's discovery that four minutes of looking into a person's eyes enables individuals to become closer. In the video uploaded by the Polish arm of Amnesty International, *Look Beyond Borders* (YouTube) sat refugees opposite Europeans, one on one, in order to remove the numbers and statistics surrounding the refugee crisis, leaving behind the real people suffering in the situation.

Twitter Activity: Greek Reporter uploaded a video interview conducted with 2016 Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist Yannis Behrakis. On his mission to become "the voice of the refugees", Behrakis explained that the "tragic situation" of the refugees should remind people that there are "unfortunate people around the world". According to him, in capturing images of the refugee crisis, he aims to take pictures that "capture the interest of the one that looks at the picture". He also stressed that if one chooses to empathise with refugees and migrants, they should do it "because you never know when you will become a refugee or a migrant". The full interview can also be viewed on YouTube.

Current Statistics for #idomeni

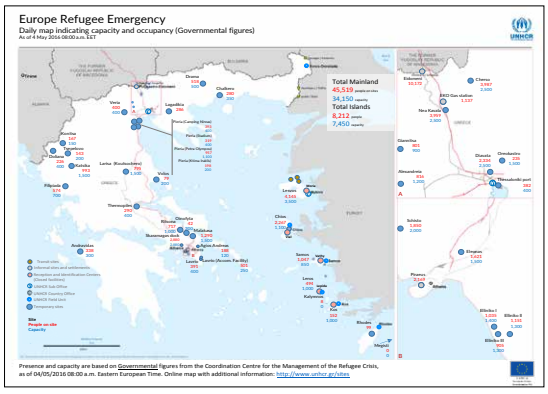
- 192 tweets, 958 retweets per hour
- Over 12.12 million impressions per hour

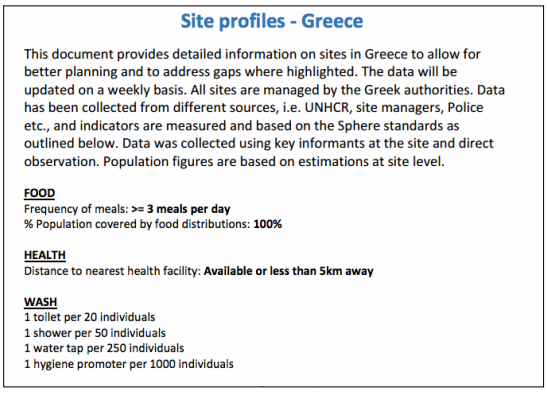
Yesterday, on the first day of operations to dismantle the informal site of Eidomeni, attention surrounding the topic gathered and maintained pace on both media and social media. In terms of tweets, the first significant spike in activity over the last month was observed yesterday with 7,900 individual tweets, 35,000 retweets and 2,323,200 impressions. Analytically, the hours between 7am and 11am exhibited the height of Twitter activity for #idomeni.

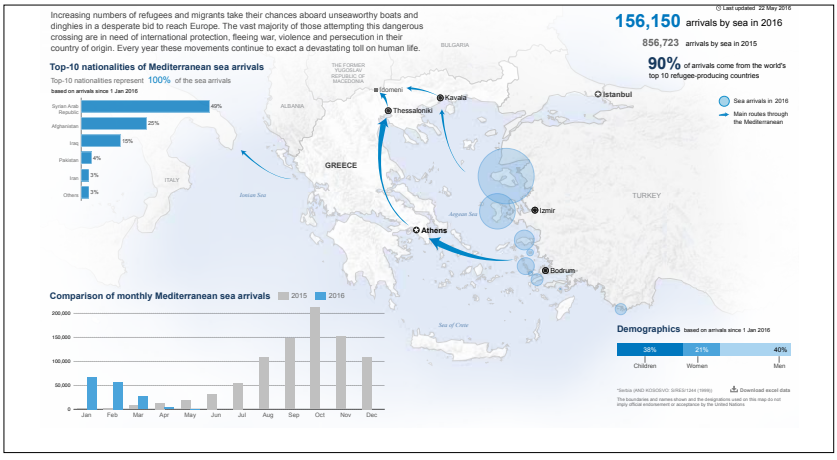
Facebook Activity: The Facebook page of UNHCR livestreamed from the World Humanitarian Summit in Istanbul where UNHCR Spokesperson Melissa Fleming demonstrated the registration process of refugees in Jordan.

AJ Plus posted a video of a floating cemetery in memory of Syrian refugees who drowned at sea while attempting to reach Europe via the Mediterranean Sea. The project, which was created by Support to Life, an international humanitarian aid agency based in Istanbul, Turkey, aims to raise money for refugees.

Key Figures from the Portal







Timeline Overview

18 - 19 March
EU-Turkey agreement reached

20 March
EU-Turkey agreement implemented

3 April
New law implemented highlighting the creation of the Reception and Identification Service, restructuring of the Asylum Service, the creation of an Appeals' Authority, the creation of new Regional Asylum Offices

6 April
European Commission published communication on reforms to Common European Asylum System (CEAS)

7 April
Turkish government made an amendment to the Temporary Protection Regulation on access to Temporary Protection regarding Syrian nationals, who irregularly travel to Europe and are returned to Turkey from Greek islands.

15 April
"No visa-free travel, no agreement" says Turkey's EU minister

19 April
Facility for Refugees in Turkey: Commission delivers an additional €110 million under the implementation of EU-Turkey agreement, Brussels

21 April
EU interior ministers formally agreed on a proposal for a new border and Coast Guard force that could intervene in under-pressure countries like Greece to slow the influx of migrants.

23 April
Merkel and EU officials visit Turkey camp

27 April
Turkey amends labour legislation to grant those holding subsidiary protection work permits

4 May
European Commission 'backs' Turkey visa liberalisation

European Commission proposes a coordinated EU approach for temporary internal border controls regarding prolonging proportionate controls at certain internal Schengen borders, namely in Germany, Austria, Sweden, Denmark and Norway for a maximum period of six months.

6 May
Bulgaria to readmit irregular arrivals to Turkey from June 1

9 May
13 returned allegedly did not have opportunity to apply for asylum in Greece

18 May
Relocation and Resettlement: EU Member States must act to sustain current management of flows

The Turkish President has approved the legislative framework regarding the EU-Turkey Agreement with regards to the readmission of people from Greece

19 May
Commission reports on state of fundamental rights in the EU

According to media reports at the NATO summit of Foreign Ministers held in Brussels, NATO discussed the possibility of broader EU-NATO cooperation in the Mediterranean

20 May - The European Commission awarded €56 million in emergency funding to improve conditions for refugees and migrants in Greece.

Justice and Home Affairs Council, EU Interior Ministers discussed several issues relating to the refugee and migrant situation in Europe, in particular the implementation of the 18 March EU-Turkey Statement, broader responses to the situation, relocation, the European Border and Coast Guard, and visa policy

23 May
The Foreign Affairs Council notably discussed external aspects of migration, and, in particular, ways to further strengthen cooperation with the countries of origin and transit through a common EU approach. The Council also discussed and adopted conclusions on EUNAVFOR Med Operation Sophia. Finally, the Council discussed and adopted conclusions on the EU regional strategy for Syria and Iraq

24 May
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