



Arrivals and Departures: In Greece, there were over 60,500 arrivals in January 2016, compared to almost 1,700 arrivals in January 2015. The beginning of 2016 saw a record number of deaths, with the number of people who have died or gone missing trying to reach Europe by sea surging in January to over 344 people. On 1 February, the number of arrivals to Greece decreased to 1,244 compared to 2,105 the previous day despite improved weather conditions. Following the end of the ferry strike on 31 January, departures from the islands to mainland Greece continued at a rate of over 5,000 persons per day.

Situation at Borders: In the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the taxi strike continued, resulting in limited onward transportation from Gevgelija (border with Greece) to Tabanovce (border with Serbia). As a result, authorities allowed entry into the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to only groups of 50 people every hour. By end of day, there were around 700 persons at the site in Eidomeni

(Greece) and 1,300 persons on buses, which were held near Eidomeni awaiting access to the border area. On the morning of 2 February, authorities of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia temporarily prevented people from entering the country in order to allow the decongestion of the Vinjoug site, where 800 people were awaiting transportation. In Serbia, a significant decrease in arrivals was observed as a result of the taxi strike in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and the temporary border closure between Greece and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia of 31 January. Due to the limited number of people in Sid, trains to Croatia were cancelled.

Condition of People: According to Turkish media, 996 people were reported to have been apprehended or rescued in Aydin, Antalya, Edirne, Canakkale, Izmir and Edirne between 30 January and 1 February 2016.

Deaths at Sea: None reported.



Critical Developments

In a meeting with European Commissioner Dimitris Avramopoulos, the Greek Prime Minister stressed that Greece "fulfils its responsibilities and asserts that others also undertake their share of responsibility". The Prime Minister also informed the Commissioner on the decision of the recent inter-ministerial meeting to accelerate the response to the refugee crisis. Avramopoulos highlighted that progress has been made since last November and commended the government's decision to involve the Greek Defence Ministry in the completion of the hotspots.

German Minister of Interior, Thomas de Maizière, met his counterpart in Kabul to discuss cooperation regarding the increased number of Afghan national arrivals in Germany and possible financial incentives for return. German authorities will be enhancing the implementation of returns for rejected asylum-seekers in the coming months. Similarly, German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier called for faster repatriation of rejected asylum-seekers arriving from North Africa.

Slovenian State Secretary of the Ministry of Interior, Bostjan Šefic, met with the Ambassador of Austria and the Austrian police attaché in Slovenia. Austrian representatives highlighted the Slovenian Prime Minister's proposed plan to strengthen control of the border between Greece and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia was well received by Austrian authorities and underlined the good cooperation between the two countries.

Weather Headlines

- The current settled weather will turn colder from Wednesday with a risk of snow for northern and central parts of the region on Thursday.
- Strong winds with rough seas and large waves developing at times in the Aegean from late Wednesday onwards.



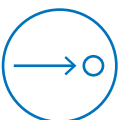
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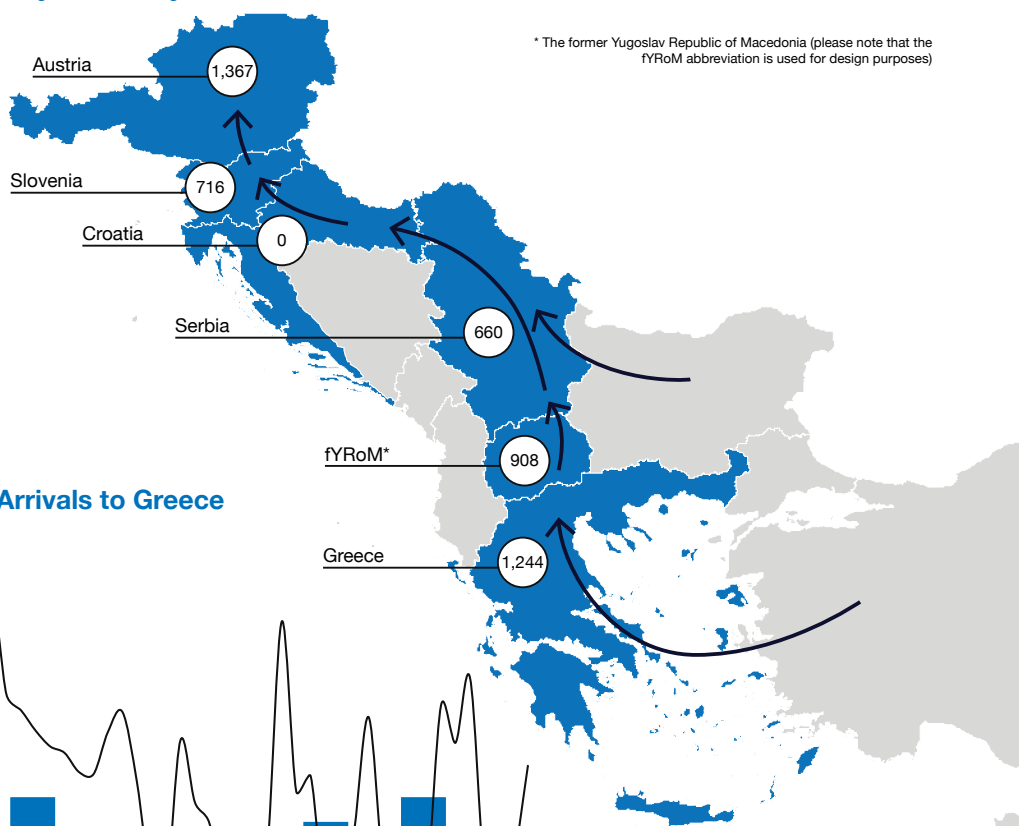
Social Media

- Trending tweets with the following hashtag #RefugeeCrisis presented on average 54 tweets per hour today with over 100 accounts exposed to this hashtag every hour. In comparison, related hashtags #syria and #refugees presented 488 and 188 tweets per hour respectively, with over 1.64million impressions per hour for #syria.
- Over 25% of these tweets originate from the United States of America and Australia.
- Popular accounts tweeting #refugeecrisis: [@unicef](#), [@guardian](#), [@wef](#), [@SavetheChildren](#), [@Channel4News](#), [@EU_Commission](#), [@ewnupdates](#), [@Davos](#), [@eucopresident](#), and [@ChakerKhazaal](#)

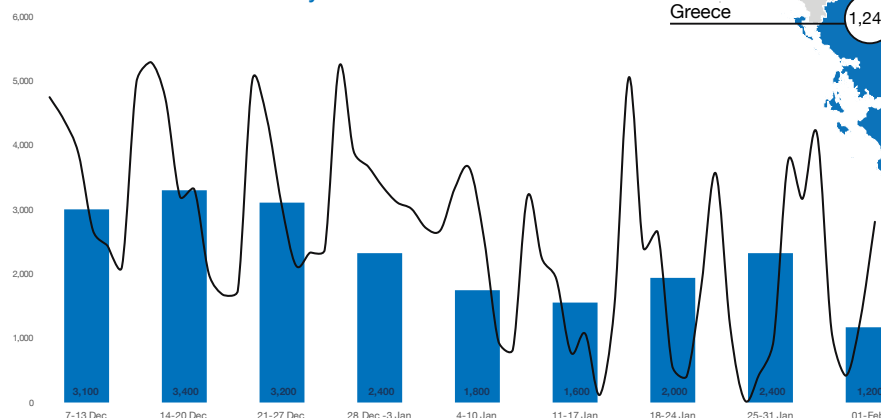


Estimated Arrivals per Country Yesterday

Greece	1,244
fYRoM*	908
Serbia	660
Croatia	0
Slovenia	716
Austria	1,367



Daily and Weekly Average Arrivals to Greece 7 December to 1 February



Average Daily Arrivals and Trends Greece

18-24 January
2,004
37% from previous week



1 February
1,244
-47% from previous week



25-31 January
2,368
18% from previous week



Monthly Average Daily Arrival
January (as of 31 Jan)
2,139
-34% from previous month





Weather conditions forecast for Greece and Countries of Onward Movements

Key locations crossed by refugees



Weather Assessment

- The weather will turn more unsettled and colder with a risk of snow for Slovenia, Serbia, and possibly the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia on Thursday. Snow and icy conditions may lead to problems on road networks, especially in Slovenia. However, travel by rail should be largely unaffected with only minimal disruption expected. Although fairly typical for this time of year, temperatures will feel colder for people exposed for extended periods overnight, a significant change compared to the recent milder weather.
- Winds are currently light across the Aegean Sea, although winds will increase late Wednesday through to Saturday with rough seas and large waves developing. Analysis based on previous events suggests this is likely to result in a noticeable reduction in the numbers of people arriving on the Greek Islands.



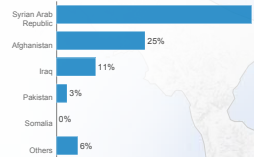
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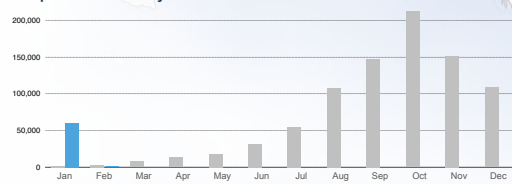
Increasing numbers of refugees and migrants take their chances aboard unseaworthy boats and dinghies in a desperate bid to reach Europe. The vast majority of those attempting this dangerous crossing are in need of international protection, fleeing war, violence and persecution in their country of origin. 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 2015



Comparison of monthly Mediterranean sea arrivals



61,746 arrivals by sea in 2016

856,723 arrivals by sea in 2015

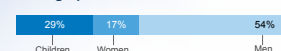
91% of arrivals come from the world's top 10 refugee-producing countries

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Sea arrivals in 2016

Main routes through the Mediterranean

Demographics based on arrivals since 1 Jan 2015



*Serbia (AND KOSOVO: S/RES/1244 (1999))
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Following the humanitarian crisis in Europe: Estimated daily arrivals





Annex 2

Refugee/Migrant Onward Movement Map

