



Planning and Preparation: The Refugee Coordinator of the Austrian Federal Government, Christian Konrad, started a fundraising campaign together with the Austrian Red Cross and a well-known advertising agency with the aim to collect money for additional housing for asylum-seekers. One house for up to 40 asylum-seekers (with flats for up to 5 persons each) amounts to EUR 500,000. The campaign is also supported by most of Austrian media.

Arrivals and Departures: [As of 6 February](#), 68,023 refugees and migrants arrived to Greece by sea. 91% of arrivals come from the world's top 10 refugee-producing countries.

Situation at Borders: In Sid, Serbia, people were not allowed to board trains to Croatia in at least 61 instances.

Condition of People: The representatives of UNDP, UNHCR and UNICEF sent a joint letter to the Minister of Interior of Serbia. The letter expressed concern over reports of undue force being used when returning refugees and migrants from the border crossing with Croatia to the border crossing with the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Deaths at Sea: According to media sources, 24 people drowned on the Turkish shores as they attempted to reach the Greek islands.



Critical Developments

Turkish and German governments agreed on a set of measures regarding the refugee crisis, including a joint diplomatic initiative aiming to halt attacks against Aleppo, the largest city in the Syrian Arab Republic. Officials announced on Monday in Ankara they would also make efforts to curb what they called 'illegal migration'. Reportedly, the Turkish government is facing pressure to open its border to up to 35,000 Syrians who fled recent attacks.

In Greece, Mayors of the wider Piraeus region will support the creation of a camp in Schisto for refugees and migrants. Their support is conditional to guarantees of dignified conditions, a plan to locate refugees in other areas, and an information campaign targeting the local population. The Mayors of Oraiakastro and Delta Thessalonikis submitted two alternative proposals to Sindos camp to the Minister of Defense: one in the area Sfrageia of Thessaloniki, or a military camp at Thermi in Eastern Thessaloniki.

On the islands of Chios and Samos, preparations are ongoing to relocate temporary registration facilities to hotspot sites; whilst on Leros, remaining installation work is to be finalised by 15 February.

Starting next week, refugees arriving from Slovenia will be transferred to Austria through the Sentilj –

Spielfeld border crossing as the test phase for a new border management system is finalised. Some 2,500 people are expected to arrive daily. At the same time, planning continues for similar border management structures to be established in the Provinces of Carinthia (Karawanke tunnel) and Tyrol (Brenner).

Challenges

In Greece, public protests continue against the establishment of hotspot locations and people transiting through the country.

Response

In Greece, near the Eidomeni border crossing, following negotiations with the authorities and land allocation, 50 UNHCR family tents were temporarily pitched, until Refugee Housing Units and rub halls are established at the new temporary site.

Weather Headlines

- Very strong winds will develop during Wednesday and Thursday leading to rough seas and large waves at times around the Greek Islands.



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Social Media

CNN Snapchat highlights:

- The battle for Aleppo is intensifying
- The scale of Russian strikes around Aleppo is unprecedented, with bombers descending on the city four at a time
- ISIS remains an added threat for Syrians
- Turkey is close to capacity but is providing for people on the Syrian side of the border

Current statistics for: #Syria

- 592 tweets & 1,333 retweets an hour
- 3.94 million impressions per hour
- 75.6% of tweets using #Syria are in English
- 15.86% of tweets using #Syria are in Arabic
- 20.14% of tweets using #Syria originated from the US

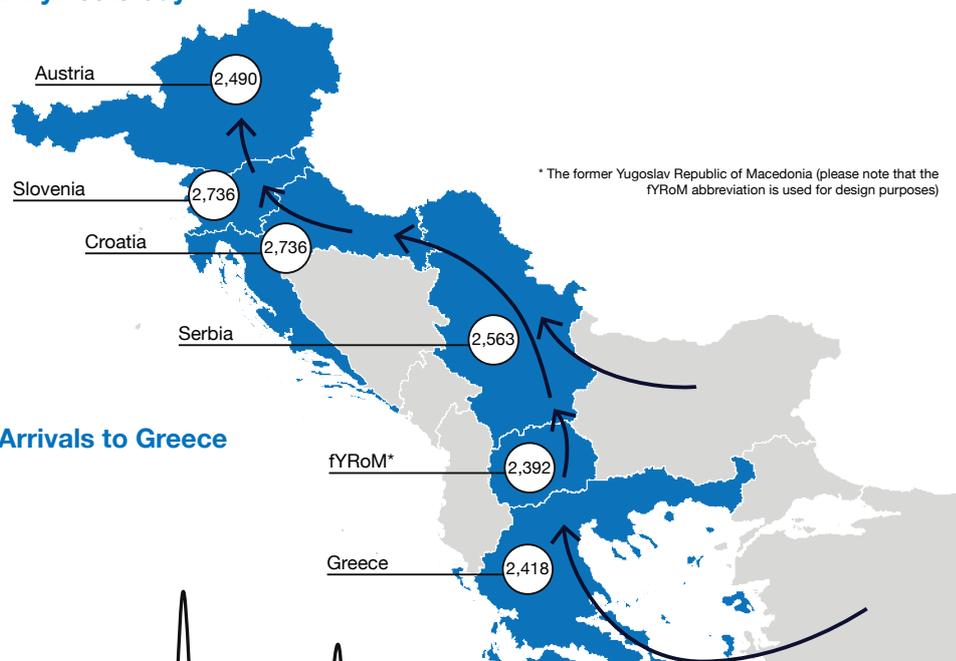
Current statistics for: #Aleppo

- 96 tweets, 392 retweets per hour
- Over 153,000 impressions per hour
- 43.9% of tweets using #Aleppo originated from the Syrian Arab Republic

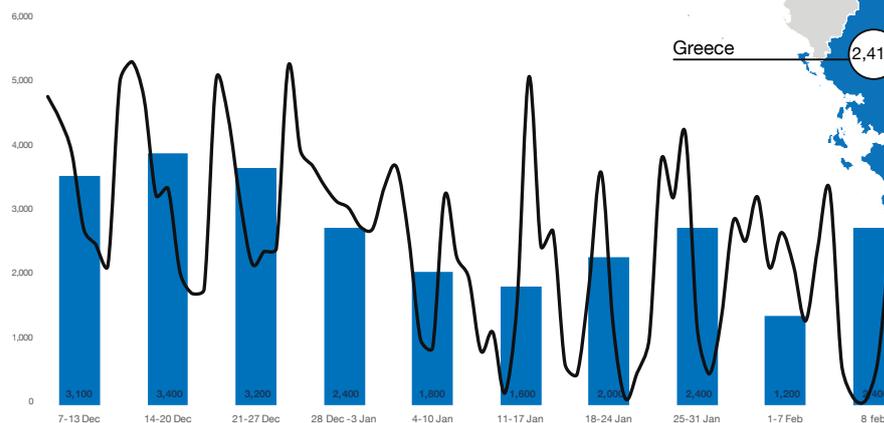


Estimated Arrivals per Country Yesterday

Greece	2,418
fYRoM*	2,392
Serbia	2,563
Croatia	2,736
Slovenia	2,582
Austria	2,490



Daily and Weekly Average Arrivals to Greece 7 December to 8 February



Average Daily Arrivals and Trends Greece

25-31 January

2,368

18% from previous week



8 February

2,418

New week



1-7 February

1,161

-51% from previous week



Monthly Average Daily Arrival
February (as of 4 Feb)

1,318

-32% from previous month





Weather Forecast Greece - Slovenia

Key locations crossed by refugees



Weather Assessment

- Southerly winds will gradually increase in strength overnight and through Wednesday. These will become very strong, reaching gale force at times, around the Greek Islands later Wednesday and into the early hours of Thursday.
- Rough seas and large waves will develop, presenting dangerous conditions for small boats on Wednesday and Thursday. Analysis based on previous events suggests this is likely to result in a significant reduction in the numbers of people arriving to the Greek Islands. The strong winds and large waves will gradually ease during Thursday and Friday.



Annex 1

Key Figures from the Portal

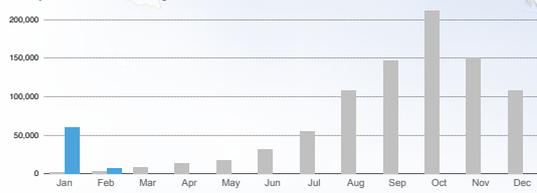
Increasing numbers of refugees and migrants take their chances aboard unseaworthy boats and dinghies in a desperate bid to reach Europe. The vast majority of those attempting this dangerous crossing are in need of international protection, fleeing war, violence and persecution in their country of origin.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



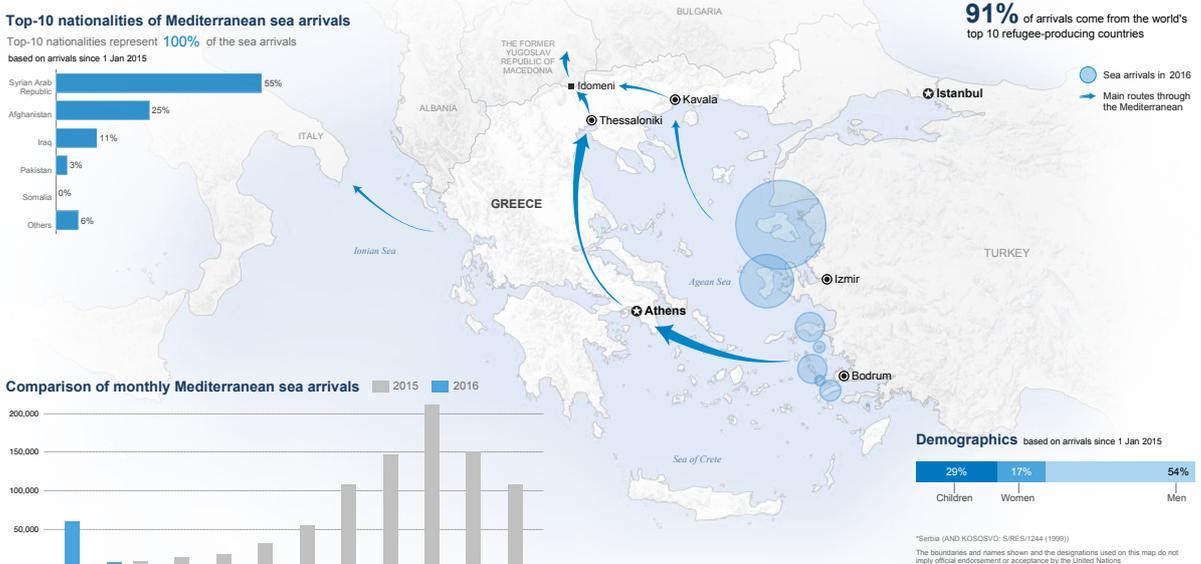
Comparison of monthly Mediterranean sea arrivals



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68,023 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



Following the humanitarian crisis in Europe: Estimated daily arrivals





Annex 2

Refugee/Migrant Onward Movement Map

