



Arrivals and Departures: Fluctuations in the number of arrivals to different Greek Islands compared to previous trends were observed, particularly with an increase of arrivals to the island of Chios.

Border Crossings: Around 100 people an hour are crossing the Greek border crossing with the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia at Eidomeni. In the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, 29 people were returned to the Greek border for possessing false documents, no documents, or for being of other nationalities than Afghan, Iraqi or Syrian; none opted to apply for asylum in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.



Critical Developments

According to media sources, in response to the German and Turkish proposal of NATO's involvement in the refugee crisis, the U.S. ambassador to NATO, Douglas Lute, did not rule out providing support, though specifying that responding to the refugee crisis is primarily the EU's mandate, rather than Washington or NATO's.

The Croatian state news agency reported that the Minister of Interior, Vlaho Orepic, announced that 20 police officers and equipment were deployed to support the authorities of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia with refugee profiling and border control. This is part of a coordinated action involving similar participation of Austrian, Slovenian and Serbian law enforcement authorities. As a result, people would no longer be registered in Croatia as they will be provided with relevant documentation in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

According to the Croatian Police Directorate, the Slavonski Brod facility for refugees will remain open while the number of staff will be increased or reduced in accordance with needs. Slovenia's Interior Ministry denied reports of an inter-state agreement on organizing direct transportation by train for refugees from the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to Austria and refuted allegations about plans to close the current accommodation in Slovenia

Condition of People: On Lesbos, about 100 people from Afghanistan and North Africa spent the night at the olive grove site near Moria. On Samos, nine people remain detained for reasons of irregular entry at the Vathy Police Station. In Serbia, approximately 250 people remain in Belgrade. Most are from Morocco, Algeria, Afghanistan or Pakistan. On 8 February, at the land and sea borders in western Turkey, media reported 1,961 people having been rescued and/or apprehended.

Deaths at Sea: None reported.

Response

On Lesbos, at the Moria hotspot, the establishment of 25 Refugee Housing Units was finalised. On Leros, construction work of the hotspot facility is ongoing. 34 containers will be placed in Lepida hotspot in the next days. On Chios, at the VIAL hotspot site, UNHCR's partner NRC conducted a training session with the attendance of the Army hotspot coordinator, police, Frontex and the representative of the European Commission regarding the provision of services including security, transport, site maintenance and management of accommodation facilities.

Weather Headlines

- Very strong winds developing during Wednesday evening and early on Thursday leading to rough seas and large waves at times around the Greek Islands.



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Social Media

#Syrie was on the list of trending hashtags on Twitter in the morning for about an hour; the first time the Syrian conflict has garnered enough social media attention to be trending on Twitter's home page in around two weeks.

Although presenting lower statistics in terms of tweets, retweets and impressions compared to the English version of the hashtag (#Syria), which boasts 558 tweets and 1,142 retweets an hour, it is notable that more than half the tweets originate from France. In comparison, tweets using #Syria

originate largely from the US (20.07%) and the UK (15.59%)

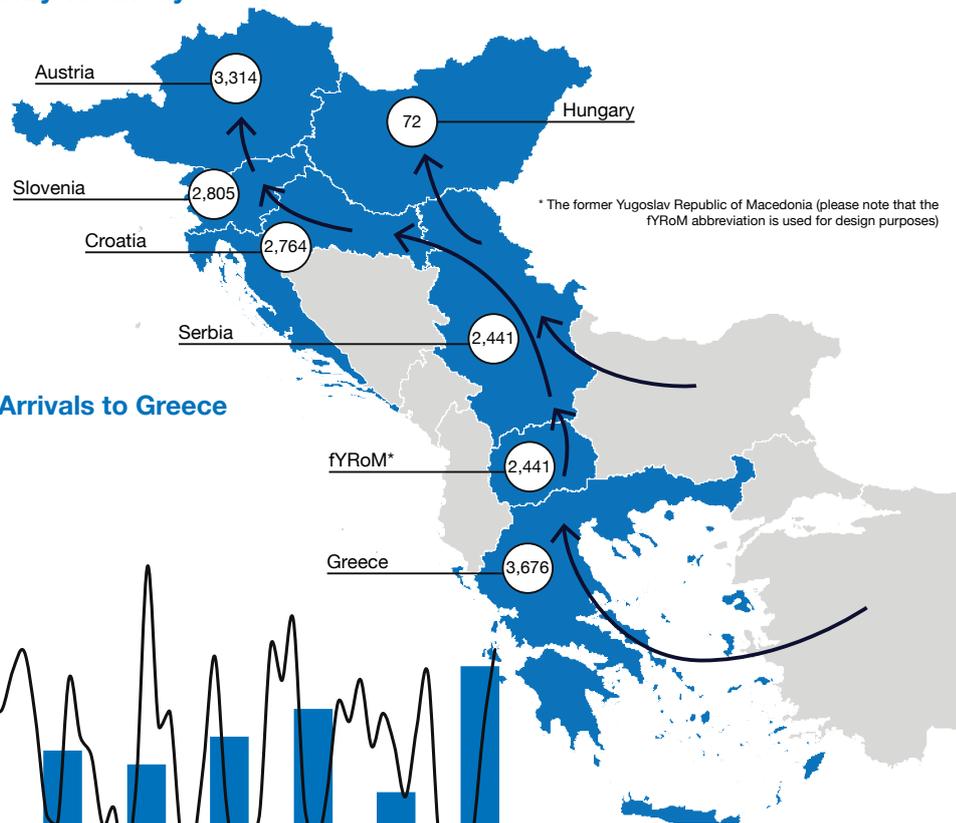
Current statistics for: #Syrie

- 21 tweets & 67 retweets per hour
- Over 19,500 impressions per hour
- 87.65% of tweets using #Syrie are in French
- 51.22% of tweets using #Syrie originated from France
- Last 30 days: January 22 saw highest number of individual tweets (2,300) using #Syrie while February 4 saw the highest number of retweets (4,300).

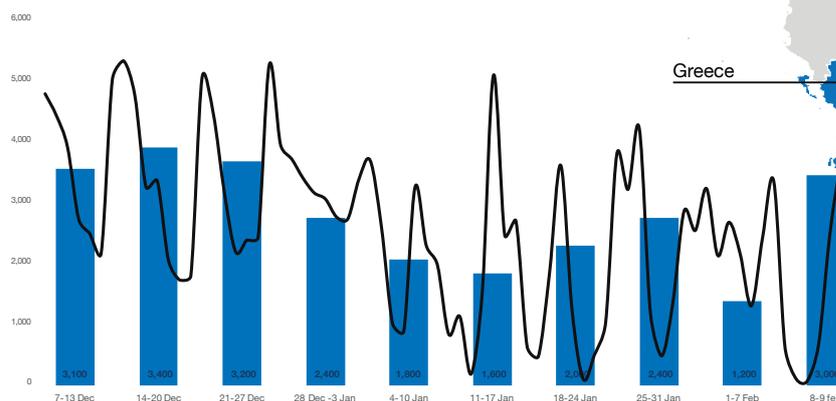


Estimated Arrivals per Country Yesterday

Greece	3,676
fYRoM*	2,441
Serbia	2,379
Croatia	2,764
Hungary	72
Slovenia	2,805
Austria	3,314



Daily and Weekly Average Arrivals to Greece 7 December to 9 February



Average Daily Arrivals and Trends Greece

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



8-9 February
3,047
New week



1-7 February
1,161
-51% from previous week



Monthly Average Daily Arrival
February (as of 4 Feb)
1,580
-18% from previous month





Weather Forecast Greece - Slovenia

Key locations crossed by refugees



Weather Assessment

- Southerly winds will gradually increase in strength becoming very strong around the Greek Islands this evening and into the early hours of Thursday. Rough seas and large waves will develop, presenting dangerous conditions to small boats during this period.
- Analysis based on previous events suggests this is likely to lead to a significant reduction in the numbers of people arriving to the Greek Islands. Strong winds and large waves will gradually reduce later on Thursday and into Friday, before increasing again from Saturday, with large waves again affecting waters around the Greek Islands.



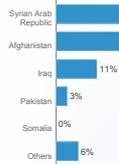
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Key Figures from the Portal

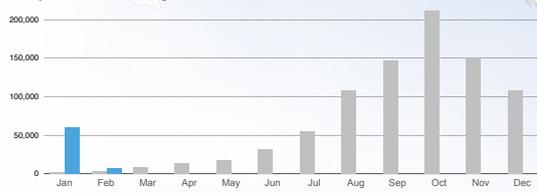
Increasing numbers of refugees and migrants take their chances aboard unseaworthy boats and dinghies in a desperate bid to reach Europe. The vast majority of those attempting this dangerous crossing are in need of international protection, fleeing war, violence and persecution in their country of origin.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



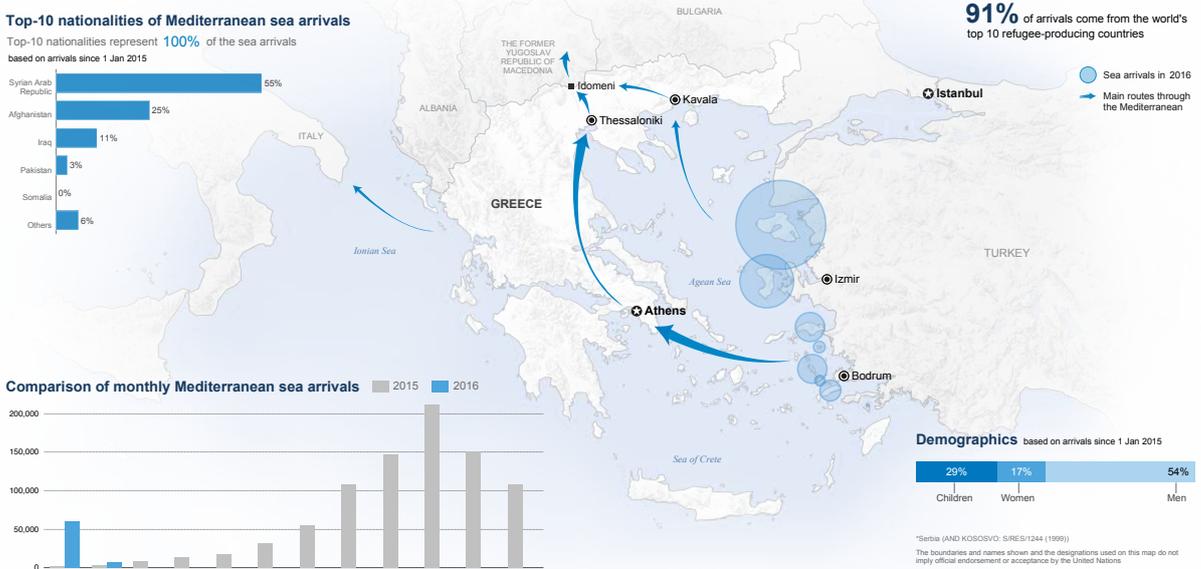
Comparison of monthly Mediterranean sea arrivals



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

