



Daily Report

Arrivals and Departures: In Greece, people are growing increasingly desperate as the border crossing with the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia remained closed for the past three days. The number of people arriving to the Greek islands remains high (4,986 arrivals in total over the past three days). This adds to the 41,973 refugees and migrants present in Greece as estimated by the newly-established Greek Refugees Crisis Management Coordination body.

Condition of People: While authorities make efforts to establish new emergency shelter across Greece, existing facilities remain at full capacity. There are currently 8,279 people present on the islands, some taking shelter in public spaces as existing facilities are filled beyond capacity. In Piraeus, 2,050 people are present, including many women and children, some staying in tents. In Athens, people continue to remain in Victoria Square. Some 12,000 people are currently present in Eidomeni, where the cold weather conditions, as well as muddy fields have increased people's plight. Lack of shelter, water and sanitary facilities

continue to be of high concern. UNHCR and humanitarian partners struggle to provide basic assistance such as shelter, food, blankets, jackets and medical assistance to thousands of desperate people in need.

Along the Western Balkans route, 1,500 people are present in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, some 2,000 in Serbia, 319 in Croatia and 70 in Slovenia. Most remain in dire conditions awaiting a solution to be decided upon at political levels.

Deaths at Sea: A boat carrying 16 people capsized off the coast of Ayvacik in Turkey. Five Afghan nationals, including two children and an infant, drowned. The Turkish Coast Guard rescued nine people and continued to search for two missing people.



Critical Developments

In a follow up to the statement of Statement of the EU Heads of State or Government and in preparation of the upcoming EU-Turkey Summit on 17 March, UN bodies voiced concerns regarding the EU-Turkey proposals:

- In his annual report to the UN Human Rights Council, the UN Commissioner for Human Rights, Zeid Raad al-Hussein [highlighted](#) the potential for collective and arbitrary expulsions and border restrictions, which do not allow the determination of individual circumstances, thus violating international and European law.
- Earlier this week, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees had also [voiced](#) similar concerns about any arrangement that would involve the blanket return of people from one country to another without sufficient refugee protection safeguards.

Turkish Minister of EU Affairs, Volkan Bozkir, [stated](#) that the agreement, under which Turkish authorities are to readmit refugees and migrants from Greece does not apply to people who have already reached the Greek islands but to those who will arrive once the agreement begins to be implemented.

Bozkir added that he estimates the number of people to be readmitted to reach thousands or tens of thousands.

240 Algerian, Tunisian and Moroccan nationals found not to qualify for international protection in Greece are to be deported to Turkey during three separate return operations on 10, 11 and 14 March. They are to be transferred to the border crossing point of Kipoi, in Thrace.

Weather Headlines

A very unsettled spell of weather is expected to affect Greece, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and southern Serbia in particular through the next few days. Heavy rain falling on already saturated or waterlogged ground is likely to lead to some localised flooding and an increase in standing water. Based on past event analysis, spells of stronger winds in the Aegean are likely to moderate arrivals to the Greek Islands, particularly early next week.



Average Daily Arrivals and Trends Greece

22-28 February
2,538
-8% from previous week



7-10 March
1,429
-8% from previous week



29 February - 6 March
1,551
-39% from previous week



Monthly Average Daily Arrival
March (as of 10 March)
1,450
-24% from previous month





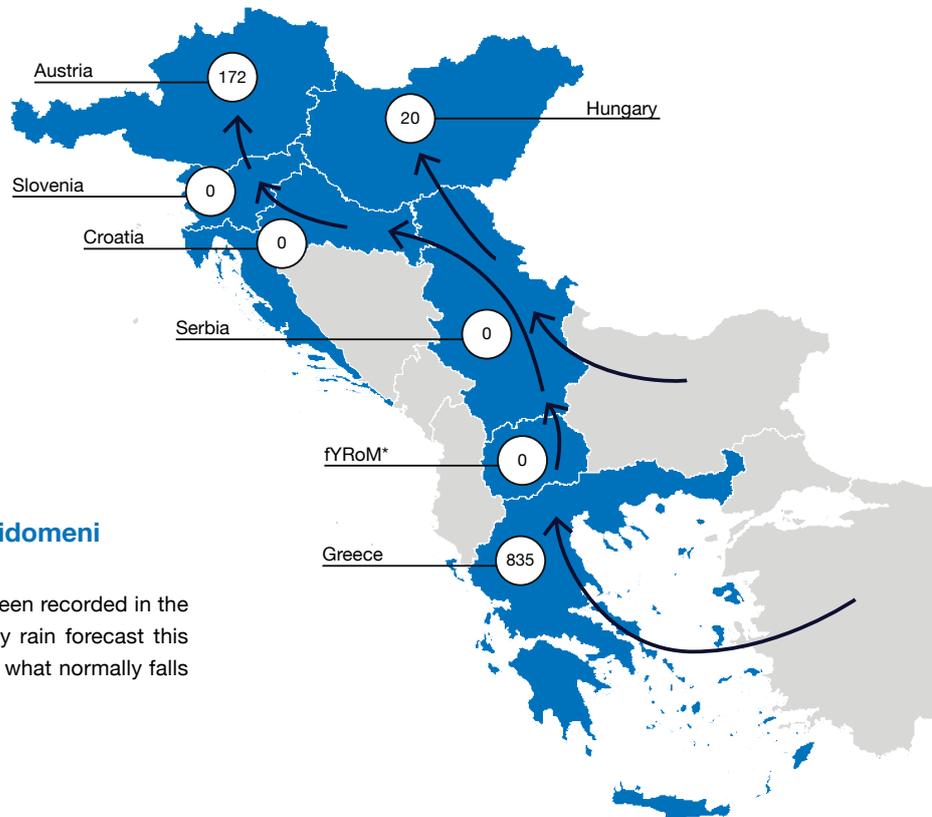
Past and Upcoming Meetings/Events



Estimated Arrivals per Country Yesterday

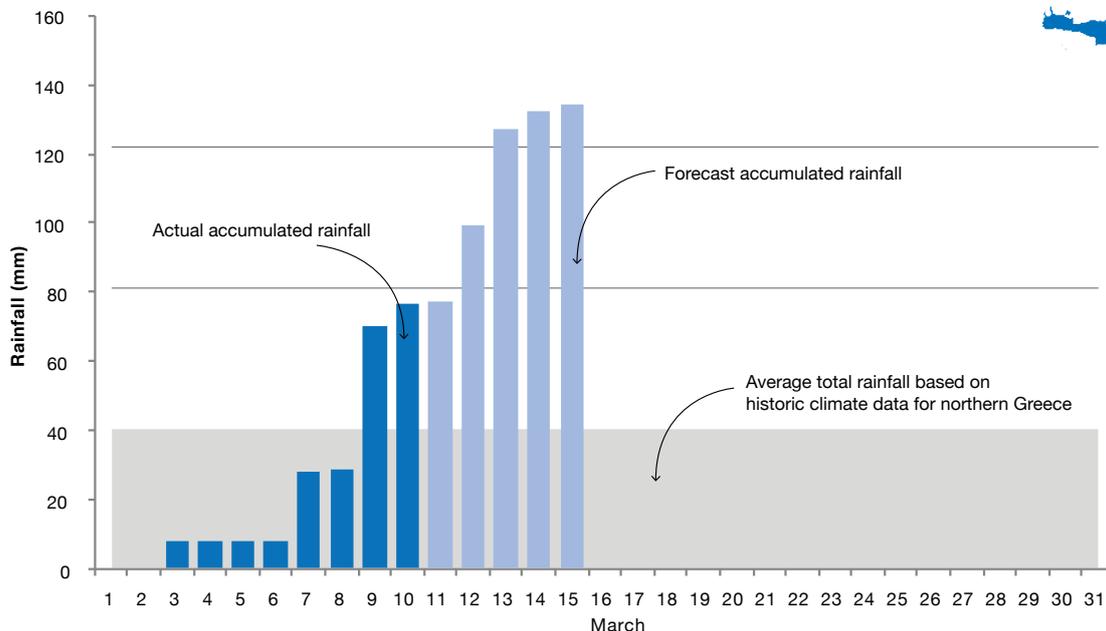
* The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (please note that the FYRoM abbreviation is used for design purposes)

Greece	835
FYRoM*	0
Serbia	0
Croatia	0
Hungary	20
Slovenia	0
Austria	172



Cumulative March Rainfall Near Eidomeni

The average rainfall for March has already been recorded in the first 9 days of the month with further heavy rain forecast this weekend. By mid-month, more than double what normally falls in March is likely.





Social Media

Snapchat Activity:

CNN on Snapchat summarised the ‘bold’ ‘breakthrough’ deal struck by the European Union in their bid to solve the refugee and migrant crisis:

It’s all about “one in, one out” – EU leaders are looking for a way to “break the link between getting in a boat and getting settlement in Europe” by proposing a trade agreement with Turkey; for every Syrian refugee returned to Turkey, a Syrian refugee will be resettled in the EU. The EU would then lift visa requirements for Turkish citizens by end of June 2016.

The proposal is already receiving backlash - from human rights groups such as Amnesty International, though the proposal will be considered at the next European Council migration crisis meeting on 17-18 March.

Twitter Activity:

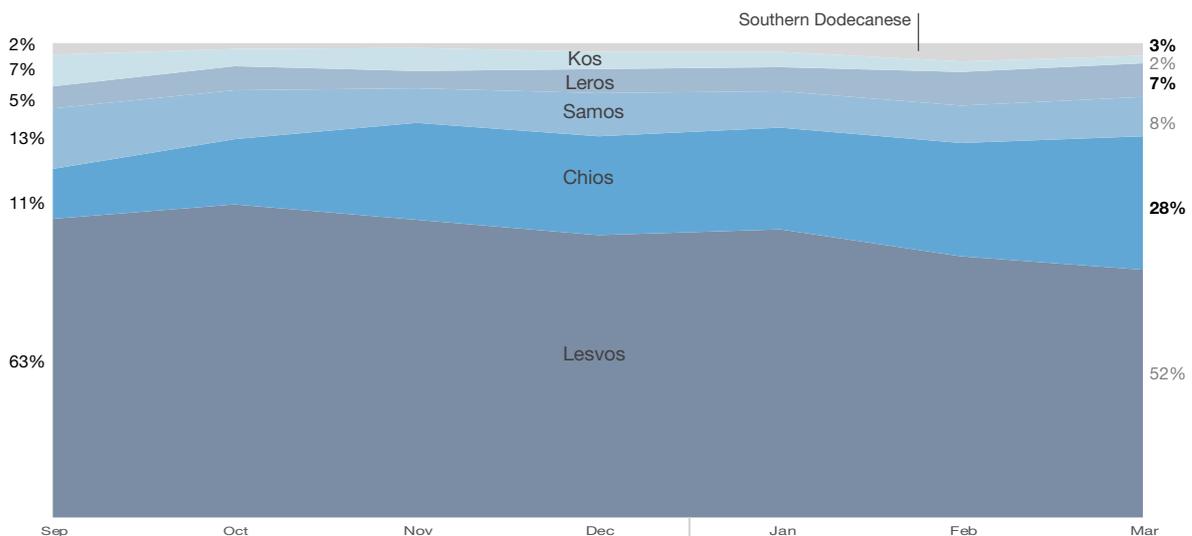
NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg ([@jensstoltenberg](https://twitter.com/jensstoltenberg) on Twitter) tweeted: “About to meet @JunckerEU. Refugee and migrant crisis and hybrid threats on agenda. #NATO-#EU cooperation has never been more important”. This came prior to meeting with EU Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, in which Stoltenberg explained that NATO has increased its area of operation in tackling illegal crossings by refugees and migrants from Turkey.

Current statistics for: #NATO

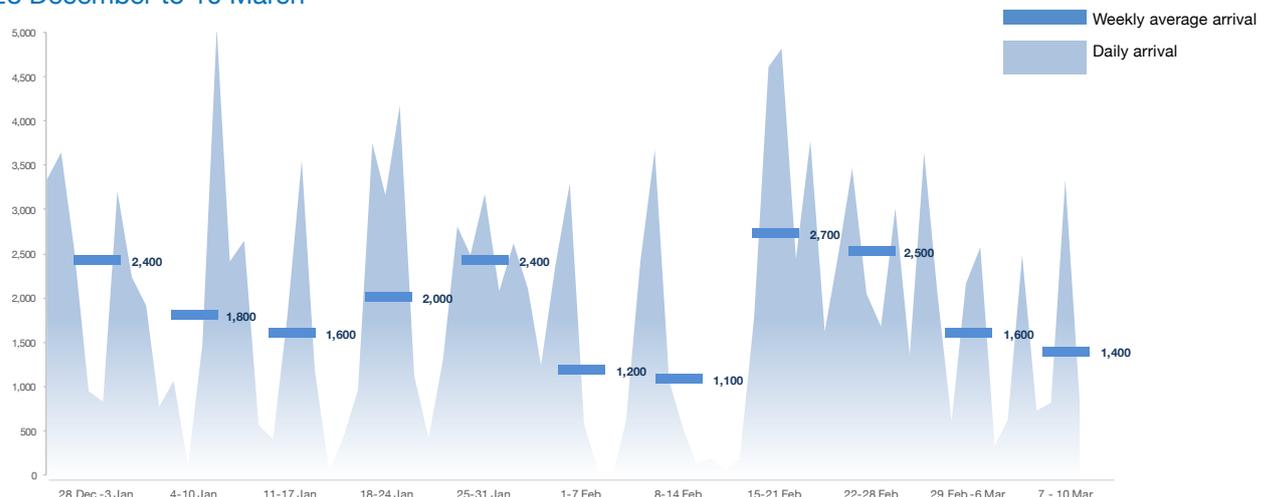
- 703 posts, 552 users
- Over 5.5million reach
- 54 tweets, 63 retweets per hour
- Over 218,000 impressions per hour
- Related hashtags: #turkey, #eu, #russia



Distribution of monthly arrivals to each Greek island September to 9 March



Daily and Weekly Average Arrivals to Greece 28 December to 10 March





Weather Forecast Greece - Slovenia

Key locations crossed by refugees

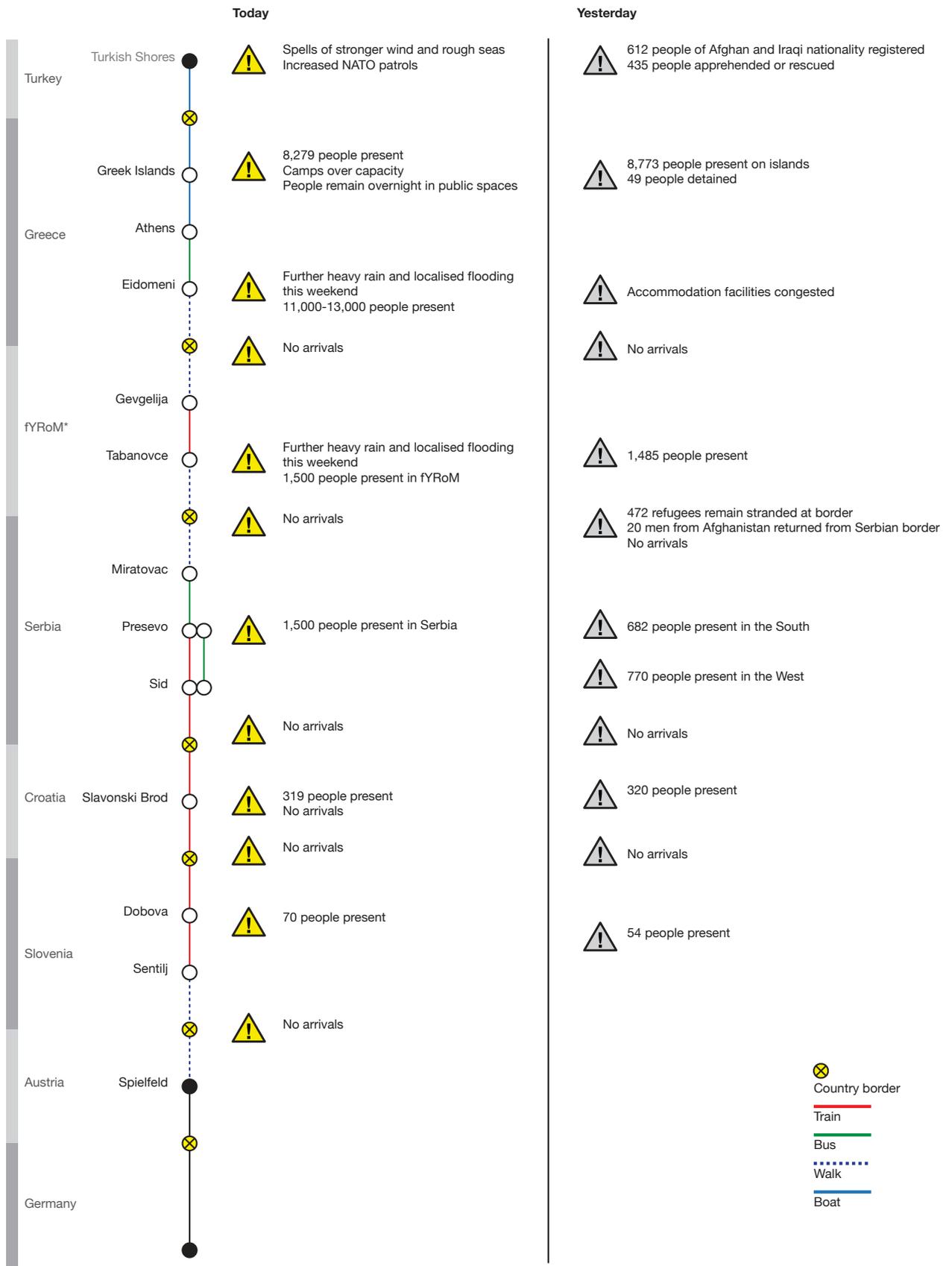


Weather Assessment

- Almost double the normal rainfall for the month of March has already fallen in the first 10 days in parts of northern Greece, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and southern Serbia. Further persistent and often heavy rain is expected to affect this region through this weekend and early next week leading to increasingly waterlogged ground and areas of standing water. Across the Aegean Sea, spells of stronger winds are expected and, based on past event analysis, is likely to moderate the number of arrivals to the Greek Islands at times.
- Through the first half of next week, unsettled conditions are expected to persist, maintaining the threat of rain for many parts. This will be accompanied by a gradual fall in temperature with overnight temperatures falling close to freezing in places inland which may lead to an increased incidence of respiratory illnesses for those staying outdoors. More settled conditions are expected to develop from Thursday with temperatures also increasing both by day and night.



Situation Overview



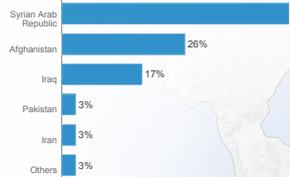


Annex 1 Key Figures from the Portal

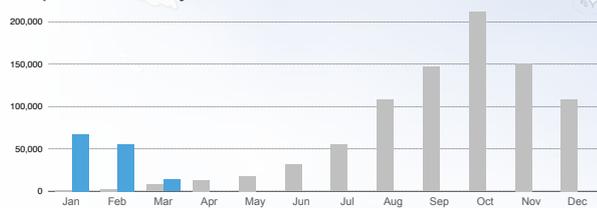
Increasing numbers of refugees and migrants take their chances aboard unseaworthy boats and dinghies in a desperate bid to reach Europe. The vast majority of those attempting this dangerous crossing are in need of international protection, fleeing war, violence and persecution in their country of origin. 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 2016



Comparison of monthly Mediterranean sea arrivals



137,056 arrivals by sea in 2016

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856,723 arrivals by sea in 2015

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

Sea arrivals in 2016

Main routes through the Mediterranean



Demographics based on arrivals since 1 Jan 2016



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

