



Daily Report



Arrivals and Departures

According to the latest [fact sheet](#) issued by the European Commission regarding the implementation of the EU-Turkey agreement, since its entry into force, 386 people were returned from the Greek islands to Turkey and 135 Syrian refugees were resettled from Turkey to Europe. Additionally, as stated through the EC [communication](#), the Turkish government has committed to allow access to EU representatives to refugee camps and centres in Turkey. A programme for visits is currently being prepared by the EU Delegation in Ankara.

Condition of People

Around 4,500 asylum applications were lodged in Austria in April 2016 according to the Austrian Ministry of Interior. This constitutes a slight increase compared to March (3,265) but a decrease compared to January (5,950) and February (5,110). Between 18-24 April, 1,562 people lodged asylum applications in Hungary.

Last week, temporary border controls at the Hungarian-Austrian border were introduced. The Ministry of Interior also presented details for future border controls and a border management system at the Austrian-Italian crossing where refugees and migrants would be channelled through.

A total of 1,694 third-country nationals were deported or returned to their countries of origin from Greece in April, under operational planning to combat irregular migration, Greek Police announced on Thursday. The greatest number of returns were to Albania (852), Pakistan (157), Morocco (107), Iran (61), Georgia (51), Afghanistan (45) and Bangladesh (29). A total of 6,427 third-country nationals have been returned to their country of origin since the beginning of the year, Greek Police said.

According to media sources, during a meeting on migration issues held in Thessaloniki on 5 May, the Greek Alternate Minister for Migration Policy, Yannis Mouzalas, [estimated](#) that 30,000-40,000 refugees will remain in Greece for a lengthy period of time. He added that the site in Eidomeni, at the border crossing with the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, will be evacuated by 30 May.

On 4 May, the European Commission [proposed](#) to allow those EU Member States currently carrying out internal border controls related to migration, namely Germany, Austria, Sweden, Denmark and the associated country Norway, to continue doing so for a period of up to six months to adequately address the persistent risk of secondary movements of irregular migrants coming from the Greece.



Key Figures

123

Arrivals to Greek Islands
Yesterday

37

Departures to Greece Mainland
Yesterday

0

Departures to Turkey
on 6 May 2016



Past and Upcoming Meetings and Events

23 April
Donald Tusk to visit Gaziantep, Turkey with [Angela Merkel](#) and [Frans Timmermans](#)

28 April
Germany and Turkey: Relationship at a Crossroads (debate), SETA Ankara, Turkey

Today 6 May 2016

10 May
The Economic Impact of Syrian Refugees in Lebanon, The Graduate Institute, Geneva

12-13 May
Foreign Affairs Council, Brussels

23 May
Foreign Affairs Council, Brussels

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

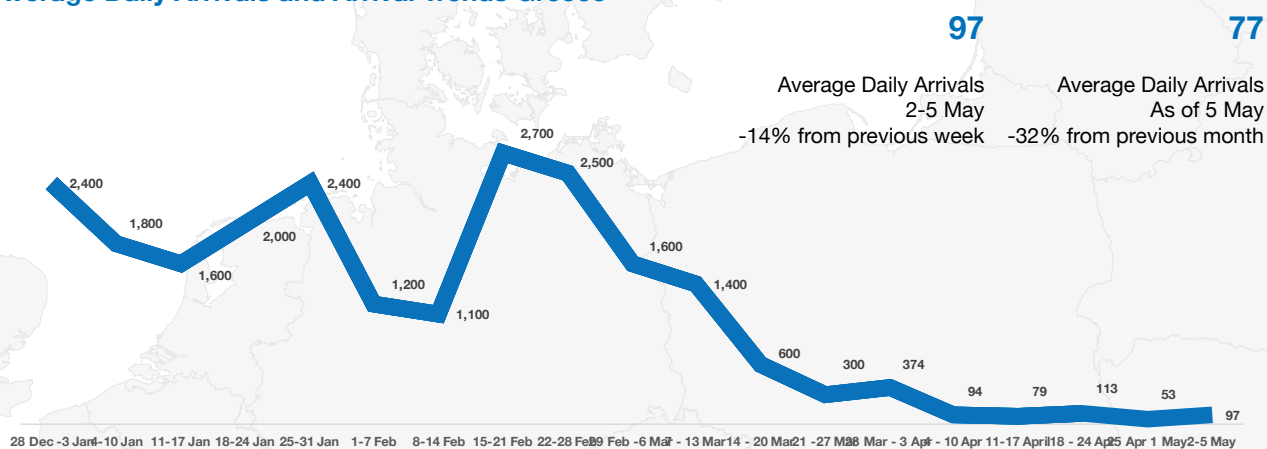


Critical Developments

On 4 May, The European Commission [proposed](#) to the European Parliament and Council of the European Union to lift the visa requirements for the citizens of Turkey, under the understanding that the Turkish authorities will fulfil (as committed to on 18 March 2016) the outstanding benchmarks of its Visa Liberalisation Roadmap.



Average Daily Arrivals and Arrival Trends Greece



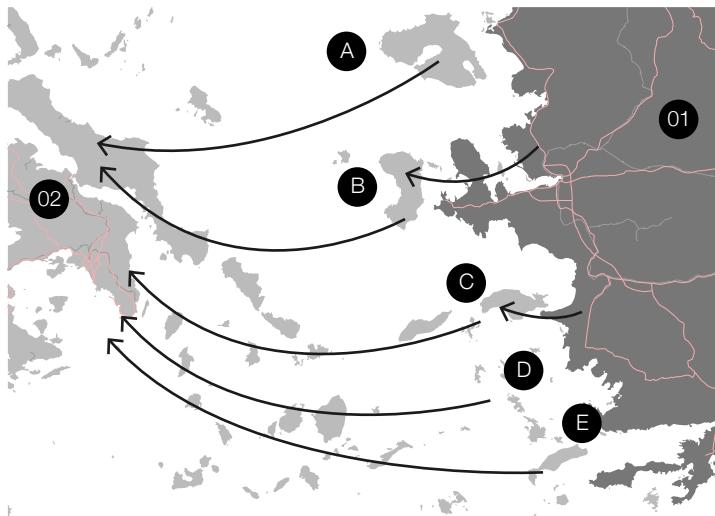
Estimated Arrivals and People Present* per Country Yesterday

	Arrivals	Present*
01 Turkey		
02 Greek Islands	123	8,241
Greece Mainland	37	45,660
03 fYRoM**	0	818
04 Serbia	58	900
05 Croatia	0	92
06 Hungary	68	
07 Slovenia	0	42
08 Austria	128	

* 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)

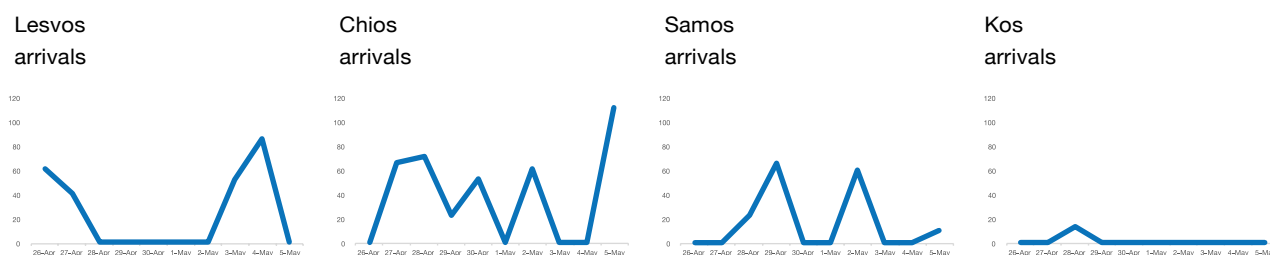


Greek Islands and Turkey: Estimated Arrivals and Transfers



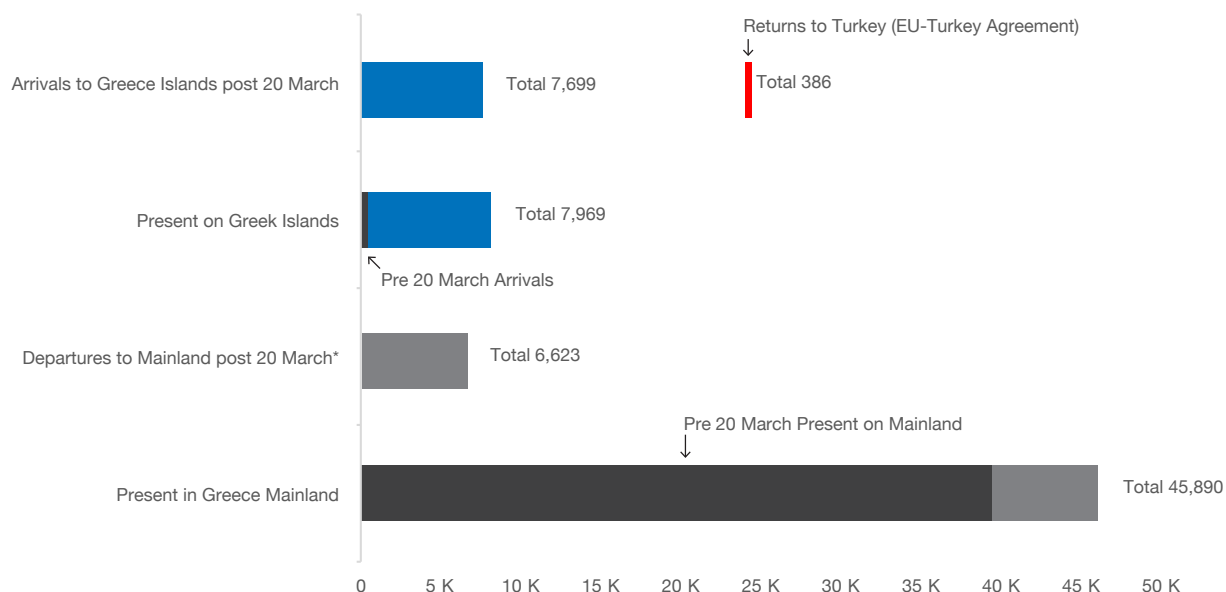
	Arrivals	Departures to Greece Mainland	Departures to Turkey (Boat)
01 Turkey			
02 Greece	123	37	
Breakdown			
A Lesvos		21	
B Chios	113	10	
C Samos	10	3	
D Leros		1	
E Kos		2	
Other			

Arrivals to Greek Islands 26 April - 5 May



Population Overview

Arrived, present and transferred to Greece Mainland and returned to Turkey since 20 March



*People able to depart are those only who arrived before 20 March

Total in Greece: **53,859**

Reporting period 20 March - 27 April



Timeline Overview

18-19 April
Foreign Affairs Council,
Luxembourg

20 April
Securing the external borders of
the EU – a challenge for external
and internal security

20-21 April
Secretary General of NATO, Jens
Stoltenberg to visit Greece and
Turkey

21 April
Justice and Home Affairs Council,
Luxembourg [Interior ministers
sign off on EU coast guard](#)

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Media and Social Media

General Media

[Médecins Sans Frontières](#) (MSF) issued a press release on 5 May informing the public of their decision to withdraw from World Humanitarian Summit which is set to take place in Istanbul Turkey on 23-24 May. Their justification for withdrawing, among others, is mainly due to the fact that they “no longer have any hope that the WHS will address the weaknesses in humanitarian action and emergency response, particularly in conflict areas or epidemic situations”.

Social Media

[AYS Daily News Digest](#) reported that due to the dire situations at Eidomeni camp, there have been fresh waves of hunger strikes by refugees with some of them sewing their mouths shut. According to the digest, activists in Aleppo dyed the Martyrs River red in solidarity with the current situation in Syria. A three-day strike was announced in Athens from Friday to Sunday 8 May, however, buses are operating up to Polykastro as normal.

Twitter Activity

[Frontex](#) tweeted on the subject of the rescue of 53 refugees and migrants from an overcrowded rubber dinghy by the Portuguese Maritime Police off the Greek island of Lesbos on 3 May. According to the report, on-board the dinghy, among some adults, were many children and infants and in total, 53 people were rescued that day, including 20 babies (one of whom was a new-born), 15 women (one of whom had reduced mobility), and 18 men. The group arrived safely to the

port of Mytilene where they were assisted by Frontex officials and Greek coastguards. Video footage of the rescue can be found [here](#) (Facebook).

Middle East Eye tweeted a link to an [article](#) which reports that a riot broke out in an isolated informal crossing point on the Jordan-Syria border. A crowd of people reportedly became ‘uncontrollable’ as they queued to register with UNHCR on Wednesday 4 May.

Current Statistics for #Aleppoisburning

- 83 tweets, 59 retweets per hour
- Over 75,200 impressions per hour
- 21% of posts using #Aleppoisburning originated from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- Other geographic distribution: Denmark, US, Ukraine, Germany, Egypt, UK, and Morocco

28 April – 05 May - Daily average activity for #Aleppoisburning

11,262

Average no. of tweets per day

33,250

Average no. of retweets per day

484,187

Average no. of impressions per day

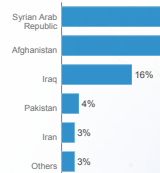


Annex 1 Key Figures from the Portal

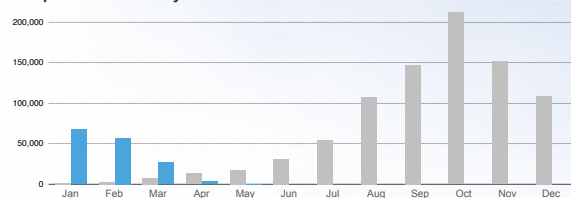
Increasing numbers of refugees and migrants take their chances aboard unseaworthy boats and dinghies in a desperate bid to reach Europe. The vast majority of those attempting this dangerous crossing are in need of international protection, fleeing war, violence and persecution in their country of origin.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



155,177 arrivals by sea in 2016

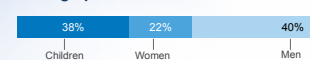
856,723 arrivals by sea in 2015

90% 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 2016

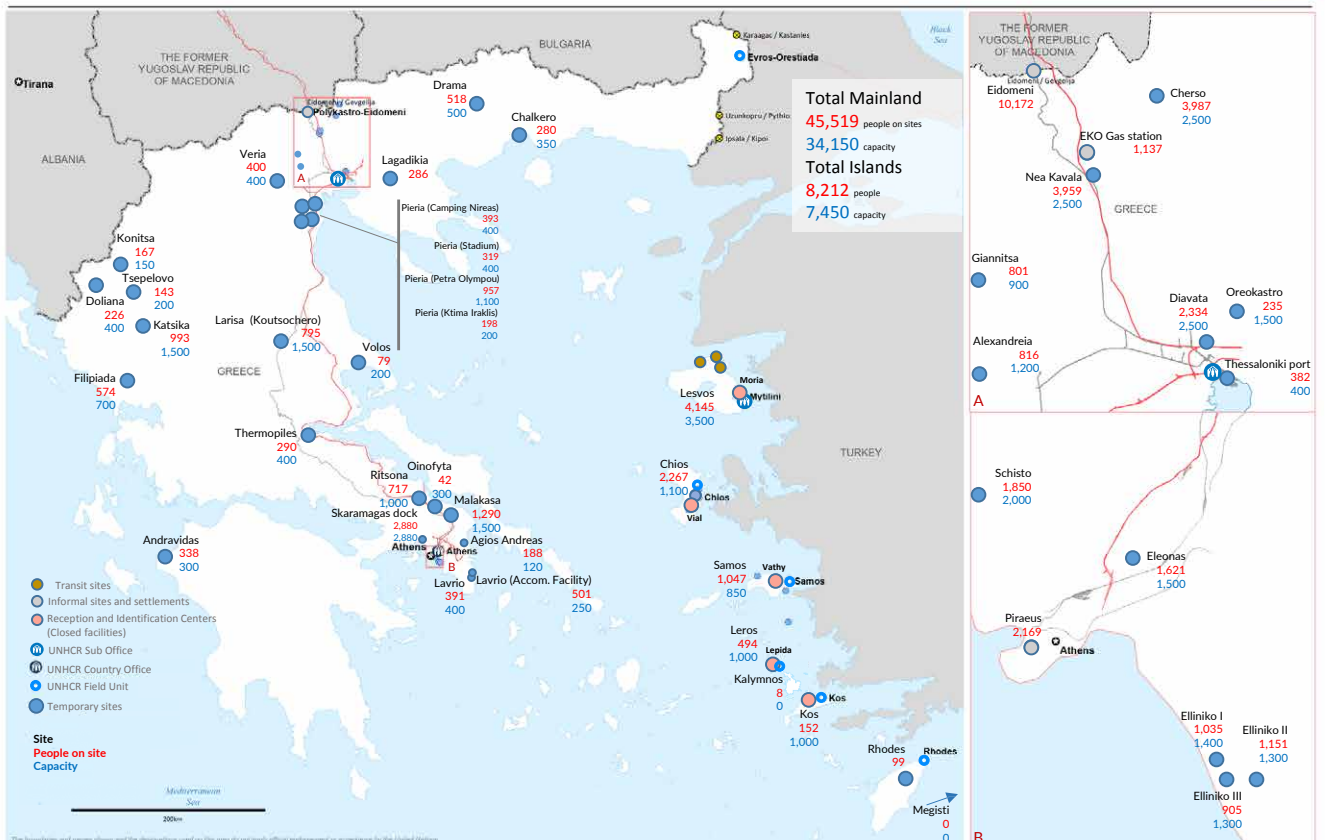


*Serbia (AND KOSOVO): S/RES/1244 (1999)
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Europe Refugee Emergency

Daily map indicating capacity and occupancy (Governmental figures)

As of 4 May 2016 08:00 a.m. EET



Presence and capacity are based on Governmental figures from the Coordination Centre for the Management of the Refugee Crisis, as of 04/05/2016 08:00 a.m. Eastern European Time. Online map with additional information: <http://www.unhcr.gr/sites>

