

Daily Report



Key Figures

98
Arrivals to
Greek Islands
Yesterday

64
Departures to
Greece Mainland
Yesterday

4
Departures to
Turkey
on 18 May 2016

Arrivals and Departures

According to a [statement](#) released by the Greek Ministry of Citizen's Protection, four Syrian nationals were returned to Turkey from the Greek island of Chios. They are a family composed of two parents and two children. They were returned, at their request, by air from the state airport of Chios "Omiros" to the airport "Adana Sakir Pasa" in Turkey. Additionally, the Minister added that 390 people of various nationalities were returned to Turkey under the EU-Turkey agreement and 1,048 people of various nationalities were returned to Turkey on the basis of the Greek-Turkish Bilateral Protocol.

According to the Turkish Coast Guard, the [number of people](#) attempting to irregularly cross the Aegean Sea from Turkey to Greece has dropped significantly in April. 400 people were intercepted on the Aegean in the first half of May, compared to 800 in the first half of April, representing a 50% decrease. The number of interceptions in April had already fallen by 80% in comparison to those of March. Of the 24,500 refugees intercepted so far this year, 5,506 took place in January, 8,747 in February, 8,530 in March, and 1,717 in April. Also according to Turkish Coast Guard figures, no casualties occurred in Turkish waters this April.

Condition of People

Police, refugees, and migrants clashed in the informal site at Eidomeni, located near the border crossing between Greece and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. Police officials resorted to using tear gas to disperse a group of about 200 refugees and migrants who attempted to use a train wagon as a barricade. The clashes broke out during a police operation to vacate the railway line which has been occupied by people for the past two months. UNHCR teams present observed the incident as initially

peaceful followed by escalation and report that two police staff were injured. Approximately 11,000 people remain at the site.

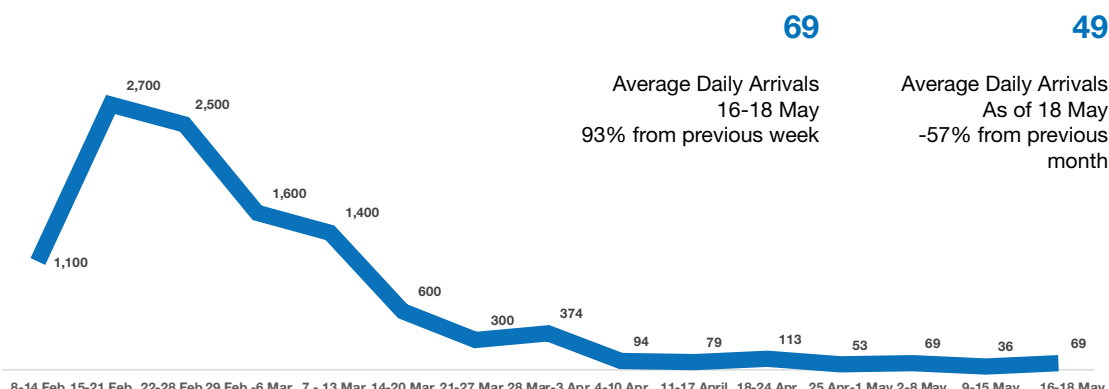
Key Developments

On 18 May, the European Commission released its [third progress report](#) on the EU's emergency relocation and resettlement schemes. It highlights that progress on relocation since the second progress report has been unsatisfactory: so far only 1,500 persons have been relocated (909 from Greece and 591 from Italy), far from the Commission's target of 20,000 relocations by mid-May. Efforts were mostly made by a few EU Member States only. The Commission however notes that the framework for future relocations had been strengthened. Conclusions from the report; the Commission calls on Member States to support Italy and Greece, increase the number of pledges, reduce response time to relocation requests, and enhance the relocation of unaccompanied minors. The Commission also calls on Greece to fully invest in the pre-registration exercise, which UNHCR is supporting, and to ensure that all relocation centres foreseen are open and fully operational.

The Commission also requests Italy to increase the reception capacity of hotspots and establish specific procedures for the relocation of unaccompanied minors.

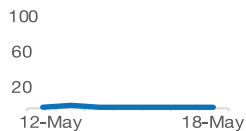
On the subject of resettlement, 6,321 people have so far been resettled out of the agreed 22,504 under the July scheme. Persons whom have already been resettled were mainly from Turkey, Jordan and Lebanon. In addition, 177 persons have been resettled from Turkey to the EU following the EU-Turkey Statement of 18 March 2016.

Average Daily Arrivals and Arrival Trends Greece

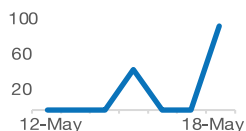


Arrivals to Greek Islands 12 May - 18 May

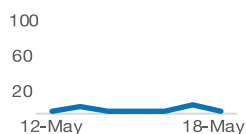
Lesvos arrivals



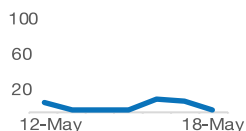
Chios arrivals



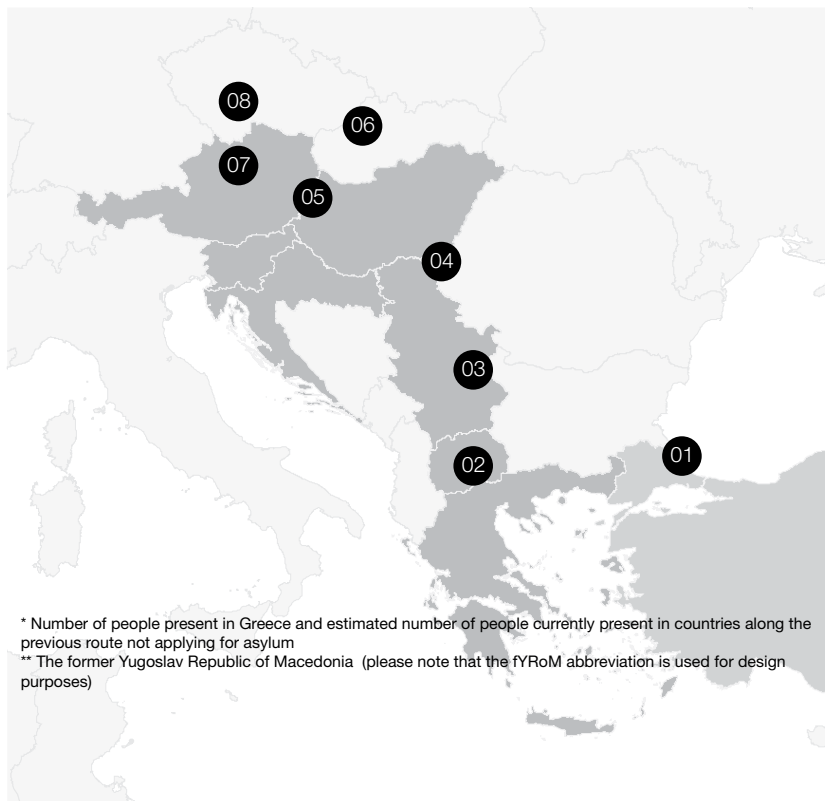
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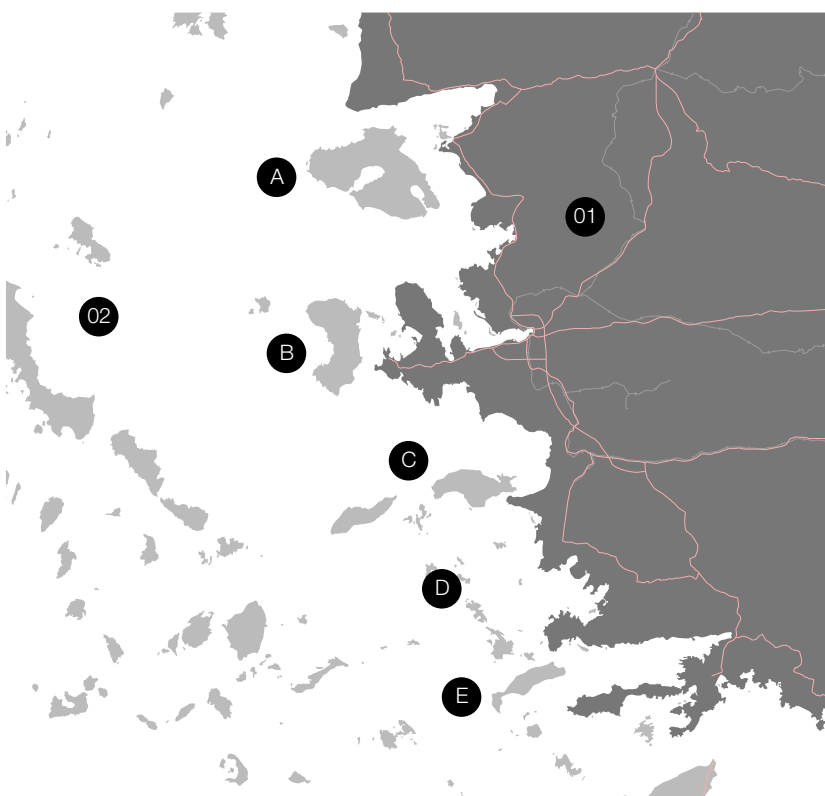


Estimated Arrivals and People Present* per Country Yesterday



* 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



#idomeni over the last month:

600

Highest no. of tweets (21 & 22 April)

5,400

Highest no. of retweets (18 May)

37.600

Highest no.
impressions
(18 May)

Media and Social Media

Twitter Activity

Photojournalist [Diego Cupolo](#), alongside many other media outlets including [Reuters](#), followed the event of the Lampedusa reception center where a purposeful fire broke out. The incident occurred after the refugees and migrants were informed they were to be returned to their countries of origin.

According to [Frontex](#), the number of refugee and migrant arrivals in Greece in 2016 mainly consisted of Syrian and Afghan nationals. In an updated interactive map published by Frontex (which can be accessed [here](#)), those who travelled to Europe via the eastern Mediterranean route, from January to April 2016, were largely from Syria (76,741), Afghanistan (39,285), and Iraq (24,907).

AthensLive GR promoted their recent video of Greek residents who are welcoming Syrian families into their homes and lives. Published on their [Facebook page](#), AthensLive highlighted the welcoming nature of the largest city in northern Greece, Thessaloniki; a Syrian family of three (including their young child) are among those who have been received by a broad network of

volunteers who have opened their homes to refugees and migrants previously stranded in nearby camps.

Facebook Activity

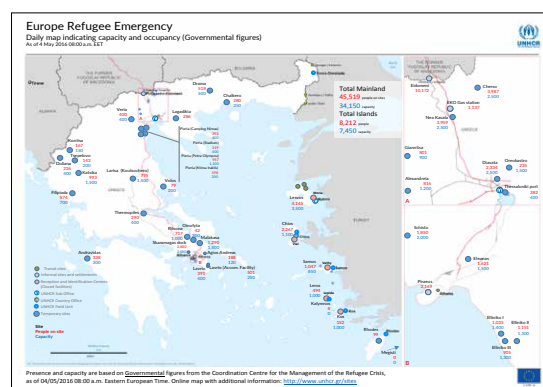
As a direct result of events at the informal site of Eidomeni camp yesterday evening which bore witness to the ‘**worst riots ever**’, Facebook group [RefuComm](#) communication and information for refugees posted an update which read: “Following last night’s events at Idomeni, police are not allowing any independent volunteers or any NGO’s into Idomeni who are not [on] the official list”

Current Statistics for #idomeni

- 12 tweets, 259 retweets per hour
- Over 268,000 impressions per hour
- 65.63% of posts using #Idomeni originated from Greece

Related hashtags: [#refugees](#), [#Greece](#), [#Macedonia](#), and [#refugeecrisis](#)

Key Figures from the Portal



Site profiles - Greece

This document provides detailed information on sites in Greece to allow for better planning and to address gaps where highlighted. The data will be updated on a weekly basis. All sites are managed by the Greek authorities. Data has been collected from different sources, i.e. UNHCR, site managers, Police etc., and indicators are measured and based on the Sphere standards as outlined below. Data was collected using key informants at the site and direct observation. Population figures are based on estimations at site level.

FOOD

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Frequency of meals: **>= 3 meals per day**
% Population covered by food distributions: **100%**

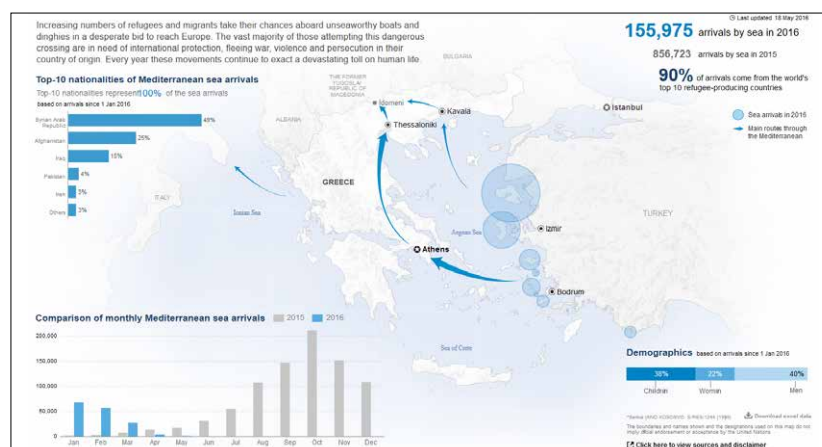
HEALTH

Distance to nearest health facility: Available or less than 5km away

WASH

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- 1 toilet per 20 individuals
- 1 shower per 50 individuals
- 1 water tap per 250 individuals
- 1 hygiene promoter per 1000 individuals



Timeline Overview

