The war in Ukraine triggered a severe escalation of humanitarian needs and mass displacement of people internally and into neighbouring countries. As of 30 June 2022, 5,493,884 individual refugees from Ukraine were recorded across Europe, while 3,574,485 refugees from Ukraine had registered for temporary protection or similar national protection schemes in Europe. From 24 February to 30 June 2022, 8,522,500 border crossings from Ukraine into neighbouring countries were recorded, and from 28 February to 30 June 2022, 3,167,781 border crossings into Ukraine were recorded. Within Ukraine, some 6.3 million people were internally displaced as of end June.
In the first six months of 2022, some 49,400 refugees and migrants arrived in Europe via the Mediterranean and Northwest African maritime routes, a 25% increase compared to the same period in 2021. In June 2022, arrivals decreased by 11% compared to May this year, but increased by 23% compared to June 2021.

Arrivals in Italy decreased by 7% in June compared to May, but increased by 40% compared to June 2021. Out of some 8,200 refugees and migrants who arrived in Italy in June, 52% had departed from Libya, 26% from Tunisia and 20% from Türkiye.

In June, some 4,300 migrants and refugees arrived in Italy from Libya, a 9% decrease, and some 1,600 from Türkiye, a 33% decrease compared to May this year. Some 2,000 refugees and migrants who departed from Libya in June were intercepted or rescued by Libyan authorities and disembarked back in Libya, 31% fewer than in May. According to available data, most people departing from Libya in 2022 were from Bangladesh, Egypt, Sudan and Eritrea, while people arriving in Italy from Türkiye originated mainly from Afghanistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Egypt and Iraq.

Some 1,400 refugees and migrants arrived in Spain in June, a 49% decrease compared to May 2022. Of these, 24% arrived in the Canary Islands. Arrivals in the Canary Islands in June (337) decreased by 82% compared to last month, while arrivals in Spain through the Western Mediterranean route increased by 27% in the same period.

Some 1,400 refugees and migrants arrived in Greece by land and sea in June, a 64% increase compared to last month and a 139% increase compared to June 2021. The average monthly arrivals in Greece in 2021 and the first six months of 2022 was lower compared to 2020, as allegations of pushbacks at land and sea borders continued. Turkish authorities reported rescuing or intercepting some 4,700 refugees and migrants at sea in June, the same as last month. In addition, some 400 refugees and migrants arrived by sea in Cyprus this month, a 22% decrease compared to last month.

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1 Dead and missing figures refer to the Mediterranean and Northwest African maritime routes. Information is compiled from a variety of sources, the quality and reliability of which can vary. While every effort has been made to ensure that all statistical information is verified, figures on some arrivals, as well as dead and missing at sea, represent an estimate. Triangulation of information and sources is performed on a continuous basis. Therefore, amendments in figures may occur, including retroactively.
2 Includes sea arrivals in the Canary Islands (Spain) via the Atlantic Ocean.
3 Includes sea and land arrivals in Spain via the Western Mediterranean route.
4 Includes sea arrivals in Italy and Malta.
5 Includes sea and land arrivals in Greece and sea arrivals in Cyprus.
6 For more information, please see the Operational Data Portal for the Ukraine Refugee Situation.
8 https://data2.unhcr.org/en/dataviz/211?sv=0&geo=0
9 Includes Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia and Kosovo (S/RES/1244 [1999]).