



Arrivals and Departures: Only 3% of the more than one million people arriving to Italy and Greece in 2015 were relocated across the EU as refugees, or returned to their countries of origin, according to figures released by the European Commission on 10 February.

Condition of People: On the Island of Samos, nine persons remain detained for reasons of irregular entry at the Vathy Police Station.

Deaths at Sea: None reported.



Critical Developments

The European Commission published on 10 February a Communication reporting on the state of play of measures adopted to manage the refugee crisis in Europe, and reports on the state of play in Greece, Italy and the Western Balkans; and on implementation of EU-Turkey Joint Action Plan. This includes a recommendation addressed to Greece on the urgent measures to be taken in view of the possible resumption of some transfers under the Dublin Regulation. Returns to Greece under the Dublin Regulation were suspended by a judgement of the European Court of Justice in 2011.

The European Commission issued Greek authorities with instructions in order for Greece to align with EU norms on refugee policy, including the improvement of living conditions for asylum seekers and the overhaul of judicial procedures ensuring the right to appeal rejected applications. The European Commission specified that reception centres must ensure adequate staffing.

In addition, the Commission wrote to all Member States to remind them of their obligations under the two relocation decisions and to call to accelerate the pace of implementation in view of the clear objective to provide urgent assistance. As border controls along the Western Balkans route tighten, the pressures that these decisions were intended to alleviate are likely to increase, making the need for solidarity even more compelling.

EU leaders will meet on 18-19 February as to address growing pressure to handle the crisis before warmer spring weather encourages a surge of new arrivals.

The European Commission also transmitted warnings to Germany, Estonia, Greece, France, Italy, and Latvia concerning non-transposition of directives that would contribute to a greater convergence between the national asylum systems. The countries have failed to fully implement the new rules related to processing of asylum applications or reception conditions.

The Croatian Minister of Interior, Vlaho Orepic, clarified the agreement reached by Croatian, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbian and Slovenian authorities. The document outlines the standardization of registration of refugees and migrants and the establishment of common criteria for allowing entry and transit.

Challenges

In Greece, a peaceful protest took place in order to rally against the creation of the hotspot on the Island of Kos. According to UNHCR estimations, 600 persons attended. A similar demonstration is announced on 14 February in Pili. In Samos, the relocation of the accommodation facilities to the hotspot venue is expected to cause temporary disruptions of people being registered.

Response

Progress in the hotspot construction was noted particularly on Leros.

Weather Headlines

- Strong winds later on Friday and through the weekend will lead to rough seas and large waves at times around the Greek Islands.



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Social Media

The Art of Defiance: Displaced Syrian nationals have taken it upon themselves to remind people not to forget the monuments and landmarks which once decorated their hometowns. In this respect, some artists believe that “as artists, [they have] an important role to play; a lot of what [they] know about ancient civilizations or prehistoric people is preserved through their art—Egyptian hieroglyphs or cave paintings”.

The replicas are made using materials ranging from clay and rock to kebab skewers and discarded

wood. Some of the replicas include the Citadel of Aleppo, a statue of Ayyubid Sultan Saladin, and Deir ez-Zor suspension bridge. [View the pictures here.](#)

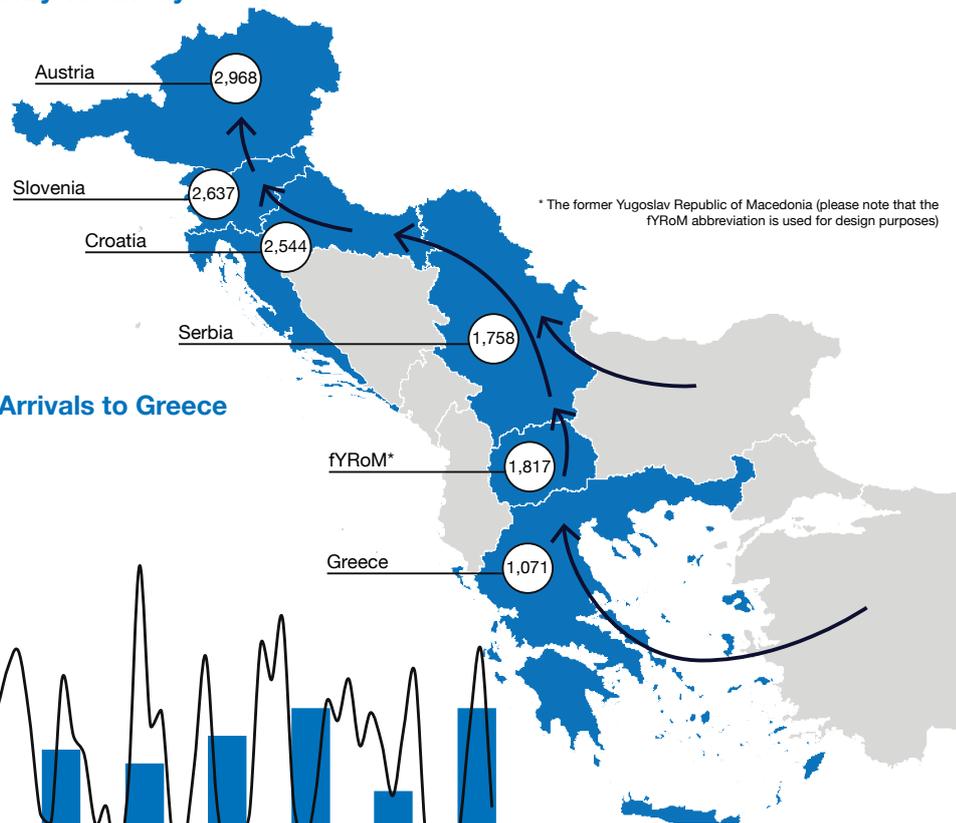
Current statistics for: #Aleppo

- 96 tweets & 312 retweets an hour
- Over 339,000 impressions per hour
- 40.91% of tweets using #Aleppo originated from the Syrian Arab Republic
- Last 30 days: February 4 saw the highest number of retweets (17,300) using #Aleppo.

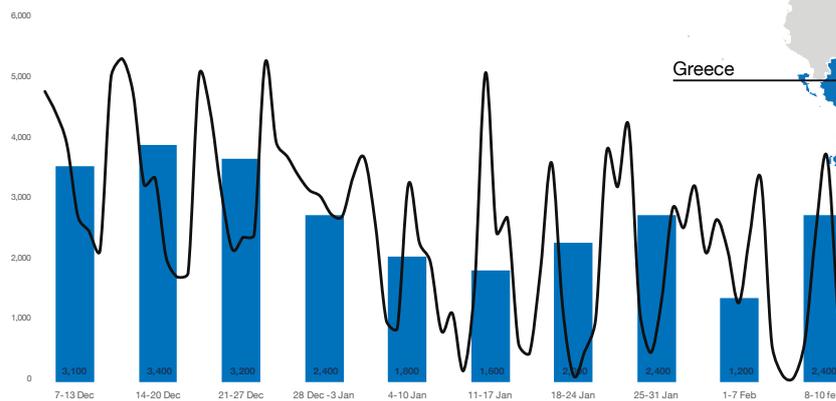


Estimated Arrivals per Country Yesterday

Greece	1,071
fYRoM*	1,817
Serbia	1,758
Croatia	2,544
Slovenia	2,637
Austria	2,968



Daily and Weekly Average Arrivals to Greece 7 December to 10 February



Average Daily Arrivals and Trends Greece

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



8-10 February
2,388
106% from previous week



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



Monthly Average Daily Arrival
February (as of 4 Feb)
1,529
-21% from previous month





Weather Forecast Greece - Slovenia
Key locations crossed by refugees



Weather Assessment

- Winds are currently light but will gradually increase in strength from the south, becoming strong around the Greek Islands from Friday afternoon. Rough seas and large waves are expected to develop around the Greek Islands from Friday to Monday.
- This will present challenging, possibly dangerous, conditions for small boats through the period. Comparisons with previous events suggest this is likely to lead to a significant reduction in the numbers of people arriving to the Greek Islands.



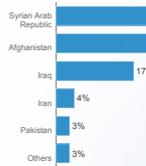
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Key Figures from the Portal

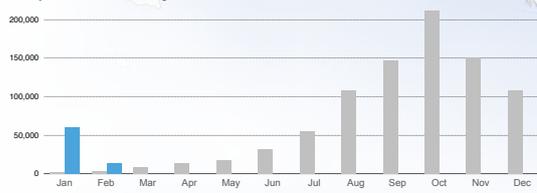
Increasing numbers of refugees and migrants take their chances aboard unseaworthy boats and dinghies in a desperate bid to reach Europe. The vast majority of those attempting this dangerous crossing are in need of international protection, fleeing war, violence and persecution in their country of origin.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



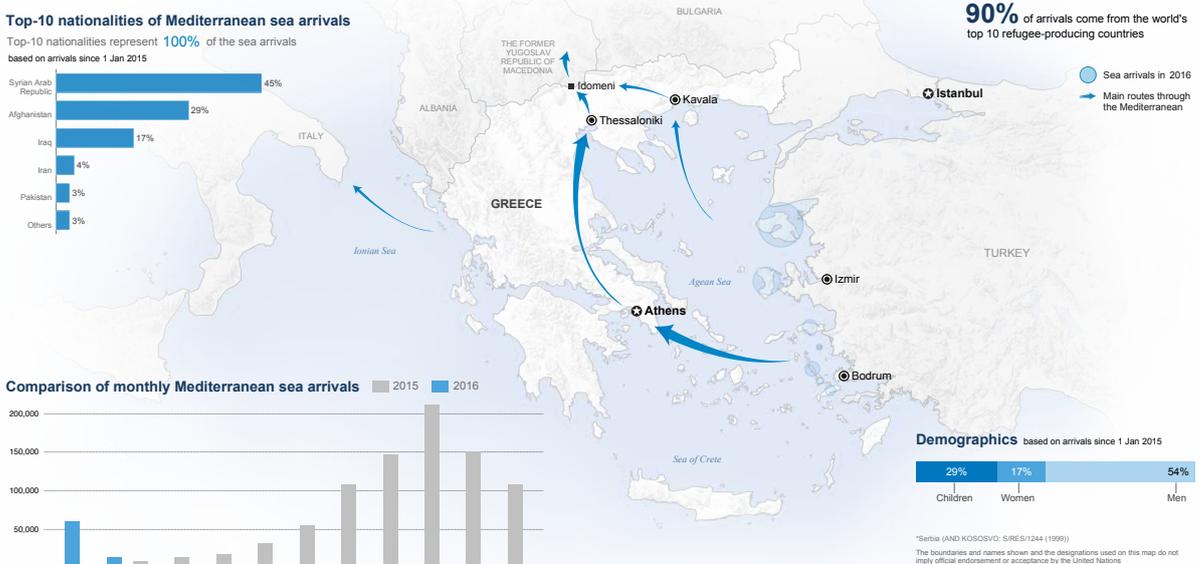
Comparison of monthly Mediterranean sea arrivals



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74,725 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



Following the humanitarian crisis in Europe: Estimated daily arrivals





Annex 2

Refugee/Migrant Onward Movement Map

