



Arrivals and Departures: According to European Commission sources, between 17 December and 31 January (thus, over 46 days) the number of people arriving to the EU from Turkey remains high (110,211) despite winter weather conditions. 99.2% of these people crossed the Aegean Sea. There was a significant decrease as compared to total arrival figures for October 2015 (214,792), however when compared to arrival figures in November (154,381) and December (110,835), the trend appears fairly constant. The daily average of irregular crossings via Greece was 2,377 people daily and via Bulgaria 19 people. There were some 16,437 arrivals via Greece per week.

According to the German Ministry of Interior, almost 1.1 million people entered Germany last year to apply for asylum. Most arrived through the country's southern border with Austria.

Condition of People: On the Greek islands, 32 North African nationals remain detained at police stations.

Media sources report that the German government has agreed to allow unaccompanied child refugees to bring their families in particular hardship cases.



Critical Developments

According to the German Ministry of Interior, border controls will be extended for an additional three months.

On Thursday 11 February, NATO announced an operation in the 'Aegean Sea to deter people-smugglers taking migrants from Turkey to Greece'. The operation will use existing resources from NATO's Standing Maritime Group 2 (currently under German command), working in cooperation with Greek and Turkish coastguards, to carry out 'reconnaissance, monitoring and surveillance'. The Croatian Defense Minister, Josip Buljević, announced that the Croatian government is prepared to offer assistance to NATO in this regard.

Similarly, Slovenian Defence Minister, Andreja Katič, confirmed the active participation in the planned NATO action.

Family reunification would remain halted except when "urgent humanitarian reasons" are identified.

Ahead of the Visegrad Group Summit of 15 February in Prague, UNHCR urged leaders in Central Europe to show greater solidarity with desperate refugees who seek sanctuary in the continent as war, conflict and extremism force millions out of their homes.

In Slovenia, the Parliamentary Interior Affairs Committee proposed changes to asylum law. Changes include measures to cap the number of asylum seekers to 5,000, reduce the number of family members allowed to be reunited with asylum seekers, and eliminate the €288 financial aid.

Situation at Borders: At the border crossing between Greece and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, 100-150 people are crossing per hour. 39 people were returned from the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the Greek border for possessing false documents, no documents at all, or for being of other nationalities than Afghan, Iraqi or Syrian.

Deaths at Sea: None reported.

In Berlin, following a meeting between German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi, the German government agreed to loan 500 million euros to help rebuild the country's war-torn infrastructure.

Response

In Greece, the development of the hotspot facilities is significantly progressing with infrastructure works on-going.

Weather Headlines

- Strong winds tonight and through the weekend will lead to rough seas and large waves at times around the Greek Islands until Tuesday. A risk of snow across parts of the south-east of Slovenia tonight and during Saturday morning.



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Social Media

- Twitter: #Syria is the number one trending topic in the Geneva area whilst #refugees trends at number three; searches for either hashtag present media coverage of the launch of NATO warships in the refugee crisis. The UNHCRNews Twitter account posted that “UNHCR [are very] concerned by acts of violence that threaten [the] safety and dignity of #refugees across Europe” according to the Head of Communications and Public Information Service Spokesperson for the High Commissioner, Melissa Fleming.

Current statistics for: #Syria

- 867 tweets & 1675 retweets per hour
- Over 5.23 million impressions per hour
- 15.81% of tweets using #Syria are in Arabic
- Last 30 days: February 4 saw highest number of tweets (21,600) and retweets (63,500) using #Syria.

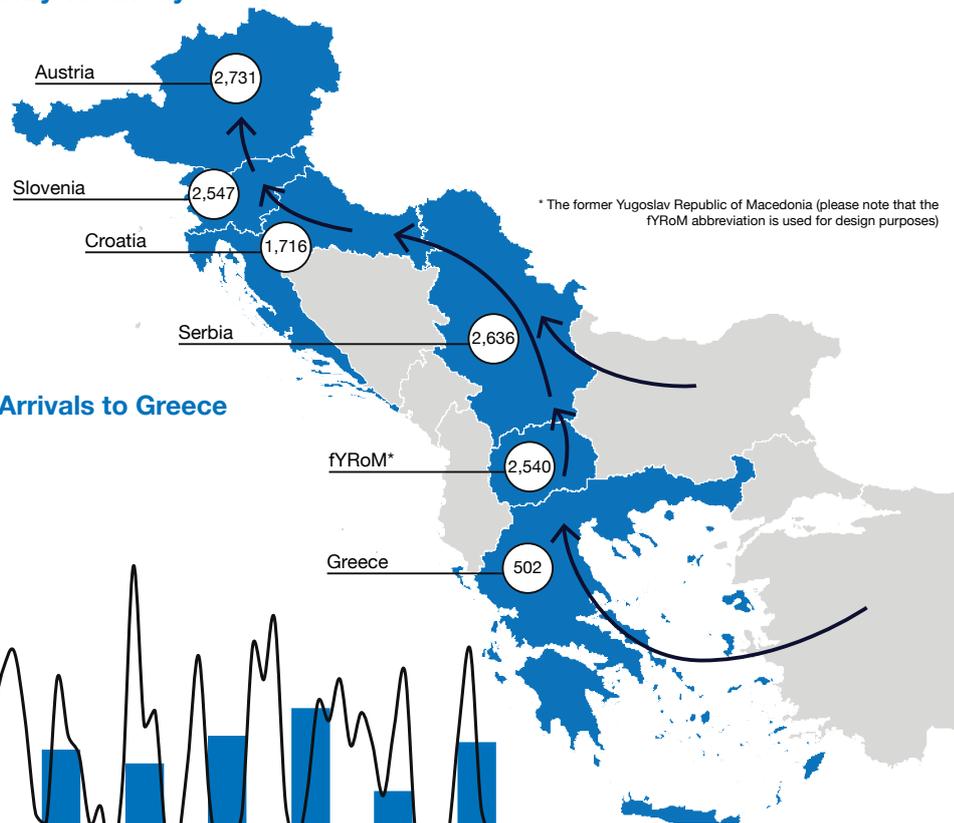
Current statistics for: #refugees

- 146 tweets & 216 retweets per hour
- Over 1.12 million impressions per hour

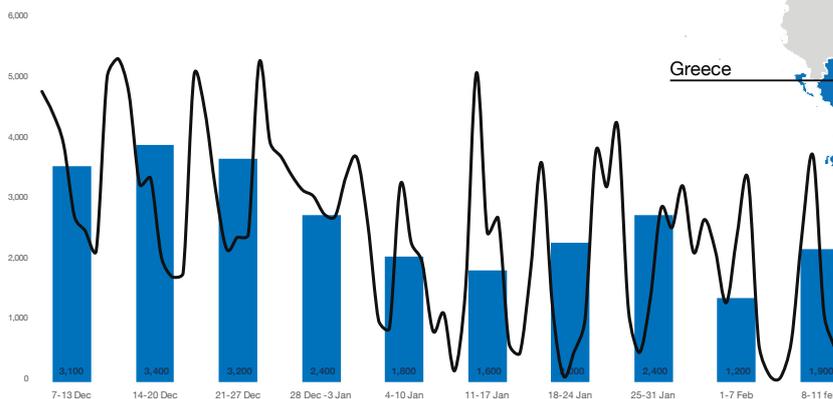


Estimated Arrivals per Country Yesterday

Greece	502
fYRoM*	2,540
Serbia	2,636
Croatia	1,716
Slovenia	2,547
Austria	2,731



Daily and Weekly Average Arrivals to Greece 7 December to 11 February



Average Daily Arrivals and Trends Greece

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



8-11 February
1,917
65% from previous week



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



Monthly Average Daily Arrival
February (as of 11 Feb)
1,436
-26% from previous month





Weather Forecast Greece - Slovenia

Key locations crossed by refugees



Weather Assessment

- Winds will gradually increase in strength from the south, becoming strong around the Greek Islands this evening and lasting through to Monday afternoon. Rough seas are expected to develop with large waves at times around the Greek Islands during this period. This will present challenging and possibly dangerous conditions to 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, throughout the weekend and up until Tuesday.
- Snow is expected to affect parts of Slovenia overnight tonight and on Saturday morning, with accumulations of 10-20cm possible in the south-east around Dobova. This may locally lead to icy road conditions however, the rail network will be largely unaffected, with no significant impacts expected to onward movement of people.



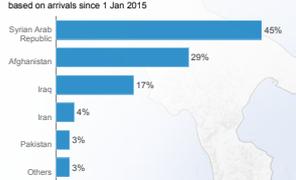
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Key Figures from the Portal

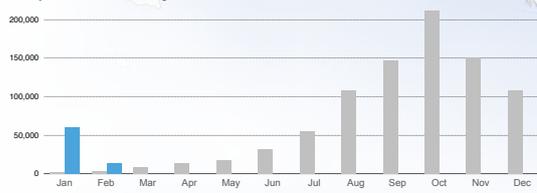
Increasing numbers of refugees and migrants take their chances aboard unseaworthy boats and dinghies in a desperate bid to reach Europe. The vast majority of those attempting this dangerous crossing are in need of international protection, fleeing war, violence and persecution in their country of origin.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

