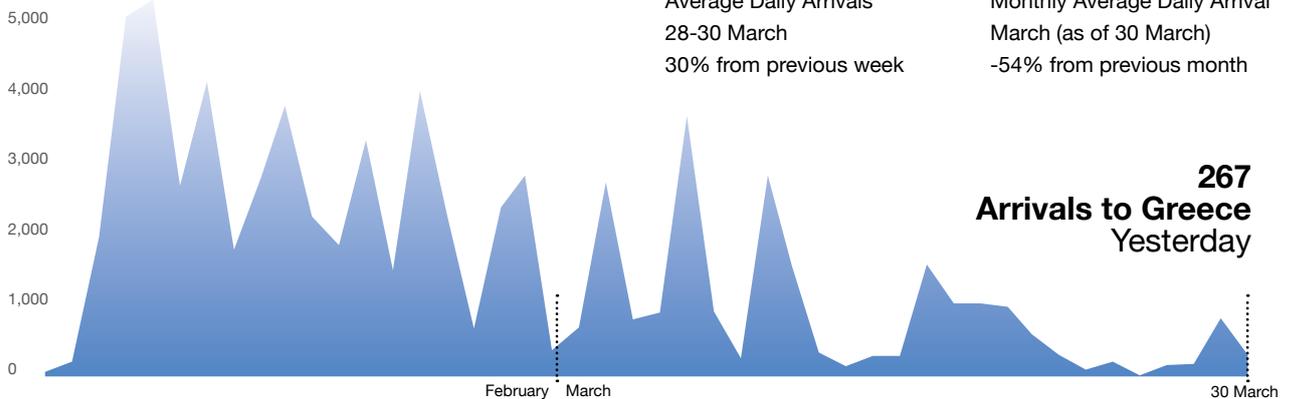




## Average Daily Arrivals and Trends Greece



## Daily Report

**Arrivals and Departures:** In 2016, there have been 164,664 people arriving by sea to Europe, including 149,534 in Greece (as of 27 March), 14,492 in Italy (as of 27 March) and 638 in Spain (as of 29 February). The number of people arriving to Greece in 2016 has decreased by 54 per cent, with some 25,053 arrivals in March in comparison to 57,066 in February.

There are currently some 51,000 people present in Greece, including some 5,000 on the Islands and 46,000 on mainland. The number of arrivals to the Greek shores rose to 766 on 29 March in comparison to an average of 300 daily arrivals last week.

**Condition of People:** On Samos, at the Vathy hotspot, reception conditions continued to deteriorate; amongst other concerns, sanitation is poor and there are limited services available for persons with specific needs, as well as disorderly food distributions. There are currently up to 1,700 people staying at the vial hotspot on Chios, which has a maximum capacity of 1,100. The situation remains calm despite overcrowding and anxiety among refugees and migrants due to uncertainties about their future.



## Critical Developments

UNHCR held a high-level meeting on global responsibility sharing through pathway for admission of Syrian Refugees which concluded yesterday with new offers of resettlement places and other forms of humanitarian admission places by Member States. The meeting also highlighted the challenges over the next three years in narrowing the gap between the number of places countries are willing to offer for Syrian refugees and the number UNHCR believes is urgently required. UNHCR High Commissioner, Filippo Grandi, noted that progress was made in the following 6 areas:

- Modest increases in the number of resettlement and humanitarian admission pledges, bringing the total to date to some 185,000 admission pledges. The EU committed to resettle further refugees from Turkey.
- A number of Member States affirmed their commitment to family reunification.
- Several Latin American and European countries announced new or the expansion of existing humanitarian visa programmes.
- Thirteen states confirmed scholarships and student visas for Syrian refugees.
- Enhanced admission processes for refugees through the removal or simplification of administrative barriers was mentioned by several States.
- Important financial commitments in support of UNHCR's resettlement programmes came from two countries,

while several resettlement countries offered to share expertise with new resettlement ones.

The overall decrease in arrivals in recent days was hailed as “encouraging” by the European Commission spokesperson for migration, Natasha Bertaud, who said that returns to Turkey of migrants and refugees whose asylum applications are rejected – under the deal between the EU and Turkey to stem refugee and migrant flows – will begin on April 4.

According to media reports, the Turkish Red Crescent Deputy Chair [announced](#) that a camp, with capacity to host 5,000 people, will be built in the western province of Manisa to accommodate those readmitted from Greece. Reportedly, the Turkish Red Crescent is working with the Directorate General of Migration Management with regards to services to be provided in the camp.

In Greece, efforts by authorities to transfer people currently staying in Piraeus Port (approx. 6,000 people) to other facilities are ongoing. A number of people are expected to leave Piraeus Port for the Elaionas site in Athens, while some 1,300 may be transferred to a former tourist resort in Kyllini.

The UNHCR Representative in Greece and the Mayor of Athens [announced](#) the agreement reached between the Municipality of Athens and UNHCR to make available 200



apartments in the city for the temporary accommodation of 3000 asylum seekers and candidates for relocation. The will cover expenses regarding public services and utilities.

In Austria, the Federal Government presented legal expert opinion concerning compliance of the limit on the admission of asylum seekers with international, European and domestic law. Legal experts concluded that Austria's public order and internal security was at risk, hence the government could reject asylum-seekers at the border and return them to neighbouring countries as long as this is in compliance with the rights enshrined in the ECHR and the EU Fundamental

Rights Charta. A draft law is expected to be presented soon and to enter into force in May 2016.

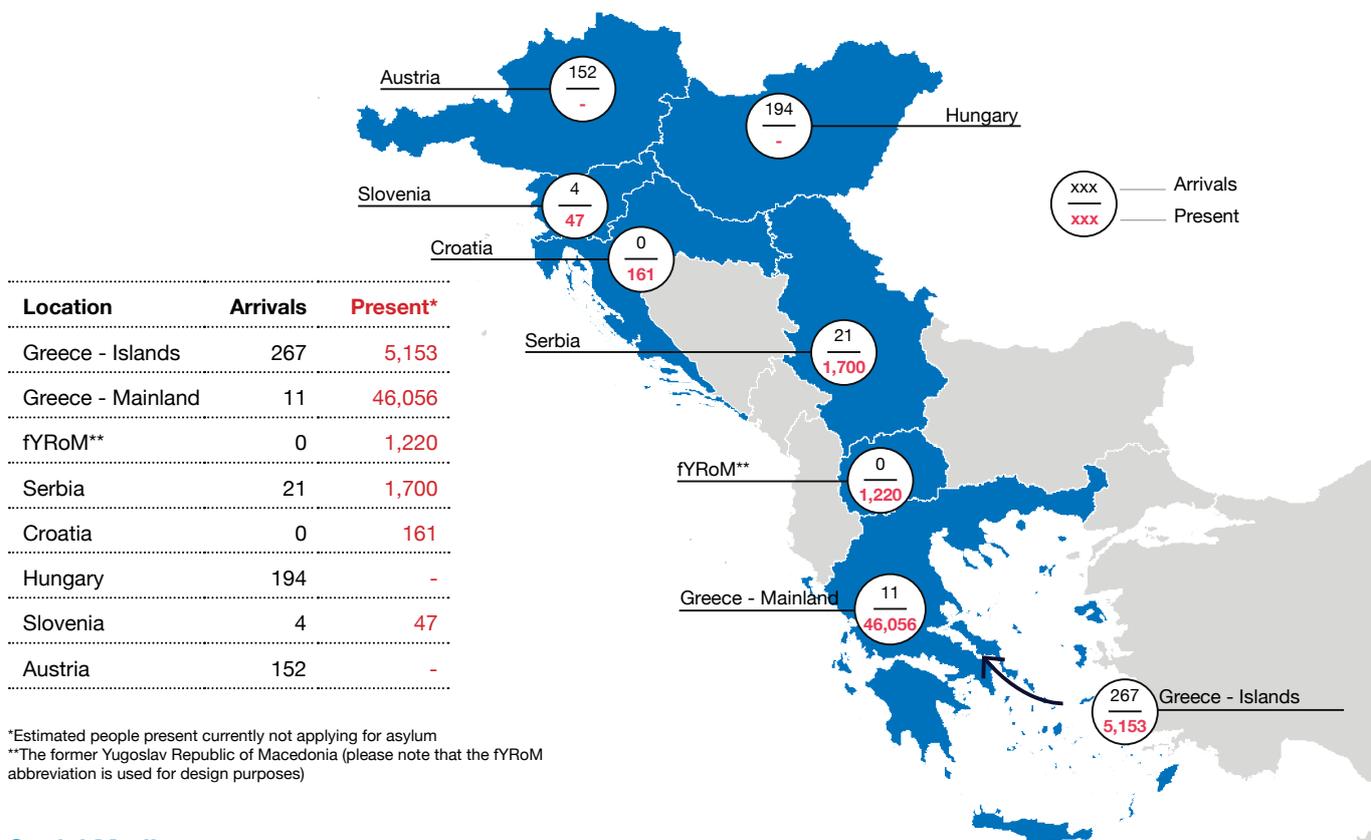
#### Weather Headlines

Mostly fine, dry and warmer than average across the region.

Increasing certainty for a spell of stronger northerly winds and corresponding rougher seas in the Aegean from Sunday.



#### Estimated Arrivals and People Present\* per Country Yesterday



#### Social Media

Indy100 posted an article entitled [Everyone should listen to Caitlin Moran](#) describe what a refugee really is. The video can be viewed [here](#) on her YouTube channel.

#### Facebook Activity

A video was shared on the Information Point for Lesbos Volunteers Facebook page by NowThis where actress and former refugee from Uzbekistan Milana Vayntrub highlighted the importance of not sitting "idly by" with regards to the refugee crisis.

#### Twitter Activity

[Frontex](#) posted about the progress of several of their operations in the Mediterranean with regards to the refugee and migrant crisis. Reports included:

"Norwegian crew provides health checks, water, food, blankets for some 220 rescued [refugees and] migrants aboard Siem Pilot #Triton"

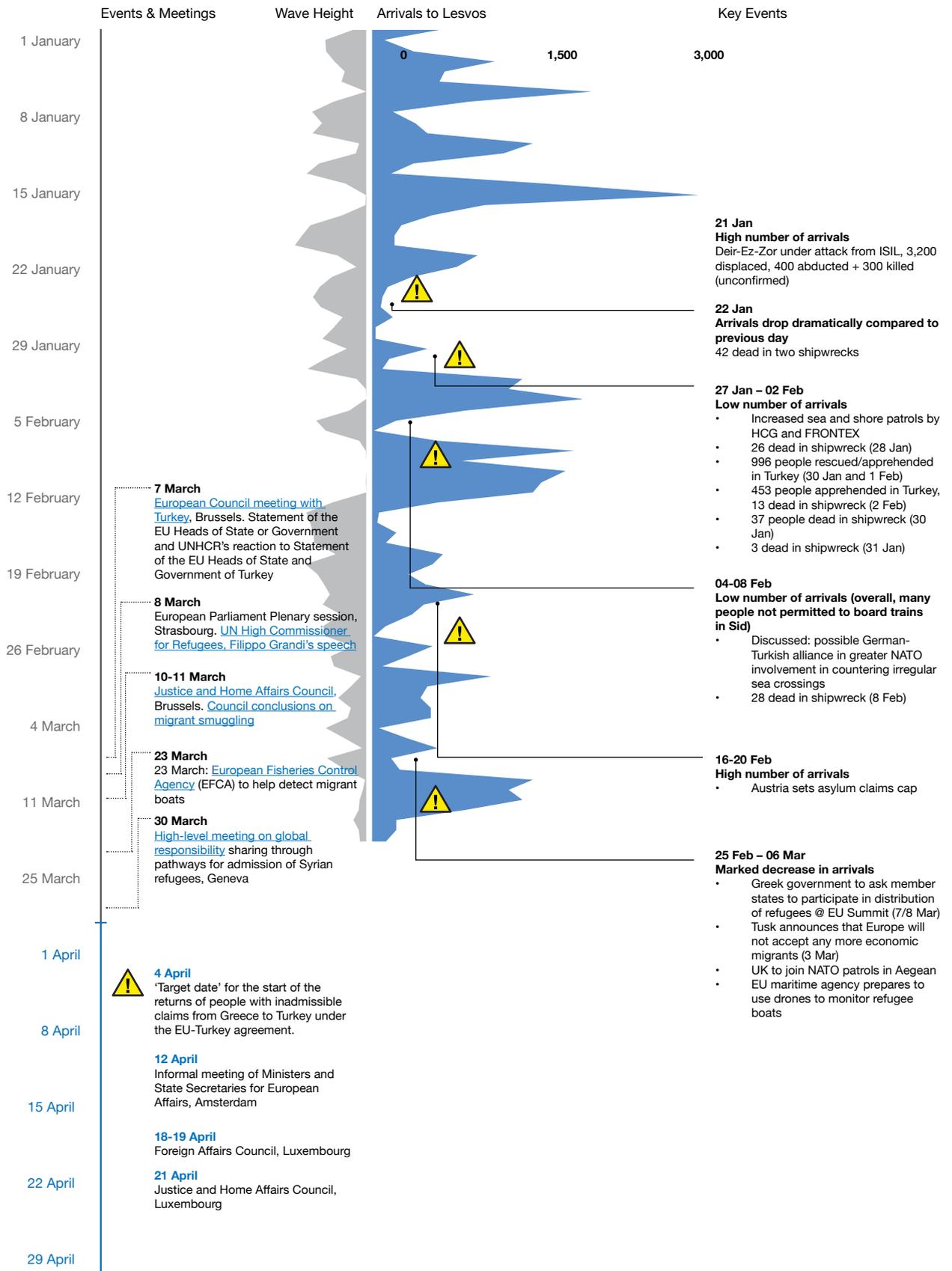
"Romanian Stefan cel Mare MAI 0201 brings rescued [refugees and] migrants to port in Sicily, including 6 pregnant women, [and] 47 children"

Frontex also posted a video of Portuguese Maritime Police deploying a coastal surveillance vehicle on the island of Lesbos. The video can be viewed [here](#) on Facebook.

[Lighthouse Relief](#) highlighted the desperation of refugees and migrants as, despite the EU-Turkey deal, more people arrive to the Greek Islands.



## Situation Overview





**Weather Forecast Greece**  
Site locations



**Tomorrow**  
**Friday 1st April**

Dry with light or moderate winds and patchy high cloud. The exception once again will be low cloud and poor visibility in the far NW of the Aegean Sea and adjacent Greek coastline. Seas remaining calm.

**Saturday**  
**2nd April**

Remaining fine and dry, with light winds and calm seas. Temperatures remaining above average across the region.

**Outlook**  
**Sunday 3rd - Tuesday 5th April**

Generally fine and warmer than average temperatures across the region. Increasing risk of a few showers by day, to the west and north of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia on Sunday, becoming more widespread across mainland Greece on Monday. Increasing certainty for a spell of stronger northerly winds and corresponding rougher seas in the Aegean through the outlook period.

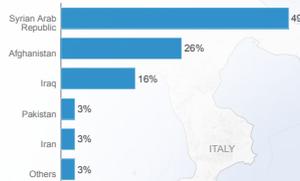


## Annex 1 Key Figures from the Portal

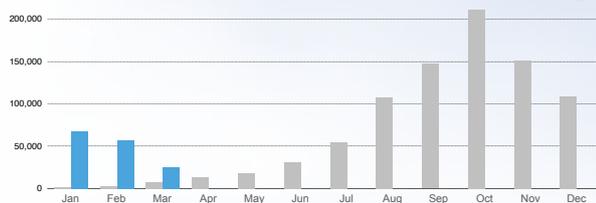
Increasing numbers of refugees and migrants take their chances aboard unseaworthy boats and dinghies in a desperate bid to reach Europe. The vast majority of those attempting this dangerous crossing are in need of international protection, fleeing war, violence and persecution in their country of origin.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



149,534 arrivals by sea in 2016

856,723 arrivals by sea in 2015

91% of arrivals come from the world's top 10 refugee-producing countries



### Demographics based on arrivals since 1 Jan 2016

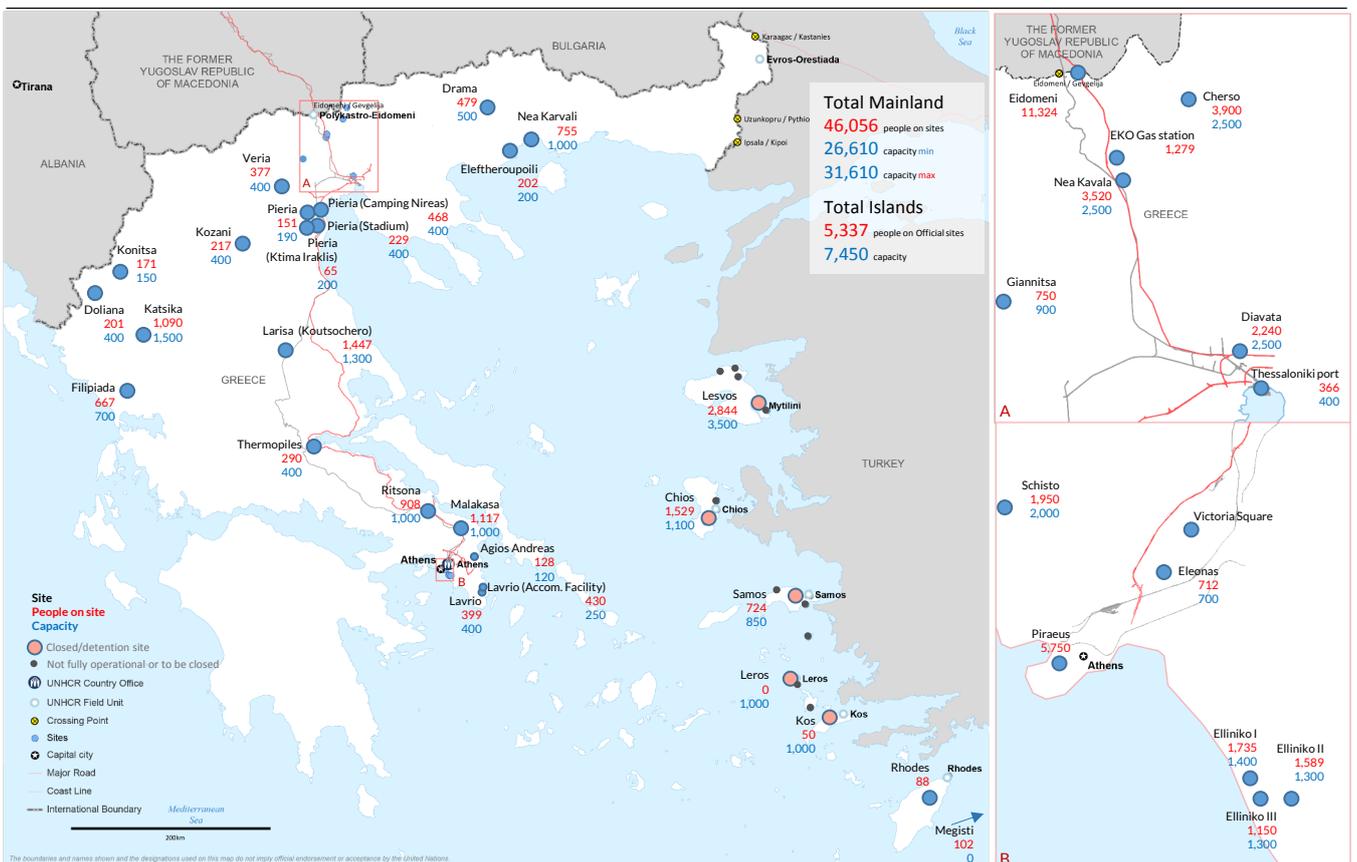


\*Serbia (AND KOSOVO: S/RES/1244 (1999))  
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### Site locations in Greece

As of 31 March 2016 08:00 a.m. EET



Based on figures from the Coordination Centre for the Management of the Refugee Crisis as of 31/03/2016 08:00 a.m. Eastern European Time.

Online map with additional information: <http://www.unhcr.gr/sites>