



## Daily Report

### Arrivals and Departures



On 27 April, Sweden's Migration Agency forecast that Sweden expects between 40,000 and 100,000 people to claim asylum this year (which is a decrease from the original forecast of between 70,000 and 140,000).

### Conditions of People

In Greece, Alternate Migration Minister Yannis Mouzalas has agreed to the permanent presence of lawyers in two accommodation centers (Elaionas in Athens, and Moria on Lesbos island), following a meeting with the head of the Athens Bar Association. The Ministry said the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE) has also expressed an interest in offering legal aid to refugees in Moria.

Speaking to the ANA-MPA news agency on 27 April, following clashes between migrants and riot police at Moria on Tuesday evening which resulted in the injury of 15 people, Minister Mouzalas said the government is "concerned, not proud and not happy, but [...] everyone is trying hard". "There were a few minor scuffles that grew later in the night and necessitated police intervention. Now the situation is looking calm," he said, speaking from the general hospital at the island's capital, Mytilene. He also confirmed that 15 minors in their late teens were injured in the clashes; Mouzalas added that they are among some 90 unaccompanied minors being held for processing at the Moria center.

In Eidomeni, where thousands continue to live in dismal conditions at the border between Greece and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the Hellenic Police is distributing leaflets among refugees and migrants urging them to leave the informal site for the official accommodation facilities established by the Greek Government throughout the mainland. The spokesperson of the Inter-Ministerial

Coordination Body, Giorgos Kyritsis, announced the transfer of 4,500 people from Eidomeni in the next 10 days to four sites outside Thessaloniki as well as Lagkadikia.

On 27 April afternoon, at the Handover Ceremony of the Olympic Flame from Greece to the Rio 2016 organizers at the Panathenaic Stadium in Athens, both the President of the Hellenic Olympic Committee, Mr. Spyros Capralos, and the Head of the Rio de Janeiro Organizing Committee for the Olympic Games, Mr. Carlos Nuzman, expressed solidarity with the plight of refugees worldwide. He praised the Syrian refugee athlete who carried the Olympic Torch at Elaionas site on Tuesday, as a symbolic gesture to highlight the strength and resilience of all refugees.

### Critical Developments

On 28 April, the plenary of the European Parliament (EP) [debated](#) the legal aspects, democratic control and implementation of the EU-Turkey agreement. While it was underlined that it may not be the best solution, it was seen as the only possible one at the moment. EU Member States were urged to deliver results regarding relocation pledges and to provide expert staff to support the Greek authorities. During the debate, some MEPs underlined concerns regarding the situation of refugees, fundamental rights violations, and lack of media freedom in Turkey. Many also questioned the legal basis of the agreement and whether it complies with international law, in particular the Geneva Convention and the EU Charter on Fundamental Rights.

On Thursday 28 April, The Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs Committee (LIBE) of the European Parliament will discuss the EC's proposal regarding [regulation](#) which establishes an EU common list of safe countries of origin. This aims to increase the efficiency of asylum systems, discourage abuse attempts, and increase convergence of the application of asylum procedures across EU Member States. EASO was requested to evaluate the situation in the Western Balkans and in Turkey to this respect.

The Committee will adopt a position regarding the suspension from the relocation mechanism in Sweden, and the proposal to reallocate 54,000 places from the relocation program to the EU-Turkey Agreement-based relocation from Turkey. On both these issues, the EP has a consultative role.

During a visit to Catania, Italy, Dimitris Avramopoulos, European Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship, [stated](#) that Italy should be prepared to receive more refugees and migrants and should accelerate repatriations. He also explained that there is no fragmentation of the route people take to reach Europe following the EU-Turkey Agreement and the people arriving to Italy are of the same nationalities as in



### Key Figures

**108**

**Arrivals to Greek Islands**  
Yesterday

**52**

**Departures to Greece Mainland**  
Yesterday

**0**

**Departures to Turkey**  
on 28 April 2016



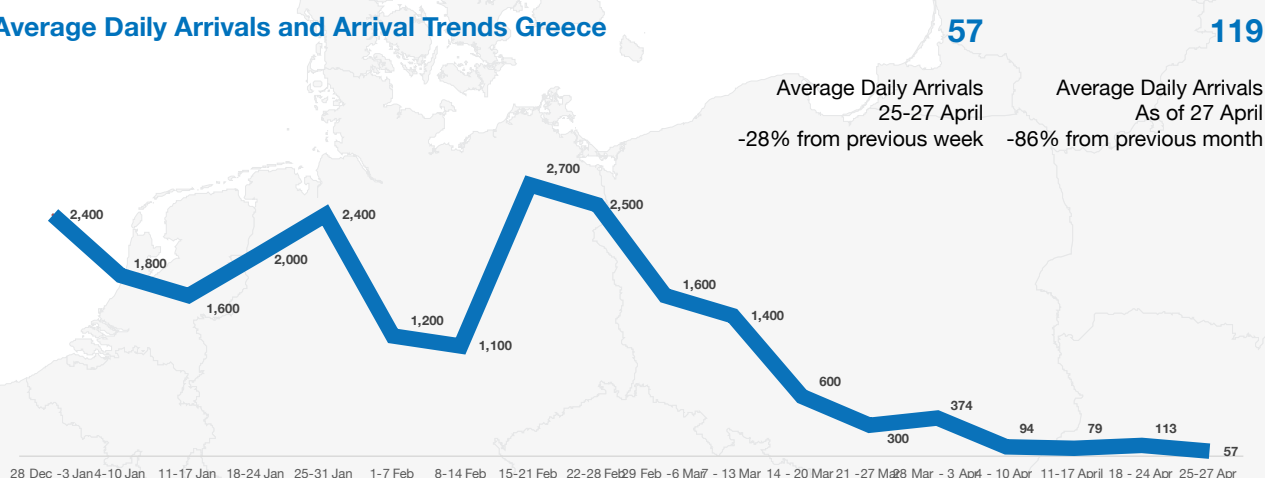
previous years. He did mention however, that an increase in arrivals departing from Egypt was recently observed.

The Austrian Parliament adopted a tough new asylum law on Wednesday. According to the law reform, a state of emergency can be activated, initially for six months, should Austria's public order or internal security be considered at risk. Depending on the situation, the emergency could be extended for three additional six-month-long terms. Asylum seekers, including those from Syria, could be rejected directly at the border without even processing their applications in an asylum procedure.

The new law also envisaged "limited asylum" which reduced the number of years refugees are allowed right of residence in Austria to three years followed by an automatic review of their status. Families of asylum seekers, in particular those granted subsidiary protection, would also find it more difficult to come to Austria. Austrian media also reported that the government was planning to build a [short fence](#) at its border with Italy aimed at managing the border in the event of an upsurge in refugee/migrant numbers.



### Average Daily Arrivals and Arrival Trends Greece



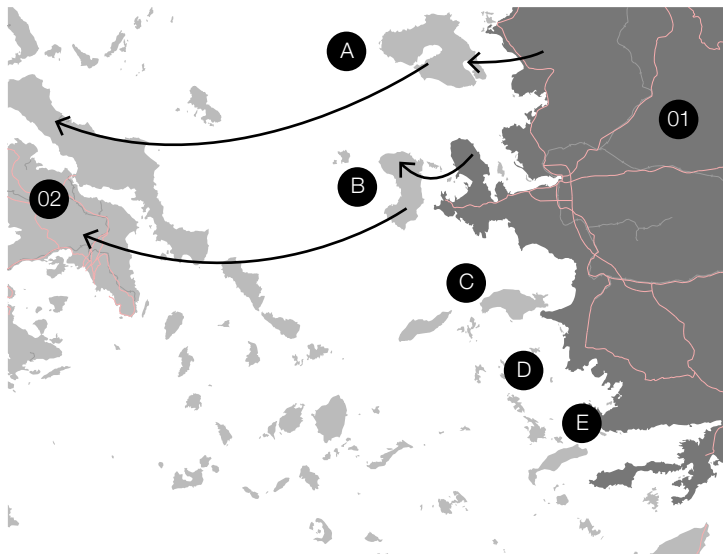
### Estimated Arrivals and People Present\* per Country Yesterday

	Arrivals	Present*
01 Turkey		
02 Greek Islands	108	7,773
Greece Mainland	52	45,944
03 fYRoM**	0	821
04 Serbia	54	950
05 Croatia	0	92
06 Hungary	189	
07 Slovenia	0	41
08 Austria	172	

\* 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)

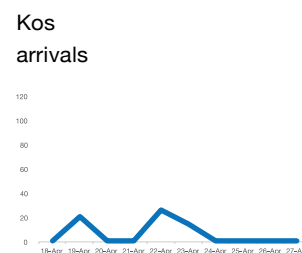
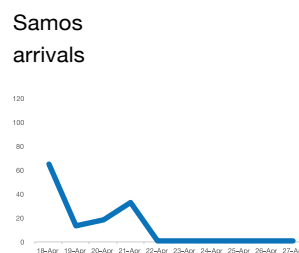
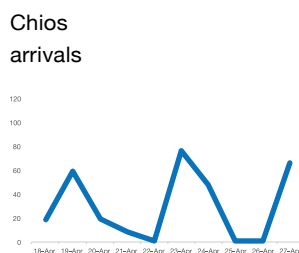
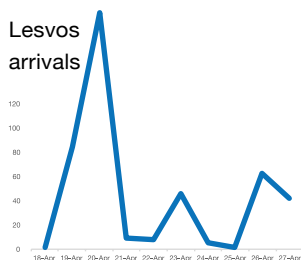


## Greek Islands and Turkey: Estimated Arrivals and Transfers



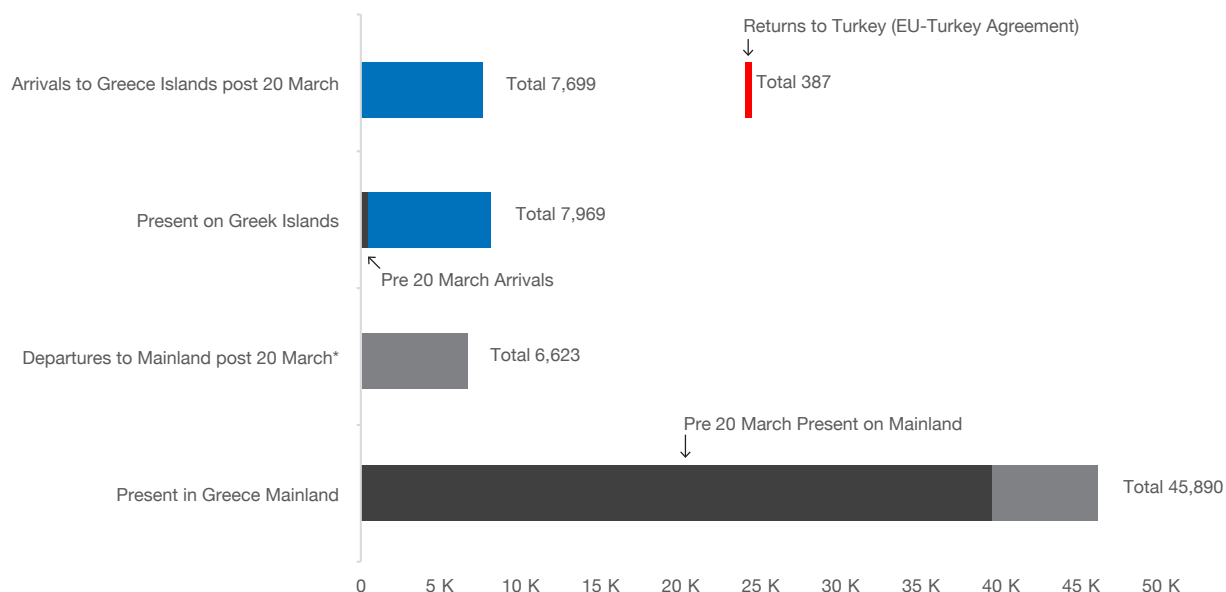
	Arrivals	Departures to Greece Mainland	Departures to Turkey (Boat)
01 Turkey			
02 Greece	108	52	
<b>Breakdown</b>			
A Lesvos	41	41	
B Chios	67	5	
C Samos			
D Leros			
E Kos			
Other		6	

## Arrivals to Greek Islands 18 April - 27 April



## Population Overview

Arrived, present and transferred to Greece Mainland and returned to Turkey since 20 March



\*People able to depart are those only who arrived before 20 March

Total in Greece: **53,859**

Reporting period 20 March - 27 April



## Timeline Overview

**30 March**

High-level meeting on global responsibility sharing through pathways for admission of Syrian refugees, Geneva

**4 April**

'Target date' for the start of the returns of people with inadmissible claims from Greece to Turkey

32 Syrian refugees land by plane in Hanover. [EU-Turkey deal begins as Syrian refugees arrive in Germany and Finland](#)

11 Syrians were resettled in Finland

EU-Turkey deal: [Statement by Commissioner Avramopoulos following his visit to Ankara](#)

**5 April**

31 Syrians were resettled in Netherlands

**12 April**

Informal meeting of Ministers and State Secretaries for European Affairs, Amsterdam

**15 April**

17 Syrian refugees arrive at Hannover airport from Turkey

**18-19 April**

Foreign Affairs Council, Luxembourg

**20 April**

Securing the external borders of the EU – a challenge for external and internal security

**20-21 April**

Secretary General of NATO, Jens Stoltenberg to visit Greece and Turkey

**21 April**

Justice and Home Affairs Council, Luxembourg [Interior ministers sign off on EU coast guard](#)

**23 April**

Donald Tusk to visit Gaziantep, Turkey with [Angela Merkel and Frans Timmermans](#)

**28 April**

Germany and Turkey: Relationship at a Crossroads (debate), SETA Ankara, Turkey

**10 May**

The Economic Impact of Syrian Refugees in Lebanon, The Graduate Institute, Geneva

**12-13 May**

Foreign Affairs Council, Brussels

**23 May**

Foreign Affairs Council, Brussels

**26-27 May**

G7 Summit, Ise-Shima, Japan



## Social Media

### Twitter Activity:

The topic of #Aleppo trended on Twitter in the later hours of the morning. With over 12,500 individual tweets, the top story was that of the death of Aleppo's last paediatrician, Dr Wassim, who was killed in an airstrike that hit a hospital he was working in. According to an online [article](#), Dr Wassim was among 14 fatalities which resulted from the airstrike.

In relation to the hospital bombing, AMC [YouTube channel](#) uploaded video footage of the destruction caused by the conflict in Aleppo. [MSF Australia](#) tweeted: "The destroyed #MSF-supported hospital in #Aleppo had an ER, OPD, ICU & an operating theatre. All now destroyed. Hospitals are #NotATarget".

Similarly, #Syria trended on Twitter in the early hours of the morning, managing to accrue a total of more than 28,000 individual tweets. This peak in activity is due to the fact the aforementioned airstrikes in the Syrian town of Aleppo. In addition, the [UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs](#) (UNOCHA) tweeted an infographic which highlighted the fact that, in Syria, "778,175 people have been reached with aid in besieged, priority and hard to reach areas in 2016".

### Current Statistics for #Syria

- 192 tweets, 625 retweets per hour
- Over 1.44 million impressions per hour
- Yesterday, 27 April, #Syria had 5,400 tweets, 17,900 retweets, and 401,800 impressions.

**Related hashtags:** #humanrights, #russia, and #assad

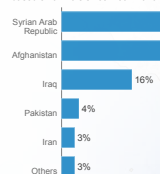


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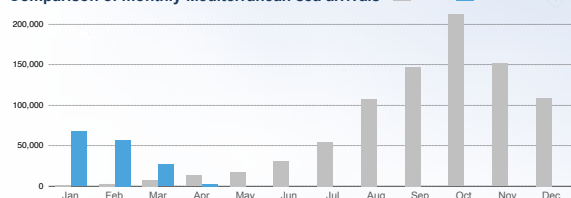
Increasing numbers of refugees and migrants take their chances aboard unseaworthy boats and dinghies in a desperate bid to reach Europe. The vast majority of those attempting this dangerous crossing are in need of international protection, fleeing war, violence and persecution in their country of origin.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



154,268 arrivals by sea in 2016

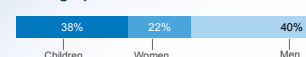
856,723 arrivals by sea in 2015

90% of arrivals come from the world's top 10 refugee-producing countries

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Sea arrivals in 2016  
Main routes through the Mediterranean

### Demographics based on arrivals since 1 Jan 2016

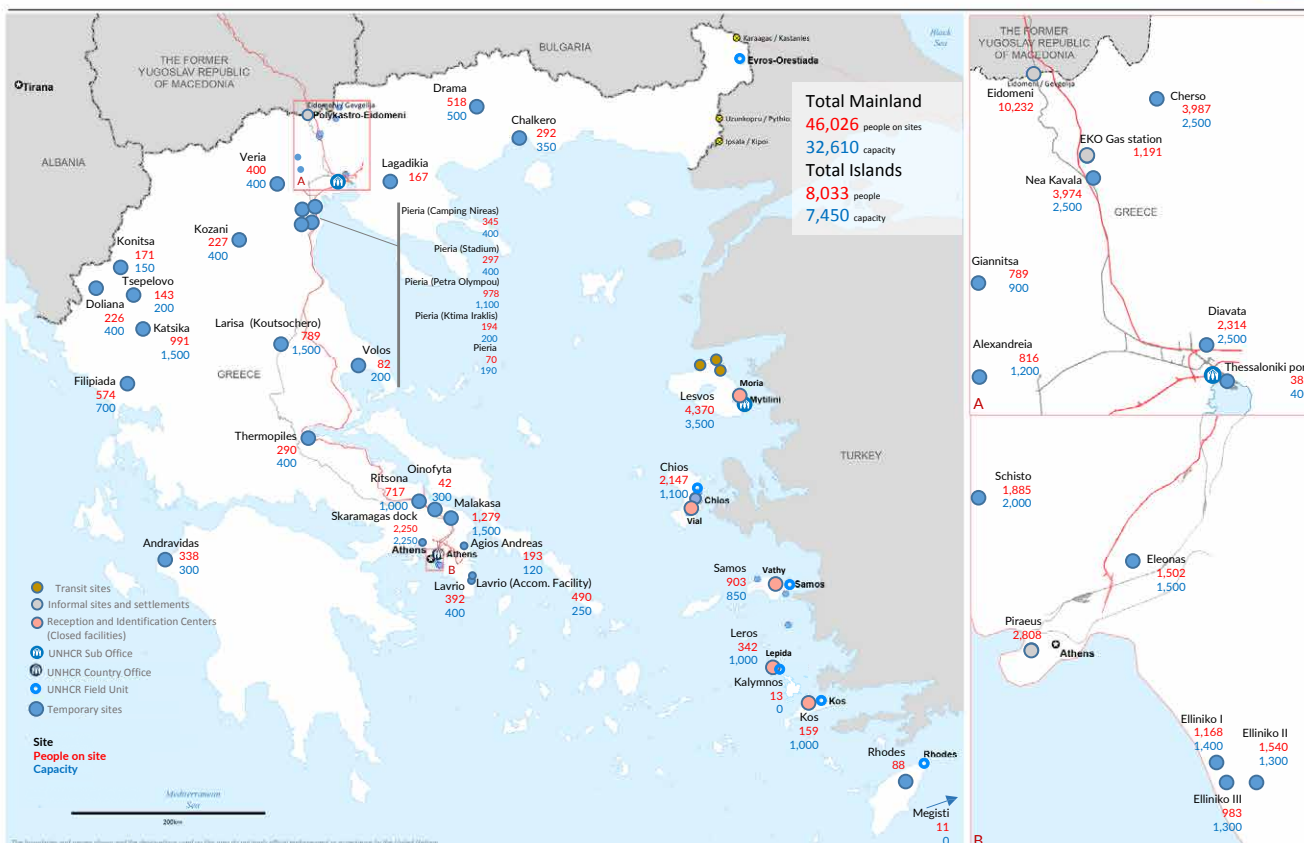


\*Serbia (AND KOSOVO): S/RES/1244 (1999)  
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## Europe Refugee Emergency

Daily map indicating capacity and occupancy (Governmental figures)

As of 25 April 2016 08:00 a.m. EET



Presence and capacity are based on Governmental figures from the Coordination Centre for the Management of the Refugee Crisis, as of 25/04/2016 08:00 a.m. Eastern European Time.  
Online map with additional information: <http://www.unhcr.gr/sites>