



Daily Report

Arrivals and Departures



Following the EU-Turkey agreement, the number of arrivals through the Aegean Sea has dropped significantly. Greece received 3,462 people in April. Last year in April, 13,556 people arrived in Greece.

This year, 8,490 people arrived to the Italian shores in April. As compared to the same month in 2015 (16,063), the total number of arrivals to Italy has dropped by more than half. Those making their way through the Mediterranean continue to be primarily from Nigeria, Gambia, Somalia and other Sub-Saharan African nationalities.

Condition of People

Yesterday, according to the Italian Coast Guard, some 1,000 refugees and migrants were [rescued](#) off the coast of Italy, including refugee families and unaccompanied children. In one operation, some 500 people travelling in two fishing boats that had departed several days earlier from Egypt were rescued off Sicily, south east of Cape Passero. Apart from the two fishing boats that sailed from Egypt, it is believed that there were other smaller boats that came from Libya. Disembarkation of the 1,000 people rescued yesterday is taking place today at four different locations in southern Italy: Catania, Palermo, Augusta and Crotona, and will probably last the whole day. UNHCR staff will be present and will be giving information and assistance to the persons rescued.

UNHCR continues to advocate for legal pathways for refugees to reach Europe through resettlement and humanitarian admission programmes, family reunification, private sponsorship, humanitarian and refugee student or work visas, etc, as a way to help put an end to the smuggling of human beings.



Key Figures

11
Arrivals to Greek Islands
Yesterday

39
Departures to Greece Mainland
Yesterday

0
Departures to Turkey
on 13 May 2016

Key Developments

A proposal was made in the German Parliament to determine the status of Morocco, Tunisia and Algeria as safe countries of origin. Federal Minister of the Interior, Thomas de Maizière, stated that there are “good reasons” for declaring these states as safe countries of origin. The government hopes that the proposal will lead to accelerated asylum procedures, faster returns for rejected asylum seekers originating from these countries and a “deterrent effect” for people from “safe countries” intending to come travel to Germany. A final decision will be made on the 10 June by the Bundesrat. Many federal states have not yet taken a final position.

On 12 May, the Steering Committee of the Facility for Refugees in Turkey (composed of representatives of EU Member States and Turkey, under the chairmanship of the European Commission) met to fast-track and agree on the practicalities of the disbursement of the first EUR 1 billion under the Facility. The Committee notably agreed on the main priorities for the allocation of funds, which will be humanitarian assistance, migration management, education, health, municipal infrastructure, and socio-economic support. In addition, through the so-called “Emergency Social Safety Net”, to be rolled out in the second half of 2016, direct financial assistance will be improved for as many as 1 million vulnerable refugees, and will be coupled with protective and humanitarian services. The Facility for Refugees in Turkey was created to answer the European Council’s call for significant additional funding to support refugees in Turkey. It is funded through EU budget and contributions of EU Member States, and represents so far a total of EUR 3 billion over 2016 and 2017. It aims at improving conditions for refugees in Turkey, notably by ensuring that the needs of refugees and host communities are addressed in a comprehensive and coordinated manner.

Past and Upcoming Meetings and Events

7-10 May
Greek ferry strike

10 May
Briefing ALDE President, Guy Verhofstadt

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

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12-13 May
Foreign Affairs Council, Brussels

23 May
Foreign Affairs Council, Brussels

26-27 May
G7 Summit, Ise-Shima, Japan



Response

As part of the commitment undertaken by UNHCR at the EU Leaders' Summit on 25 October 2015, with a view to supporting Greece to increase its reception capacity for asylum seekers, UNHCR launched in late 2015 a reception scheme aimed at the gradual creation of 20,000 reception places in Greece by the end of 2016 with support from the European Union, for relocation candidates to other EU Member States and some vulnerable asylum seekers in Greece.

Lagkadikia site, which is part of this scheme, is co-managed by the Alternate Ministry of Migration Policy and UNHCR. The NGO Danish Refugee Council (DRC) will be supporting in the site management starting from mid-May, as UNHCR's implementing partner. The first 64 people were transferred to the new site from Eidomeni and EKO gas station informal sites on 21 April as part of a joint effort of the Alternate Ministry for Migration Policy and UNHCR to provide dignified accommodation and adequate assistance to refugees located on the mainland. As of 13 May, the site hosts 843 people of which 94% from Syria, 6% from Iraq and, as a temporary shelter solution, 31 unaccompanied minors including 4 Afghans.

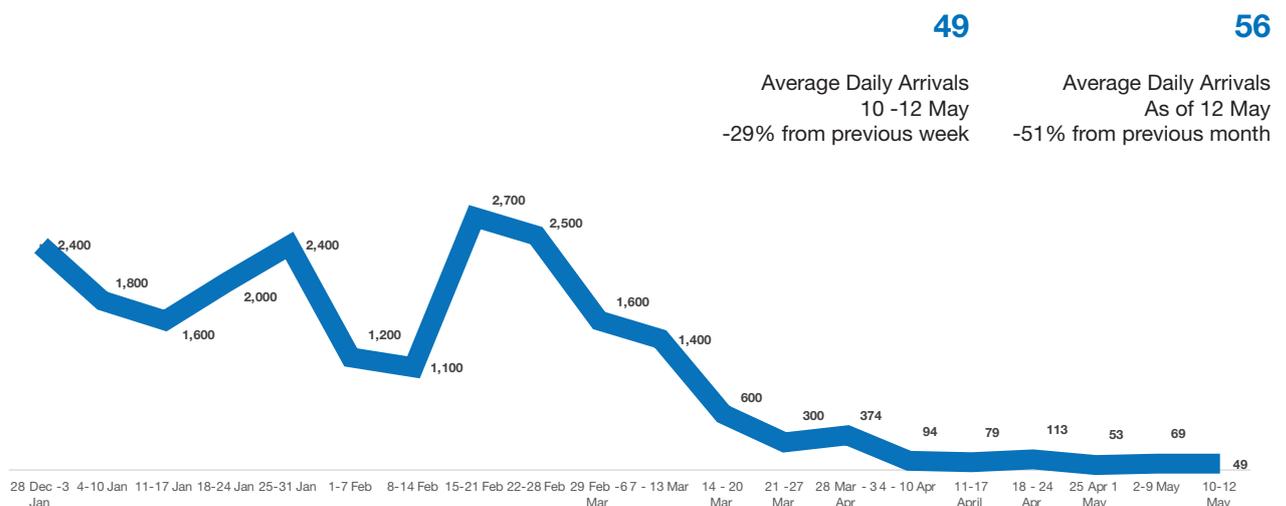
So far, UNHCR provided support through the deployment of camp management experts, site planners and field/protection staff, provision of transitional shelter solutions, basic relief items, and protection assistance, including information provisions on asylum procedures. All residents have expressed intention to seek asylum.

In Lagkadikia, medical services are provided through and will also be made available to the host community. Community mobilization has proven successful at a high rate as residents are organizing most aspects of the life. Volunteers from the Greek host community are also regularly visiting the site to undertake recreational activities with the refugees and offer donations.

The Mayor of Lagadas Municipality, Yannis Karagiannis, who is also the Vice President of the Union of the Greek Mayors (KEDE), visited on 9 May and noted the satisfactory living standards, the adequate healthcare and the good cooperation of UNHCR with local authorities. He specified that authorities will enhance garbage collection and staff presence.



Average Daily Arrivals and Arrival Trends Greece





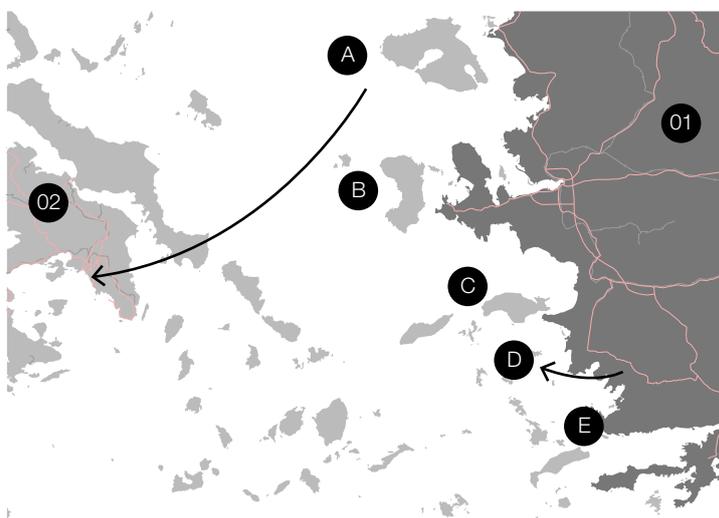
Estimated Arrivals and People Present* per Country Yesterday

	Arrivals	Present*
01 Turkey		
02 Greek Islands	11	8,615
Greece Mainland	39	46,088
03 fYRoM**	0	521
04 Serbia	33	900
05 Croatia	0	89
06 Hungary	59	
07 Slovenia	0	30
08 Austria	210	

* 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



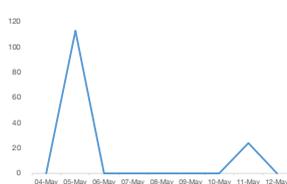
	Arrivals	Departures to Greece Mainland	Departures to Turkey (Boat)
01 Turkey			
02 Greece	11	39	
Breakdown			
A Lesvos		39	
B Chios			
C Samos			
D Leros			
E Kos	11		
Other			

Arrivals to Greek Islands 4 May - 12 May

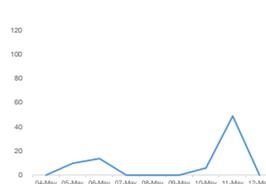
Lesvos arrivals



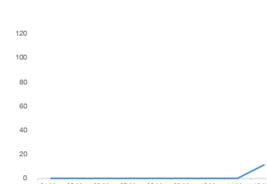
Chios arrivals



Samos arrivals

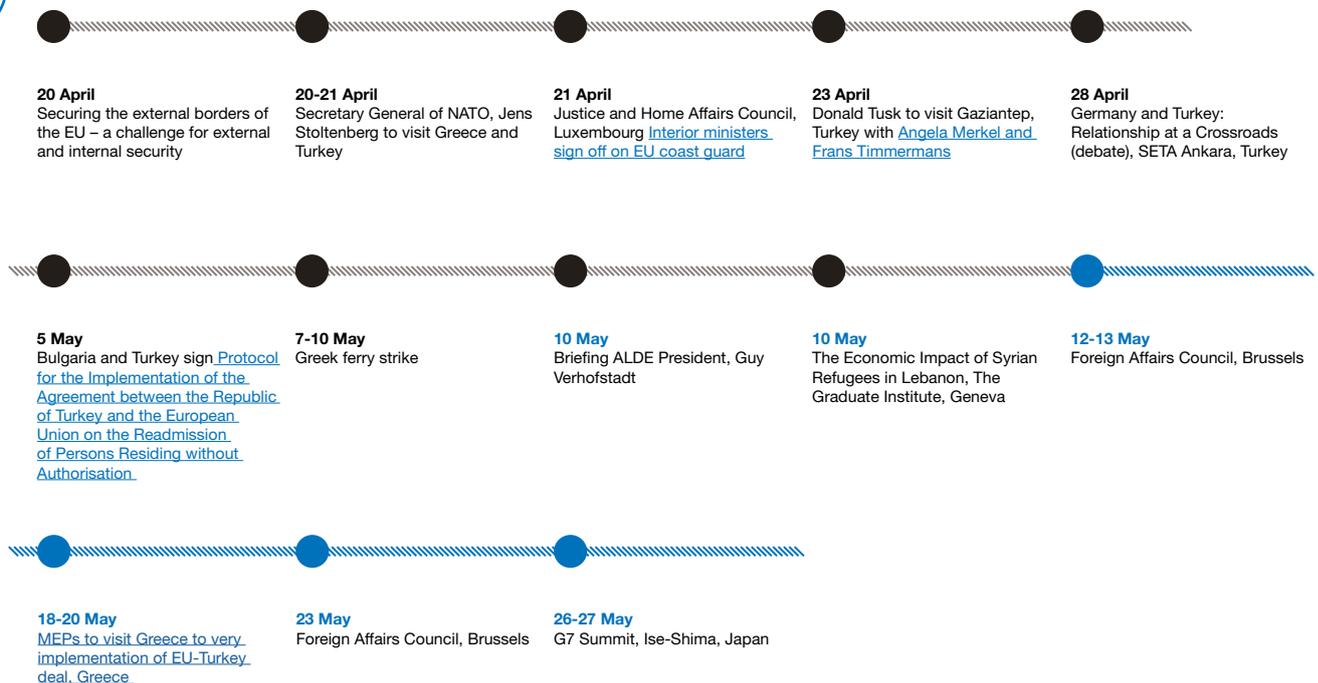


Kos arrivals





Timeline Overview



Media and Social Media

General Media:

The Italian coastguard (Guardia Costiera) reported on the assistance they provided to more than 800 refugees and migrants since Thursday 12 May. In a report by [Reuters](#), according to a statement given by a coastguard, the two boats which received assistance carried 515 and 286 people respectively, with the latter group having been assisted in collaboration with a Finnish naval vessel. Video footage of the rescue can be viewed [here](#).

Twitter Activity:

#UNHCR trended at number one on Twitter in the later hours of the morning as [refugees question the Elders and UNHCR about their future](#) (YouTube). Syrian refugees posed questions to UNHCR Chief Filippo Grandi, former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, and Elder and Conflict Mediator Lakhdar Brahimi concerning the stigma surrounding the reception of refugees and migrants into Europe.

[MSF Sea](#) have launched an appeal spearheaded by the hashtag #TakePeopleIn in reference to people applying for asylum in EU member states. In an [open letter](#) to European leaders, MSF International President Dr Joanne Liu reiterated MSF's 'profound concern' about the EU-Turkey Deal. She went on to add that the deal offers no safe method for refugees and migrants to apply for asylum within Europe and asked that European leaders "separate humanitarian aid from the political agreement" as the EU-Turkey deal could trigger the cessation of the term 'refugee' if it should be adopted and/replicated by many other nations.

Furthermore, the medical NGO is also concerned that there exists the possibility for an [EU-Libya](#) deal as more and more refugees and migrants opt to reach Europe through Italy via North Africa.

Relevant hashtags: #TAKEPEOPLEIN, #EULibya, and #EUTurkey

Current Statistics for #UNHCR

- 4 tweets, over 3,640 impressions per hour
- 21.62% of posts using #UNHCR originated from India
- 13% of posts using #UNHCR originated from Romania

Related hashtags: #europe, #refugee, and #syria

Most popular account: [@RefugeesCE](#)

Current Statistics for #sharehumanity

21 tweets, 79 retweets per hour
Over 974,000 impressions per hour

#UNHCR over the last month:

600

Highest no. of tweets (16 April = 3 May)

800

Highest no. of retweets (21 April)

141,000

Highest no. impressions (18 April)

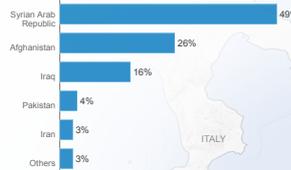


Annex 1 Key Figures from the Portal

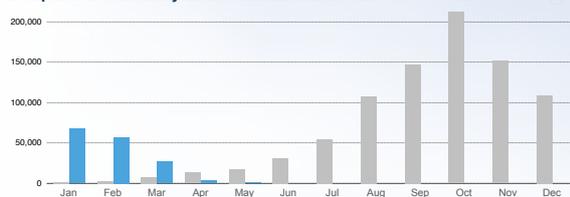
Increasing numbers of refugees and migrants take their chances aboard unseaworthy boats and dinghies in a desperate bid to reach Europe. The vast majority of those attempting this dangerous crossing are in need of international protection, fleeing war, violence and persecution in their country of origin.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



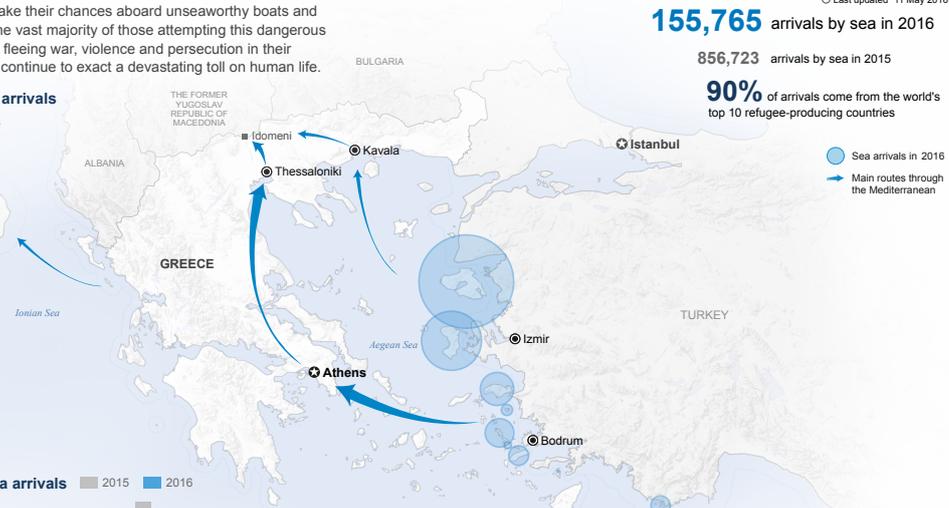
Comparison of monthly Mediterranean sea arrivals



155,765 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



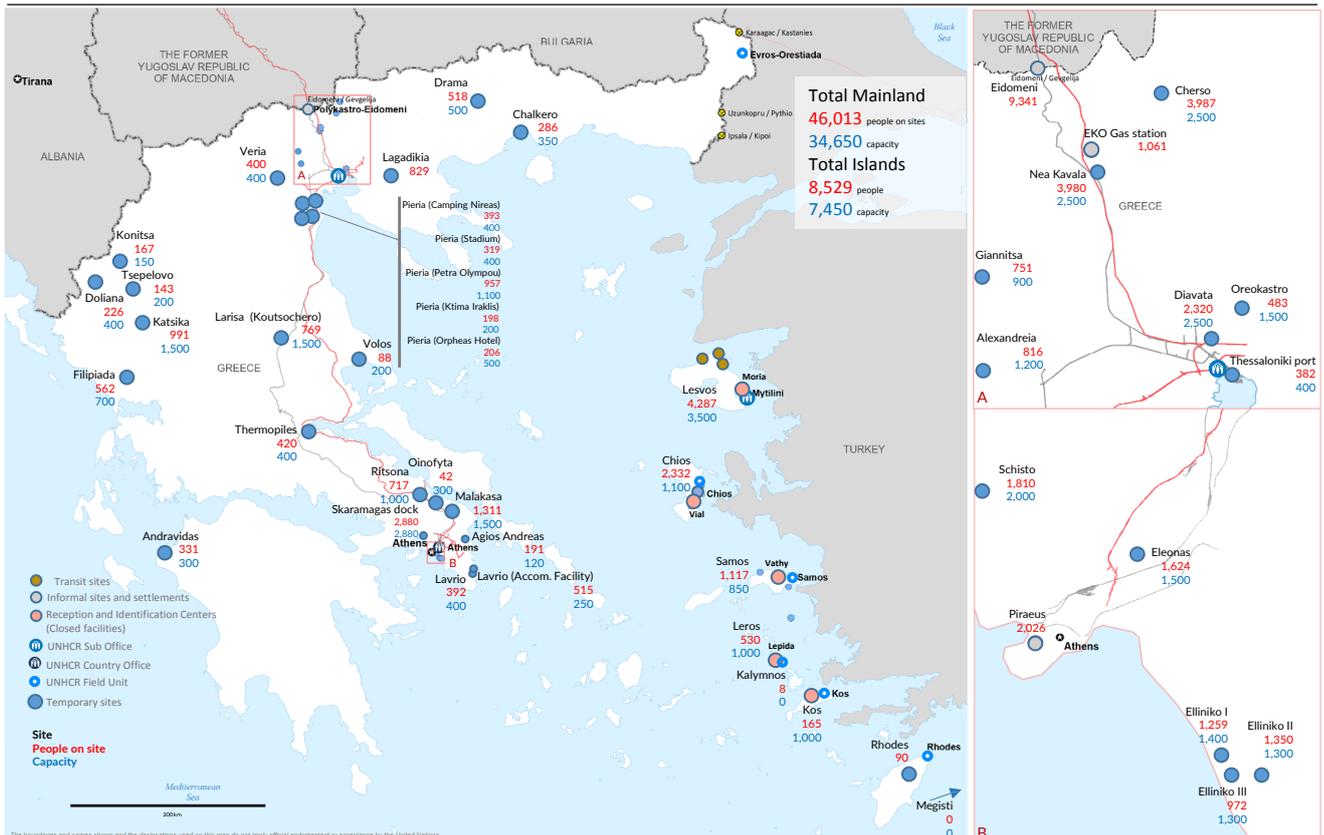
Demographics based on arrivals since 1 Jan 2016



*Serbia (AND KOSOVO): SRES/1244 (1999) Download excel data
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Europe Refugee Emergency

Daily map indicating capacity and occupancy (Governmental figures)
As of 12 May 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 12/05/2016 08:00 a.m. Eastern European Time. Online map with additional information: <http://www.unhcr.gr/sites>

