



Planning and Preparation: On 25 January, UNHCR and IOM launched the regional Refugee and Migrant Response Plan (RMRP), requiring 550,539,647 USD, to respond to the crisis in Europe, Eastern Mediterranean and Western Balkan route. The RMRP, covering the period of January to December 2016, is the outcome of an inter-agency planning process coordinated by UNHCR, IOM with government representatives and 67 partner agencies.

Arrivals and Departures: Arrivals to the Greek shores continue amidst cold temperatures and strong winds and many boats in distress continued to be aided by the Hellenic Coast Guard and Frontex.

Situation at Borders: In Serbia, at Sid train station, 90 people were not permitted to board trains

to Croatia for possessing false documents, no documents at all, or for being of other nationalities than Afghan, Iraqi or Syrian. In Croatia, 12 people were readmitted from Slovenia as they intended to apply for asylum in countries other than Germany and Austria. Similarly, in Slovenia, 49 people were returned by Austrian authorities.

Condition of People: In Greece, transfer of North African nationals from the islands to pre-removal detention facilities on mainland took place yet many more remain on the islands. At the Piraeus port, several hundred people remained on site protesting peacefully for a limited amount of time against the lack of transport to Eidomeni and insufficient information.

Deaths at Sea: None reported.



Critical Developments

In Slovenia, at Dobova, the reorganisation of the reception centre and the new registration system is officially operational. The new system fast tracks the registration process using a pre-screening mechanism.

On 25 January, in Ankara, at the press conference regarding the European Union (EU) - Turkey High Level Political Dialogue Meeting, the Turkish Foreign Minister stressed the need for proper EU-Turkey cooperation. The Turkish government stated it had been working 'meticulously' to implement the EU-Turkey Action Plan. The EU High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission noted that the meeting was an opportunity to 'revitalise' strategic cooperation. The EU ensured its support to Turkey in its 'incredible' work in hosting refugees and to manage flows. The priority stated is to save lives and prevent further smuggling while managing the flow of people.

On 25 January, an EU informal meeting of Ministers of Justice and Home Affairs was held. Representatives of the EU Commission and Dutch Presidency of the Council of the EU stressed to media that cooperation, coordination and delivering

on commitments to implement EU proposals were key to managing the refugee emergency. They noted that member states invited the Commission to prepare the legal and practical basis for the continuance of temporary border measures. The European Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship also called for more reception capacities in Greece and along the Balkans route.

Danish Parliament is to vote on a bill to allow the confiscation of valuables worth in excess of 1,450 USD from refugees. If the bill is passed, the Council of Europe claims it could be a violation of fundamental property rights.

Weather Headlines

- A transition to less cold conditions is now underway across the region with temperatures returning near to or slightly above average through the next few days.
- A thaw of lying snow across northern parts of the region may lead to saturated and muddy conditions under foot.
- Winds across the Aegean will ease through Wednesday.



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Social Media

- UN Women's Twitter feed highlights the UNHCR report on #refugee and migrant women on the move in Europe who face grave risks of sexual violence #GBV
- Jane McAdam (Scientia Professor of Law and Director of the Andrew & Renata Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law at UNSW) tweeted

- UNHCR's recommendations on how to make EU #refugee relocation scheme more [effective](#).
- Trending: Can Europe build a unified response to #refugees? Pascal Brice speaks tomorrow in Oxford @refugeestudies



Average Daily Arrivals and Trends Greece

11 - 17 January
1,458
-20% from previous week



25 January
1,295
-35% from previous week



18 - 24 January
2,004
37% from previous week



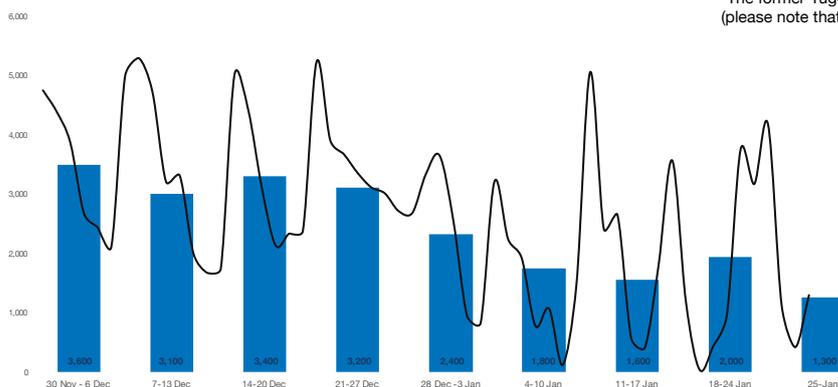
Monthly Average Daily Arrival
January (as of 24 Jan)
1,785
-46% from previous month



Estimated Arrivals per Country Yesterday



Daily and Weekly Average Arrivals to Greece 30 November to 25 January



*The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
(please note that the FYRoM abbreviation is used only for design purposes)



Weather conditions forecast for Greece and Countries of Onward Movements
Key locations crossed by refugees





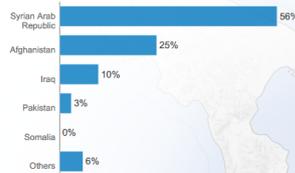
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Key Figures from the Portal

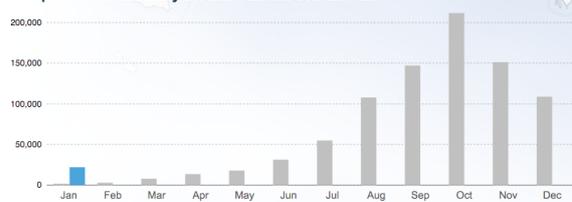
Increasing numbers of refugees and migrants take their chances aboard unseaworthy boats and dinghies in a desperate bid to reach Europe. The vast majority of those attempting this dangerous crossing are in need of international protection, fleeing war, violence and persecution in their country of origin.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



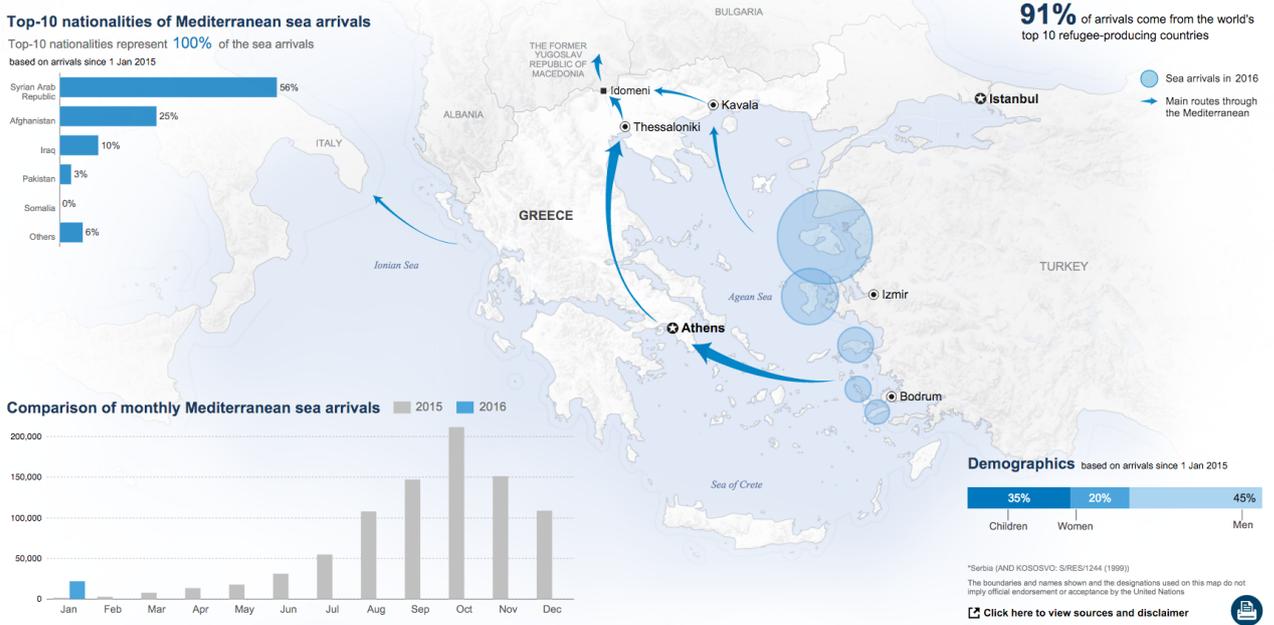
Comparison of monthly Mediterranean sea arrivals



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21,958 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



Following the humanitarian crisis in Europe: Estimated daily arrivals





Annex 2

Refugee/Migrant Onward Movement Map

