



Arrivals and Departures: In Greece, the office of Alternate Foreign Affairs Minister, Nikos Xydakis, released statistics regarding arrivals to Greece in 2015. Out of a total of 851,319 refugees and migrants reaching the country, approximately 100,000 were rescued by the Hellenic Coast Guard, a majority of whom were Syrian and Afghan nationals. The most significant rise in numbers of arrivals was recorded in December with a 4.9% increase. Meanwhile, 805 people drowned in the Aegean Sea in 2015. In 2015, Greece relocated 82 refugees.

Situation at Borders: In Greece, another ferry strike is expected on 4 - 5 February, and part of 6 February; which may lead to further congestion on the Greek Islands.



Critical Developments

On 3 February, police Directors and Border Unit Heads of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia and Austria met in Skopje. They agreed to establish clear common criteria on the standardisation of registration procedures and documents; individual data collection through registration in national databases and exchange of information across borders in a timely fashion; as well as not allowing people, without travel documents or who present forged documents or false information to transit along the route.

On 3 February, the Council of the European Union stated the 28 member states agreed that the €3 billion EU refugee facility for Turkey will allow the EU to deliver additional humanitarian assistance to refugees in Turkey and their host communities.

On 3 February, in Germany, the coalition agreed on an “asylum package II” which includes an accelerated asylum procedure for people coming from countries deemed ‘safe’ among others. The package is yet to be voted on in Parliament (Bundestag).

The ‘Supporting Syria and the Region 2016’ pledging conference hosted by the United Kingdom, Germany, Norway, Kuwait, the United Nations, the

Both sites in Eidomeni were congested, hosting up to 4,000 people, leading to some tension. The flow through the border has been restricted, and overcrowding led to delays in registration. In the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the taxi strike continued. Whilst no agreement was reached, an interim solutions were agreed upon, with one train allowed to depart in the morning. The rest of the people were allowed to travel using taxis and buses.

Condition of People: According to Turkish media reports, 453 people were rescued, then apprehended/detained, on 2 February. The majority of apprehensions were reported in Izmir, Balikesir, and Edirne.

Deaths at Sea: None reported.

President of the European Council, Donald Tusk, and the High Representative of the European Union Vice-President of the European Commission, Federica Mogherini, is taking place in London. The EU and its Member States have pledged more than €3 billion to assist Syrian people inside Syria as well as refugees and host communities in neighbouring countries for 2016. UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Filippo Grandi, and IOM Director General, William Lacy Swing, attended the event.

On 4 and 5 February, French Interior Minister, Bernard Cazeneuve, and his German counterpart, Thomas de Maizière, are due in Athens for discussions regarding the refugee crisis. On 5 February, the two leaders are expected to meet with Greek Interior Minister, Panagiotis Kouroubilis, for focused discussions on hotspots. On the same day, Cazeneuve is expected to visit the Moria hotspot on Lesbos accompanied by Alternate Minister for Migration, Yannis Mouzalas.

Weather Headlines

- Strong winds giving rough seas and large waves at times in the Aegean until Sunday.
- Heavy thundery showers affecting the south of Greece and the Greek Islands this evening and during Friday.



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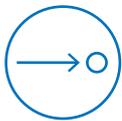


Social Media

- As world leaders met in London to discuss the refugee crisis at the 'Supporting Syria and the Region 2016' pledging conference, they were shown [this video](#) which highlights the impact of the war in Syria; a reminder as to the importance of the gathering.
- @SupportSyrians tweeted: "The world has today promised an unprecedented response to an unprecedented crisis" #SupportSyrians

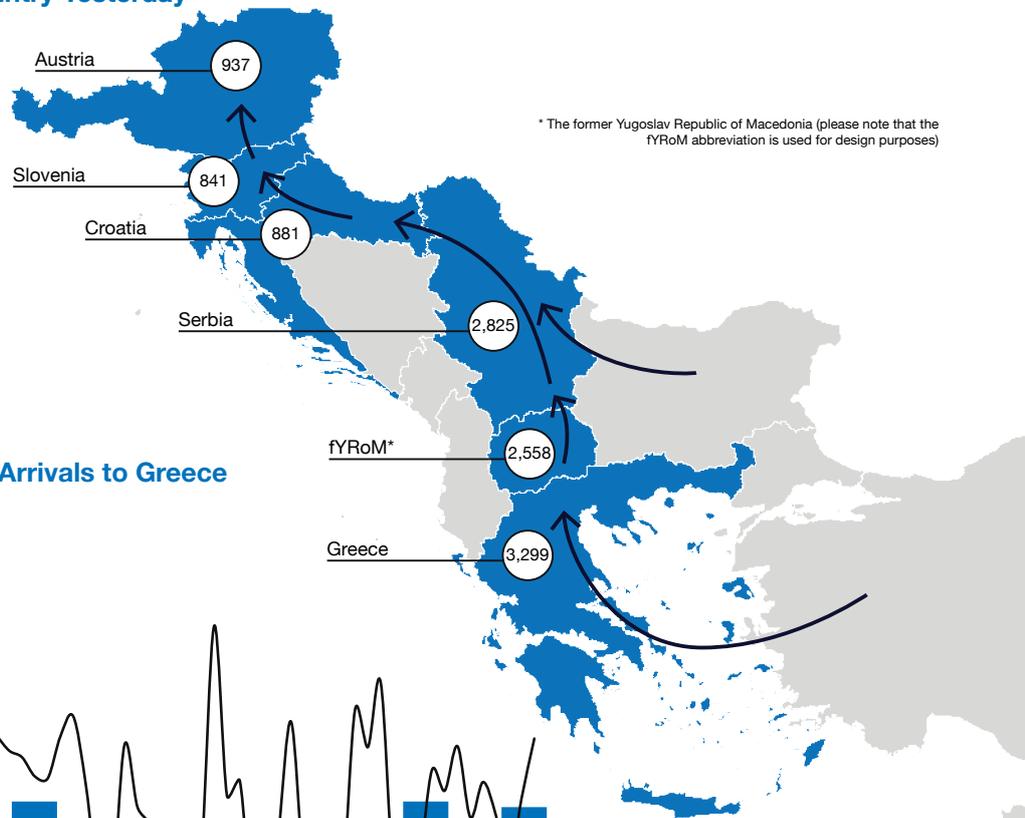
Current statistics for #SupportingSyrians:

- 242 tweets, 958 retweets an hour
- 2.41 million impressions per hour
- 100% of tweets using #SupportingSyrians originated from the UK
- Over 5.94million impressions per hour

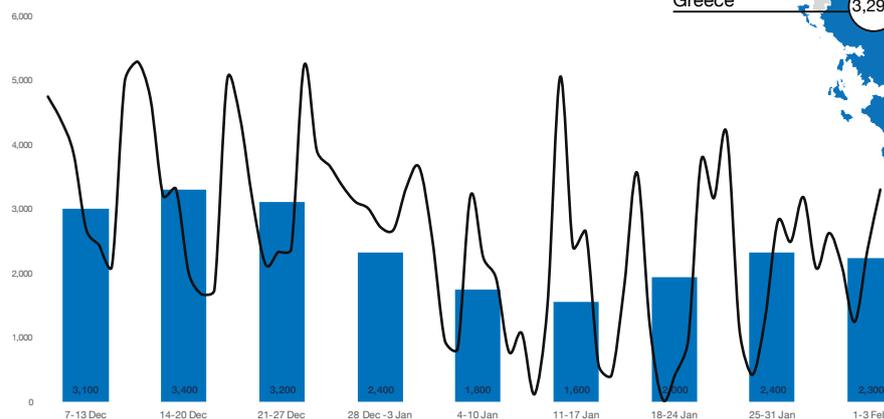


Estimated Arrivals per Country Yesterday

Greece	3,299
fYRoM*	2,558
Serbia	2,825
Croatia	881
Slovenia	841
Austria	937



Daily and Weekly Average Arrivals to Greece 7 December to 3 February



Average Daily Arrivals and Trends Greece

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



1-3 February
2,304
-3% from previous week



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



Monthly Average Daily Arrival
February (as of 3 Feb)
2,304
19% from previous month





Weather Forecast Greece - Slovenia
Key locations crossed by refugees



Weather Assessment

- Winds will become very strong at times through Aegean Sea until Sunday, leading to rough seas and large waves developing and presenting dangerous conditions for small boats. Analysis based on previous events suggests that this is likely to result in a significant reduction in the numbers of people arriving on the Greek Islands. Lower temperatures combined with strong northerly winds, leads to a significant wind chill later Friday and into Saturday, and prolonged exposure may lead to a risk of hypothermia for people travelling by sea.
- Heavy rain and thundery showers are likely to affect the south of Greece and the Greek Islands at times later this evening and during Friday, leading to a risk of localised flash flooding in places.



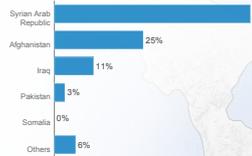
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Key Figures from the Portal

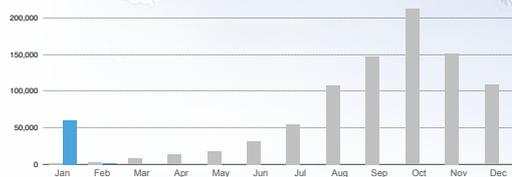
Increasing numbers of refugees and migrants take their chances aboard unseaworthy boats and dinghies in a desperate bid to reach Europe. The vast majority of those attempting this dangerous crossing are in need of international protection, fleeing war, violence and persecution in their country of origin.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



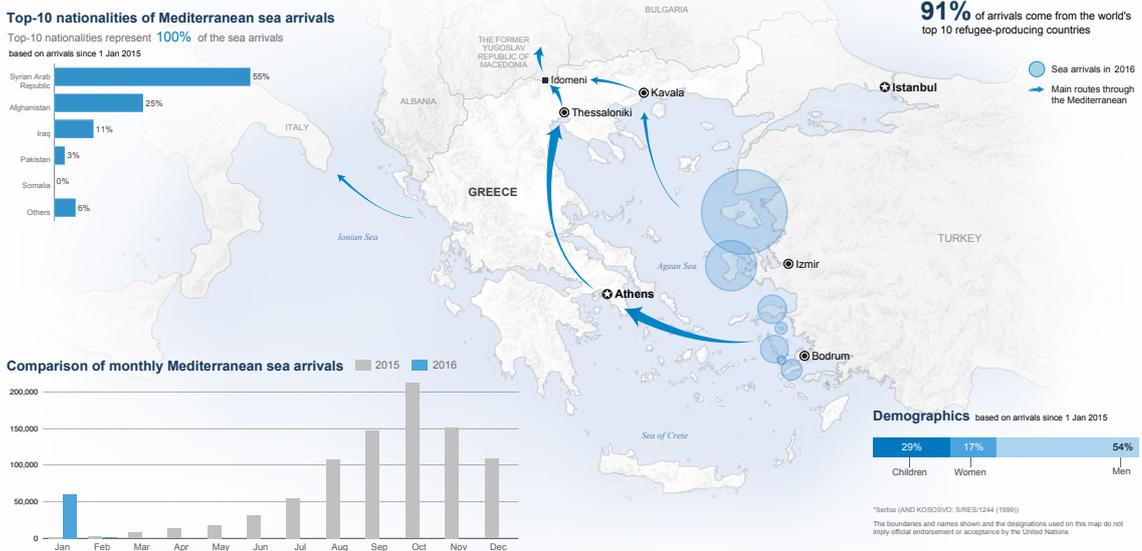
Comparison of monthly Mediterranean sea arrivals



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61,746 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 2015



*Serbia (AND KOSOVO): S/RES/1244 (1999)
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Following the humanitarian crisis in Europe: Estimated daily arrivals





Annex 2

Refugee/Migrant Onward Movement Map

