



**Arrivals and Departures:** On 14 February, the border crossing between the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Greece was briefly closed due to misinformation regarding Austrian authorities allegedly no longer allowing entry to refugees and migrants. The domino effect of border closure along the route, coupled with repeated statements made by Serbian, Croatian and Slovenian officials regarding adherence to similar border controls, would indicate that if German or Austrian authorities introduce limiting entry measures at its borders (or closure), all other governments will follow suite.

**Condition of People:** In January 2016, of those arriving to the Greek islands, nearly 58% were women and children; one in three people were children as compared to just one in ten in September 2015.

Between 5 and 11 February, in Hungary, 399 people were apprehended for irregular entry. This marks a 37% increase compared to the previous week (291).

**Deaths at Sea:** None reported between 12-14 February. During the first six weeks of 2016, more than 400 people lost their lives trying to cross the Mediterranean. However, despite the dangers, over 2,000 people a day continue to risk their lives and the lives of their children attempting to reach Europe.



### Critical Developments

According to a study highlighted by the Refugee Studies Centre at Oxford University, statistically, there is no greater likelihood that refugees will be involved in terrorism or crime than general populations.

UNHCR [calls](#) for more to be done to reinforce reception capacities at the points of entry to Europe, to allow for the humane and effective accommodation, assistance, registration and security screening of people arriving every day. Vincent Cochetel, UNHCR's Director of the Regional Bureau for Europe, stated that UNHCR hoped that EU Member States would implement at a faster pace all EU-wide measures agreed upon in 2015, including the implementation of hotspots and the relocation process for 160,000 people already in Greece and Italy and the EU-Turkey Joint-Action Plan.

At the Munich Security Conference, UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Filippo Grandi, mentioned that the strains of displacement are felt by refugees - not just by Europe. He added that 'if Europe organizes itself, it can cope'.

### Challenges

On the islands of Kos, Leros, and on the mainland in Thessaloniki, the local community continues to protest against the establishment of hotspot facilities or camp-like settings.

### Response

Preparation of hotspot facilities progressed, particularly on the Greek island of Chios, where registration equipment was moved to the new site. On Lesbos, at the Moria hotspot, works continued with the installation of 10 Refugee Housing Units. On Leros, the Lepida hotspot will be operational on 16 February.

### Weather Headlines

- Rough seas around the Greek Islands will decrease later on Monday and Tuesday morning. Becoming very mild across the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Greece and Serbia with temperatures up to 10 degrees higher than average. This may lead to rapid snowmelt.



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### Social Media

George Clooney (Hollywood actor) and his wife Amal (a human rights lawyer), privately met German Chancellor, Angela Merkel, to discuss the #refugeecrisis. George Clooney commended Merkle for "showing very strong leadership" during the crisis.

Due to their combined level of fame, the Clooneys act as social advocates in the discussion of the war in Syria and the refugee crisis; meaning that their active participation is likely to keep their thousands of followers interacting via social media platforms,

thereby preventing the subject of the #refugeecrisis from losing pace.

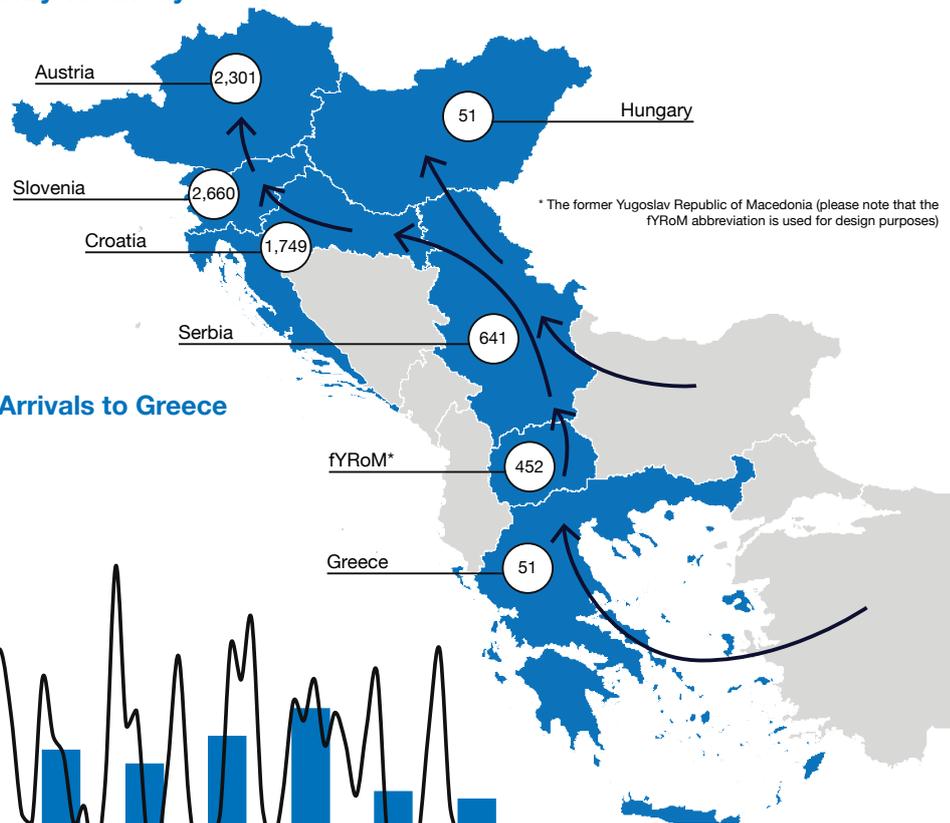
### Current statistics for: #refugeecrisis

- 54 tweets & 84 retweets per hour
- Over 100 impressions per hour
- 19.81% of tweets using #refugeecrisis originated from the UK
- Last 30 days: January 22 saw highest number of retweets (3,600) using #refugeecrisis.

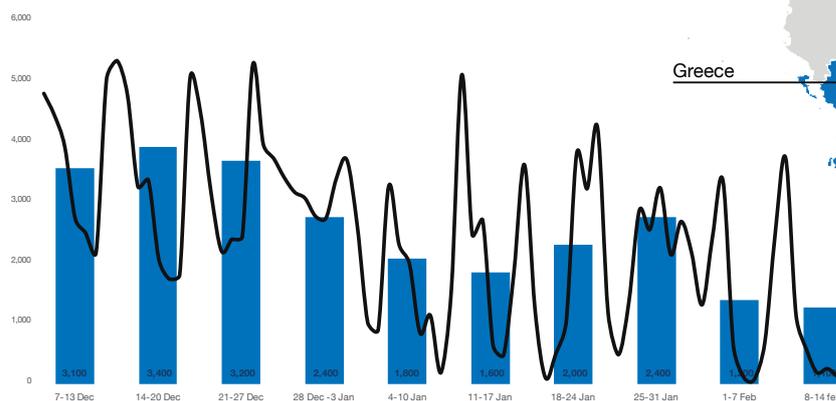


### Estimated Arrivals per Country Yesterday

|          |       |
|----------|-------|
| Greece   | 51    |
| fYRoM*   | 452   |
| Serbia   | 641   |
| Croatia  | 1,749 |
| Hungary  | 51    |
| Slovenia | 2,660 |
| Austria  | 2,301 |



### Daily and Weekly Average Arrivals to Greece 7 December to 14 February



### Average Daily Arrivals and Trends Greece

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



8-14 February  
**1,147**  
-1% from previous week



1-7 February  
**1,161**  
-51% from previous week



Monthly Average Daily Arrival  
February (as of 14 Feb)  
**1,154**  
-40% from previous month





## Weather Forecast Greece - Slovenia

Key locations crossed by refugees



## Weather Assessment

- Strong southerly winds around the Greek Islands will begin to ease on Monday night and Tuesday morning, so the large waves will decrease slowly. This has previously resulted in increased arrival numbers, which are expected to increase over the next couple of days. Winds are expected to remain light with very settled conditions around the Greek Islands over the next few days. Daily maximum temperatures will increase with some warm sunshine during the day.
- Temperatures are up to 10 degrees higher than the average for this time of year across Serbia, Greece and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, there may be rapid snowmelt over higher ground with increased runoff to rivers. Conditions may be very muddy in places possibly making it difficult to travel on foot. Temperatures will remain around average over Slovenia and Croatia and it will still be very cold at night here.



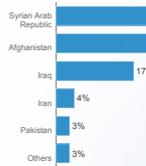
# Annex 1

## Key Figures from the Portal

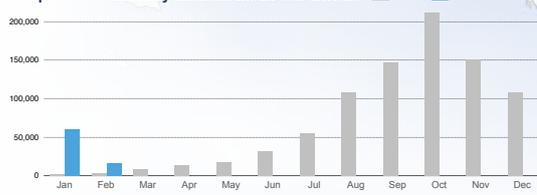
Increasing numbers of refugees and migrants take their chances aboard unseaworthy boats and dinghies in a desperate bid to reach Europe. The vast majority of those attempting this dangerous crossing are in need of international protection, fleeing war, violence and persecution in their country of origin.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



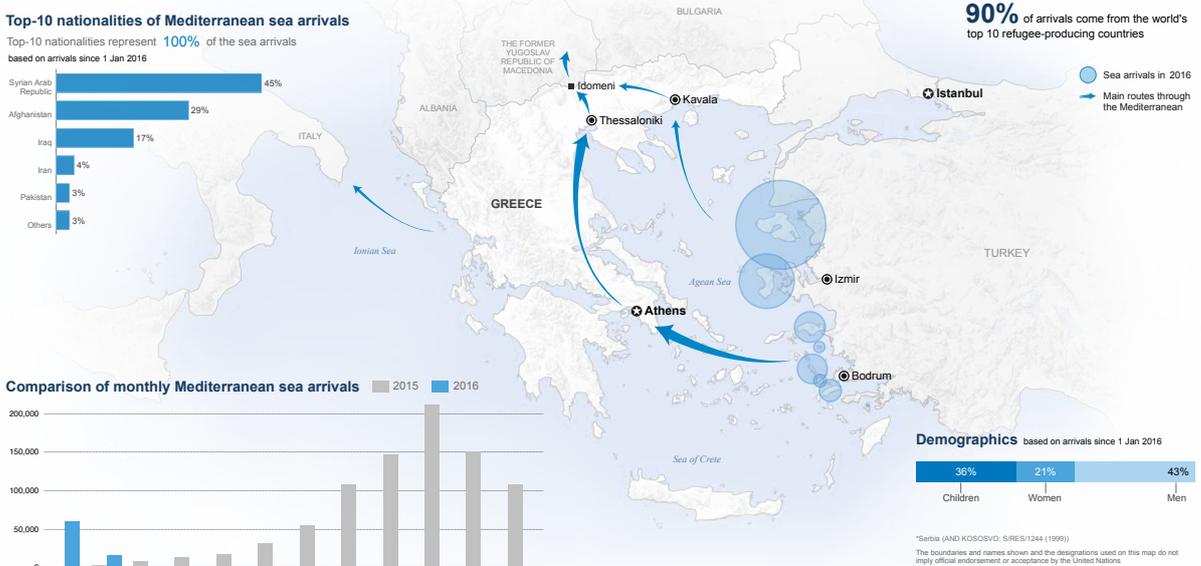
### Comparison of monthly Mediterranean sea arrivals



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**76,607** 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



### Following the humanitarian crisis in Europe: Estimated daily arrivals





## Annex 2

### Refugee/Migrant Onward Movement Map

