



Daily Report

Planning and Preparation: On 15 March, the European Council will formally approve the €700 million proposal for an Emergency Assistance instrument to provide faster support to EU countries facing major humanitarian crises over three years. The mechanism requires further legislative steps including budgetary revisions to be agreed in the coming weeks.

The Greek Alternate Minister for Citizens' Protection confirmed that Turkish officials will be posted to the Greek islands of the eastern Aegean to act as observers and oversee the relocation of refugees and migrants who are not eligible for protection from Greece back to Turkey.

Arrivals and Departures: UNHCR's research on the profile of [Syrian](#) and [Afghan](#) arrivals in Greece in February 2016 found that 80% of Afghans and 96% of Syrians interviewed left their country of origin due to conflict and violence. Two thirds (60%) of Syrians came directly from Syria, while around 70% of Afghans came directly from Afghanistan.



Critical Developments

On 10 March, the Council of the EU reached several conclusions on migrant smuggling and among other aspects invited members states to accelerate the process of registration according to Eurodac registration. Conclusions also included the application of the EU Action Plan against migrant smuggling, enhancing cooperation with Europol, enhancing the return of migrants not entitled to international protection in line with European regulation, and to increase awareness on the risk of irregular migration and smuggling, as well as advance cooperation with countries of origin and transit.

On 10 March, Slovenian Interior Ministry State Secretary announced that 567 refugees located in Italy and Greece will be accepted this and next year, starting April. Another 20 refugees will be resettled to Slovenia. 218 refugees will arrive to Slovenia from Italy and 349 from Greece.

The European Commission stated that least 6,000 people per month should be relocated to Member States under the relocation scheme. Approximately 900 people were relocated so far. In Greece, the media reports that an estimated 2,500 refugees expressed intention to apply for relocation, during the past week.

Exit polls suggest German Chancellor Angela Merkel's party suffered defeats in two of three states holding regional

Condition of People: Between 11-13 March, Greek authorities attempted to move thousands of refugees and migrants from Eidomeni to sheltered camps to reduce infectious diseases spreading. Two people were diagnosed with Hepatitis A, which often spreads in unsanitary environments. Photographs emerged of an infant who may have been born in one of the crowded tents.

Conditions at the site at Eidomeni deteriorated rapidly as 12,000 people scrambled for food and firewood, many of them sleeping out in the open and often under heavy rain.

Greek authorities handed out leaflets in Idomeni informing people that the Eidomeni border crossing was closed. They were urged to move to buildings and centers across Greece that were repurposed to house people. Greek authorities announced that people will be relocated from the Eidomeni border crossing within a week.

The elections were seen as a test of support for Chancellor Merkel's policy of accommodating refugees.

A car bomb exploded in the Turkish capital Ankara on Sunday, killing 32 people and wounding more than 100, the health ministry has said. Security officials stated to Reuters news agency that initial findings suggested this to be attributed to Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) or an affiliated group. Officials reported three attacks in the Turkish capital in less than six months show increasing security threats. Within the refugee and migrant context, these events raise further concerns regarding Turkey being considered a safe country of return and potential backlash on those of Kurdish origin (Syrian and Iraqi refugees).

Weather Headlines

Rain will become lighter in northern Greece and the border area on Tuesday, however with already waterlogged ground, any rainfall will add to any localised flooding.

Strong winds or gales will affect the Aegean on Monday night and Tuesday resulting in moderate or large waves building. Past events have led to reduced numbers of arrivals to the Greek Islands. There will be a marked change to colder temperatures on Monday night and Tuesday morning with frost and fog possible in some spots around Northern Greece, Serbia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.



Average Daily Arrivals and Trends Greece

22-28 February
2,538
-8% from previous week



7-13 March
1,420
-8% from previous week



29 February - 6 March
1,551
-39% from previous week



Monthly Average Daily Arrival
March (as of 13 March)
1,440
-24% from previous month





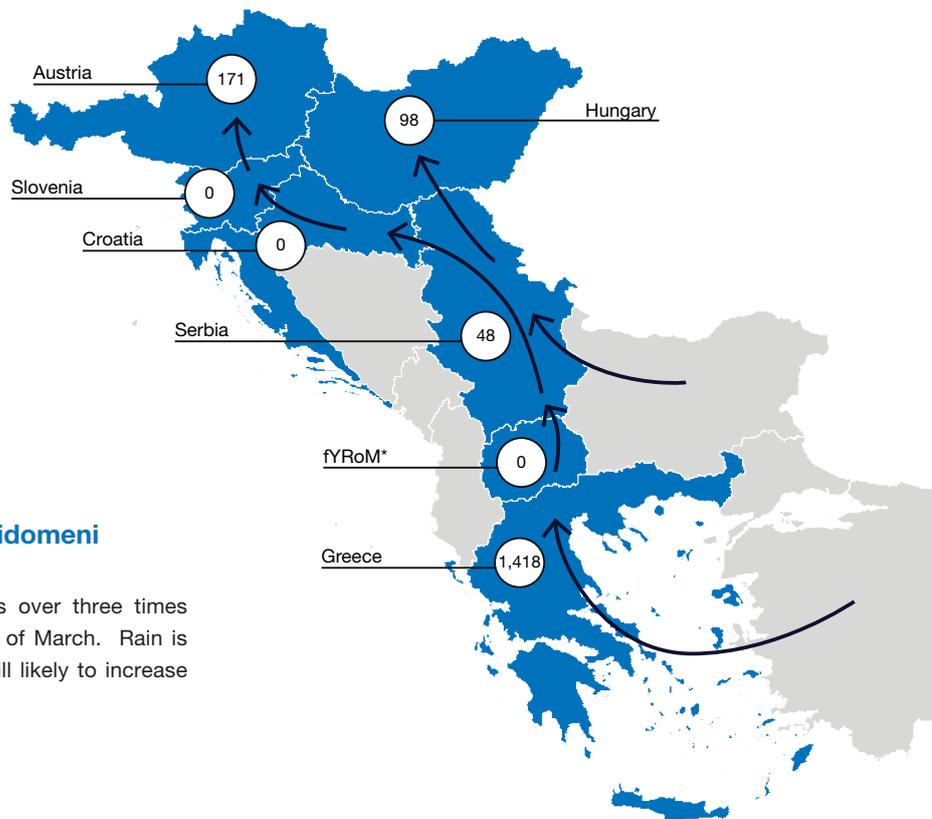
Past and Upcoming Meetings/Events



Estimated Arrivals per Country Yesterday

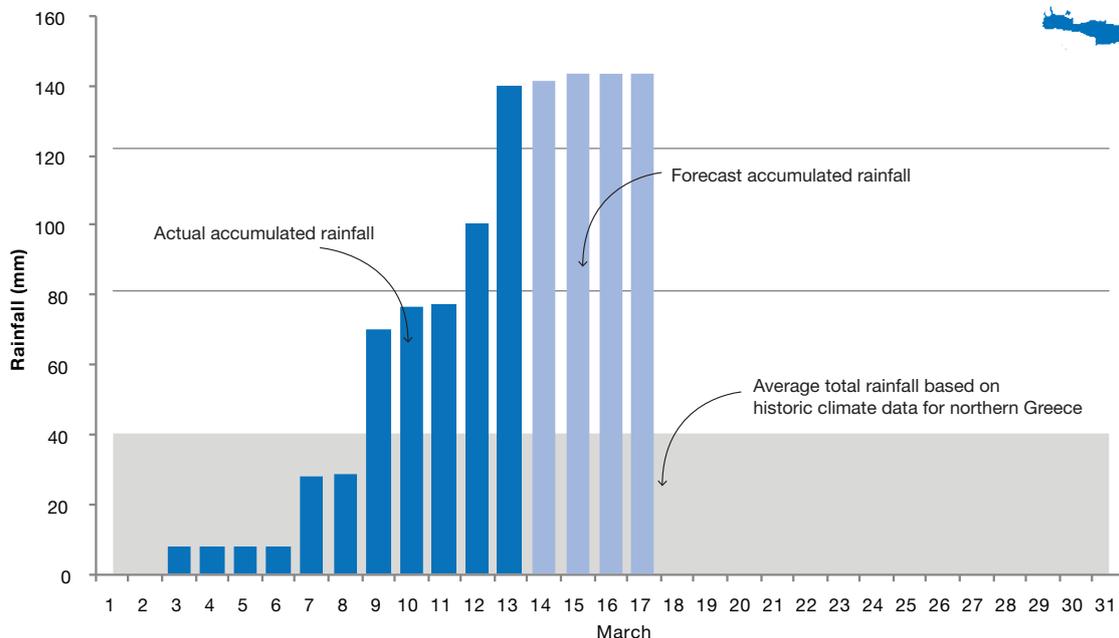
* The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (please note that the FYRoM abbreviation is used for design purposes)

Greece	1,418
FYRoM*	0
Serbia	48
Croatia	0
Hungary	98
Slovenia	0
Austria	171



Cumulative March Rainfall Near Eidomeni

Rainfall by the 14th day of the months is over three times the average expected for the whole month of March. Rain is forecast to be lighter however totals are still likely to increase for the rest of the week.





Social Media

In partnership with Home Box Office Inc. (HBO), the International Rescue Committee (IRC) recruited the help of the cast of Game of Thrones to spread awareness of the plight of refugees, in particular Syrians. With a clear message of “You can help” and “Rescue has no boundaries”, the IRC posted the [video campaign on their YouTube channel](#), urging people to donate and contribute to the conversation using #RealmToTheRescue.

Twitter Activity:

Due to a blast which killed at least five people in the Turkish capital of Ankara yesterday, #Ankara has garnered over 900,000 tweets on Twitter.

Snapchat:

The Daily Mail on Snapchat covered the story of conditions in the Idomeni camp, Greece. The story focuses mainly on the fact

that there is so little sanitation that a mother of a new-born baby was “forced to wash her baby in a puddle”. More importantly, it was reported that up to 70 children in the camp have been hospitalised due to illnesses including fever, respiratory, and stomach issues. Health experts are concerned about breakouts of infectious diseases.

Periscope:

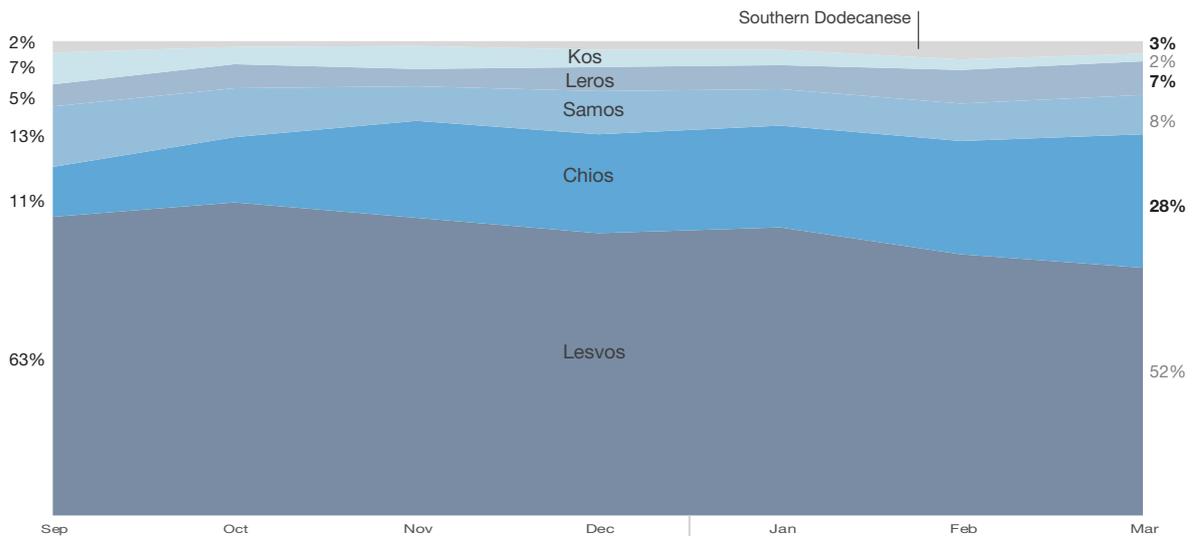
In addition to volunteering, Amrit Singh (@MrASingh), founder of Now Humanity and Rebel Creatives, spent the weekend in the Calais ‘Jungle’ refugee camp, livestreaming the demolition of homes and camps made by refugees.

Current statistics for: #ankara

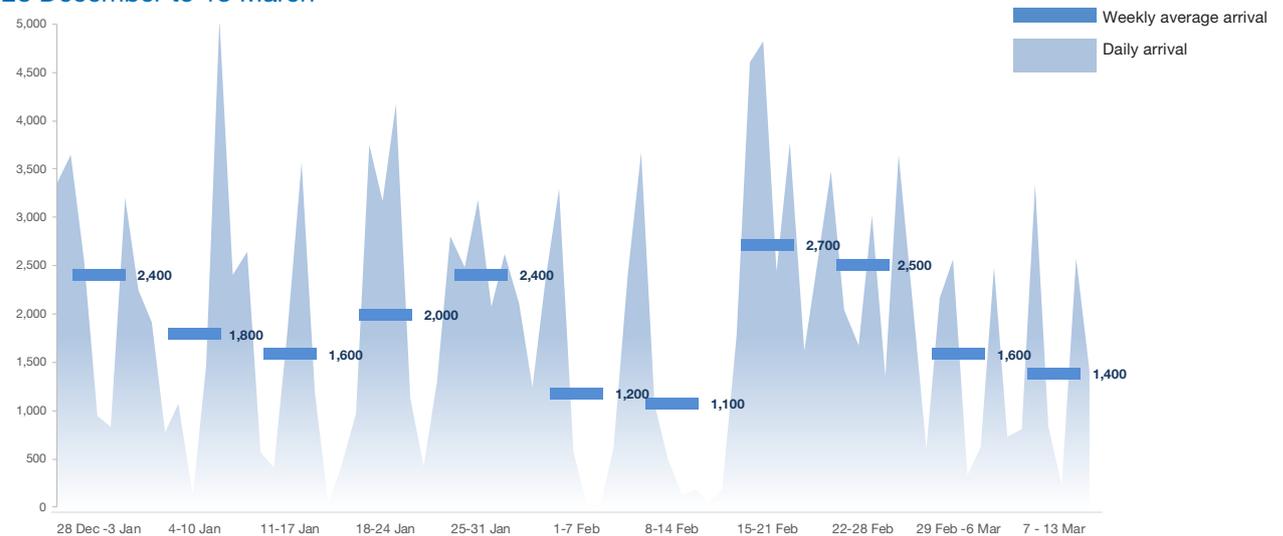
- 10,825 tweets, 29,542 retweets per hour
- Over 83.37 million impressions per hour



Distribution of monthly arrivals to each Greek island September to 13 March



Daily and Weekly Average Arrivals to Greece 28 December to 13 March





Weather Forecast Greece - Slovenia

Key locations crossed by refugees



Weather Assessment

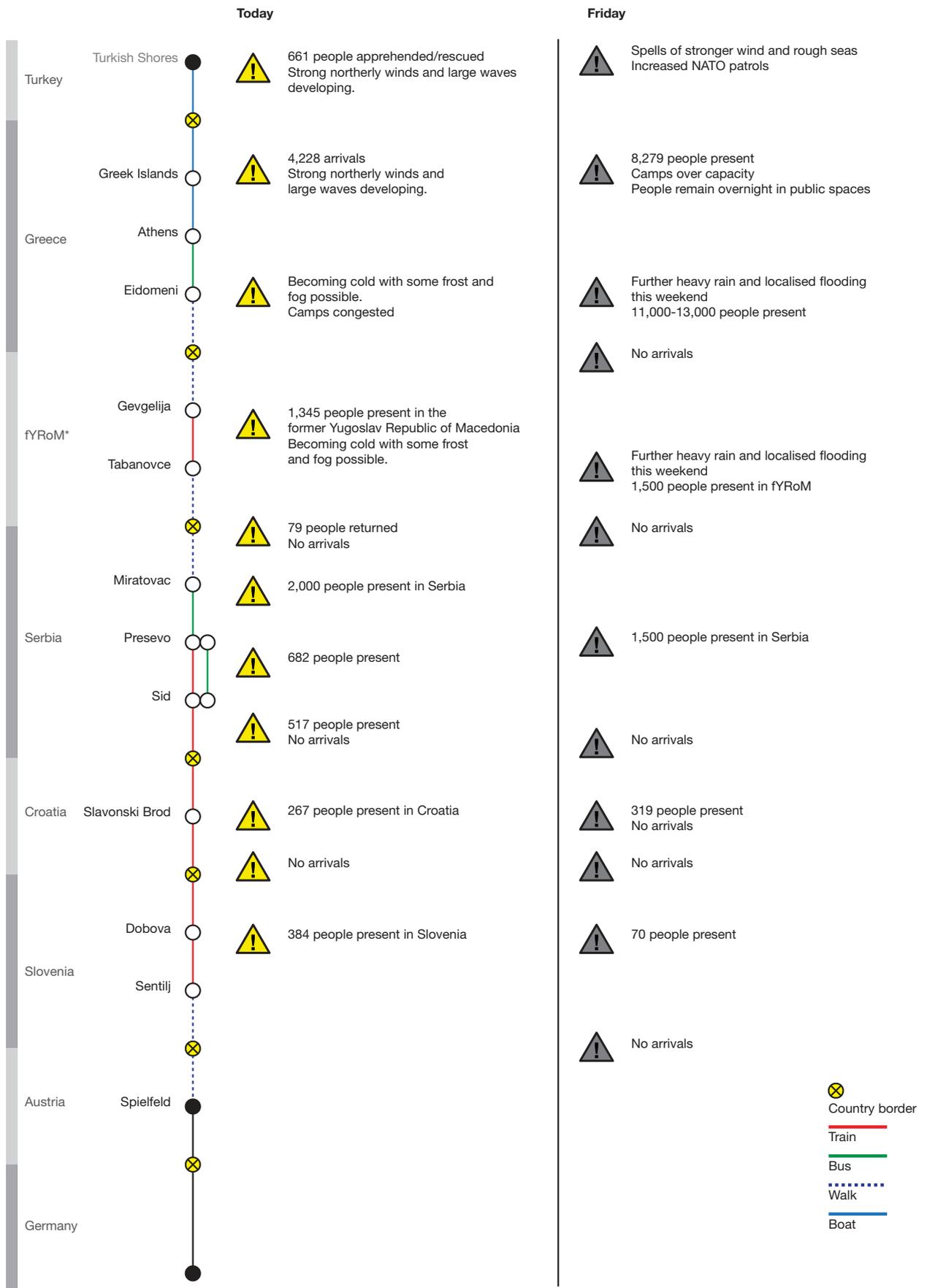
- The main area of rain that has affected Greece, Serbia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia will move east on Monday night and Tuesday and it will become dry near the border between Greece and the Former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia. Around 70mm of rain fell in this area over the weekend causing localised flooding and standing water. Lighter rain will continue to affect Athens and Thessaloniki on Tuesday.
- Strong to gale force winds across the Aegean for much of the first part of the week will result in large waves building near

the Greek Islands; the winds will ease slightly on Tuesday but are likely still to affect arrival numbers as shown by previous analysis. Winds will ease on Thursday and Friday allowing wave heights to reduce.

- Colder air moves across SE Europe tonight with some frost and fog forming. The change in temperatures will be very noticeable after the wet and cloudy conditions. Those sleeping outside may feel very chilled with the possibility of suffering cold-related illness.



Situation Overview



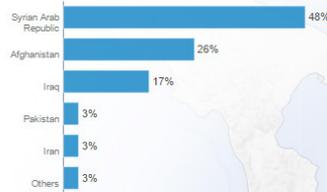


Annex 1 Key Figures from the Portal

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



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138,977 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

