



Daily Report

Arrivals and Departures:

Turkish Minister of EU Affairs, Volkan Bozkir, [stated](#) last week that under any new agreement with the EU, authorities will readmit refugees and migrants from Greece who will arrive following the agreement entering into force. This would not apply to people who have already reached the Greek islands. Bozkir added that he estimates the number of people to be readmitted will reach thousands or tens of thousands. In accordance with a bilateral agreement dating back to 2002 between Greece and Turkey, 381 people were [returned](#) to Turkey from Greece this month for illegally entry. Furthermore, Turkish officials will be [posted](#) to the Greek islands to oversee the readmission of people who are found not to be eligible for international protection.

As Western Balkan countries affected by the refugee and migrant crisis announced further border enforcement measures, neighbouring [Bosnia and Herzegovina](#), [Bulgaria](#), [Albania](#) and Italy held talks towards taking similar action. After a visit to Albania, Italy's Secretary of State for European Affairs, [said](#) Italy was working with Albania to further secure borders.

Meanwhile, earlier this week, [45 Syrians were arrested in Egypt](#) in an attempt to enter the country from Sudan.

Condition of People:

Prior to an agreement to be reached in Brussels today, the conditions of refugees and migrants awaiting a solution remains alarming. Tens of thousands of people remain in Greece and Western Balkan countries after several irregular transits were halted. Greek authorities mention no one had entered the former

Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia since last week. Pending resolve, at least 12,000 people are stranded in wet, squalid conditions at Eidomeni site on the Greek side of the border as well as in other locations throughout Greece.

People have increasingly shown interest in applying for asylum, family reunification and relocation opportunities. 1,760 relocation applications were registered by the Greek Asylum Service between 21 October 2015 and 15 March 2016, and interest in relocation continues to rise. According to the Greek Asylum Service, asylum applications have also increased by 33.6 % in the first two months of 2016 (2,641 applications in January-February 2016 compared to a monthly average of 1,100 applications in 2015).

The European Commission (EC) [requested](#) member states to increase their relocation pledges and shorten the time needed to process applications, whilst also calling on Italy and Greece to enhance their efforts to ensure speedy and efficient functioning of the scheme. With regards to resettlement, the EC recommended further enhanced efforts to ensure the orderly and safe admission of people in need of international protection to Europe.

A total of 119,900 people formally applied for asylum in Germany within the first two months of the year. In Serbia, 430 people expressed their intention to apply for asylum so far this month and in Slovenia, while 348 people applied for asylum and 276 people benefit from international protection.



Critical Developments

Ahead of the EU summit held yesterday and today, in the context of fearing a further influx to its sea borders (either from Greece, Albania or [Libya](#)), Italy's Prime Minister, Matteo Renzi said that what is agreed with Turkey will have to apply also to other countries that are dealing with a flow of migrants.

Yesterday's discussions in Brussels concluded with an agreement to be presented to Turkish officials later today. While no details were made public including an implementation date, the agreement reportedly speaks about 72,000 places for relocation.

Weather Headlines

Rain and thunderstorms will affect southern Greece on Friday night and move east across the Aegean islands on Saturday.

Winds will increase around Leros, Kos and Rhodes with moderate waves developing on Saturday; winds will remain light further north in the Aegean, around Lesvos and Chios.

There will be morning fog in southern Serbia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and northern parts of Greece.



Average Daily Arrivals and Trends Greece

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



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



14 - 17 March
236
-83% from previous week

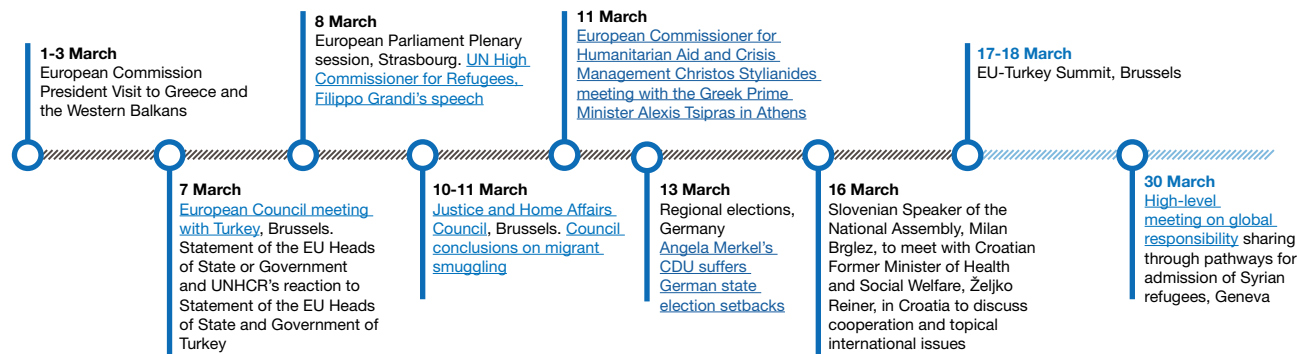


Monthly Average Daily Arrival
March (as of 17 March)
1,157
-39% from previous month





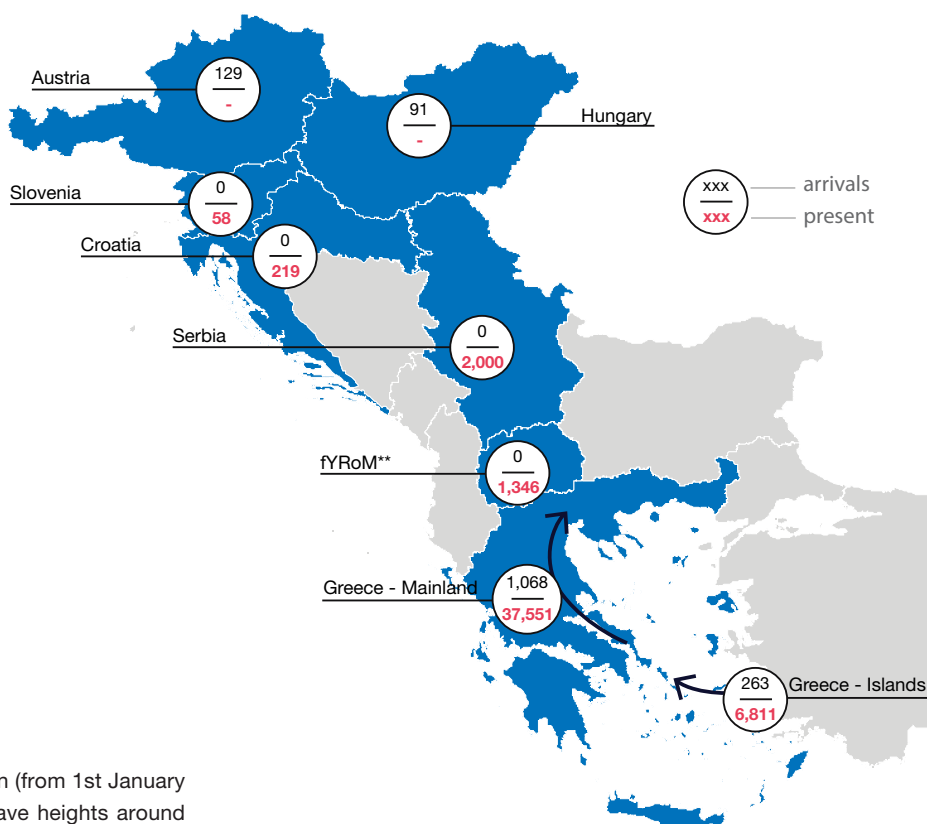
Past and Upcoming Meetings/Events



Estimated Arrivals and People Present* per Country Yesterday

* estimated people present currently not applying for asylum
** The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (please note that the fYRoM abbreviation is used for design purposes)

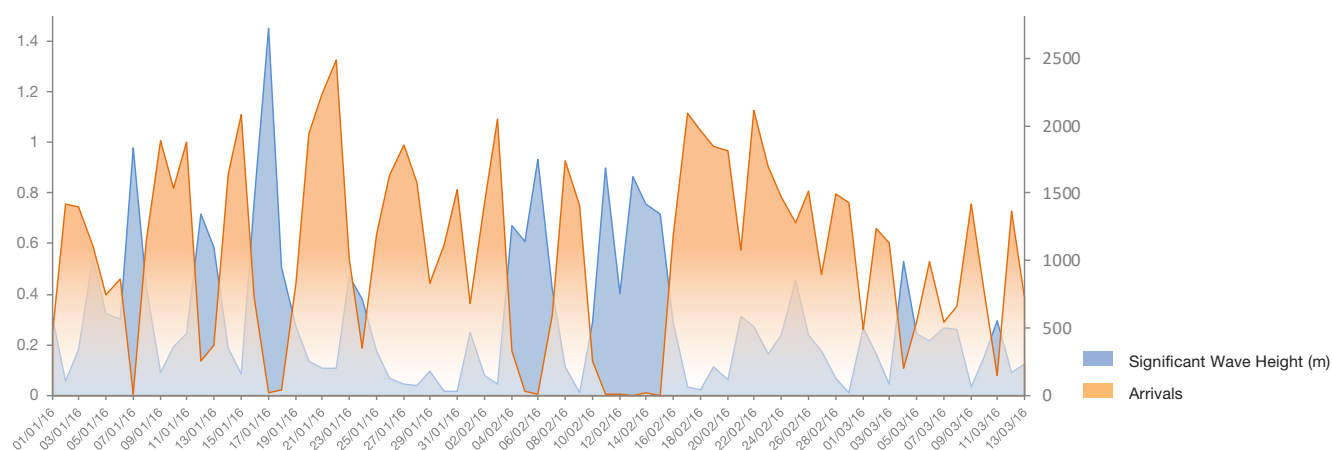
	Arrivals	Present*
Greece - Islands	263	6,811
Greece - Mainland	1,068	37,551
fYRoM**	0	1,346
Serbia	0	2,000
Croatia	0	219
Hungary	91	-
Slovenia	0	58
Austria	129	-



Wave Height vs Arrivals to Lesbos

The graph highlights the historical correlation (from 1st January 2016 until present) between the average wave heights around Lesbos and number of registered arrivals to the island. The data shows a clear negative correlation: as the sea states become rougher, with increasing wave heights, the number of people travelling to Lesbos decreases. As sea states and wave heights reduce, the number of people travelling to Lesbos increases.

Applying this same negative correlation to forecast wave data allows us to make a forecast prediction on the number of people moving from Turkey to the Greek islands, giving a trend on whether these numbers will increase or decrease.





Social Media

You can watch coverage of Amrit Singh's time spent on the Greek island of Lesbos, where he provided [live broadcasts](#) concerning the refugee crisis, alongside volunteering and fundraising

Twitter Activity

The [British Embassy](#) tweeted: "the relationship between #NATO and the EU is one of the crucial factors to creat[ing] effective deterrence #NATO #dkforsvar #dkpol"

[Frontex](#) posted about a question and answer (Q&A) they have produced concerning whether or not they have "noted any recent changes in migratory flows".

Current statistics for: #Syria5years

- 21 tweets, 133 retweets per hour
- Over 514,000 impressions per hour

Current statistics for: #refugees

- 158 tweets, 330 retweets per hour
- Over 1.84 million impressions per hour

14-17 March Summary of activity for #refugees

Average no. of tweets per day: 2,300

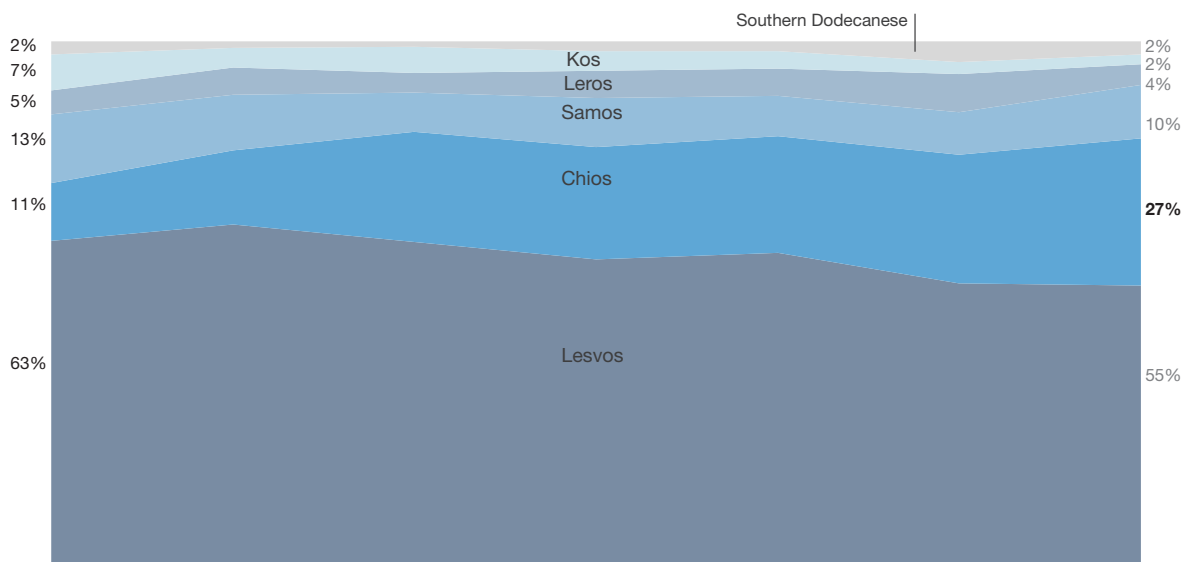
Average no. of retweets per day: 6,425

Average no. of impressions per day: 1,687

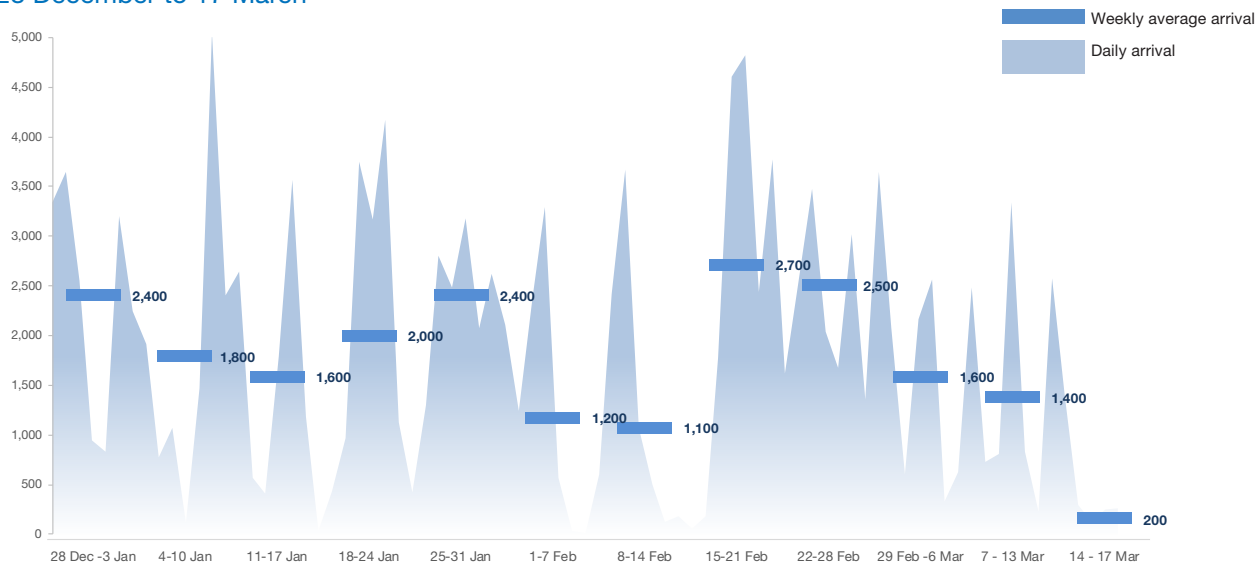
Top 3 Twitter accounts using #refugees: [@wef](#), [@refugees](#), and [@XHNews](#)



Distribution of monthly arrivals to each Greek island September to 16 March



Daily and Weekly Average Arrivals to Greece 28 December to 17 March





Weather Forecast Greece - Slovenia

Key locations crossed by refugees



Weather Assessment

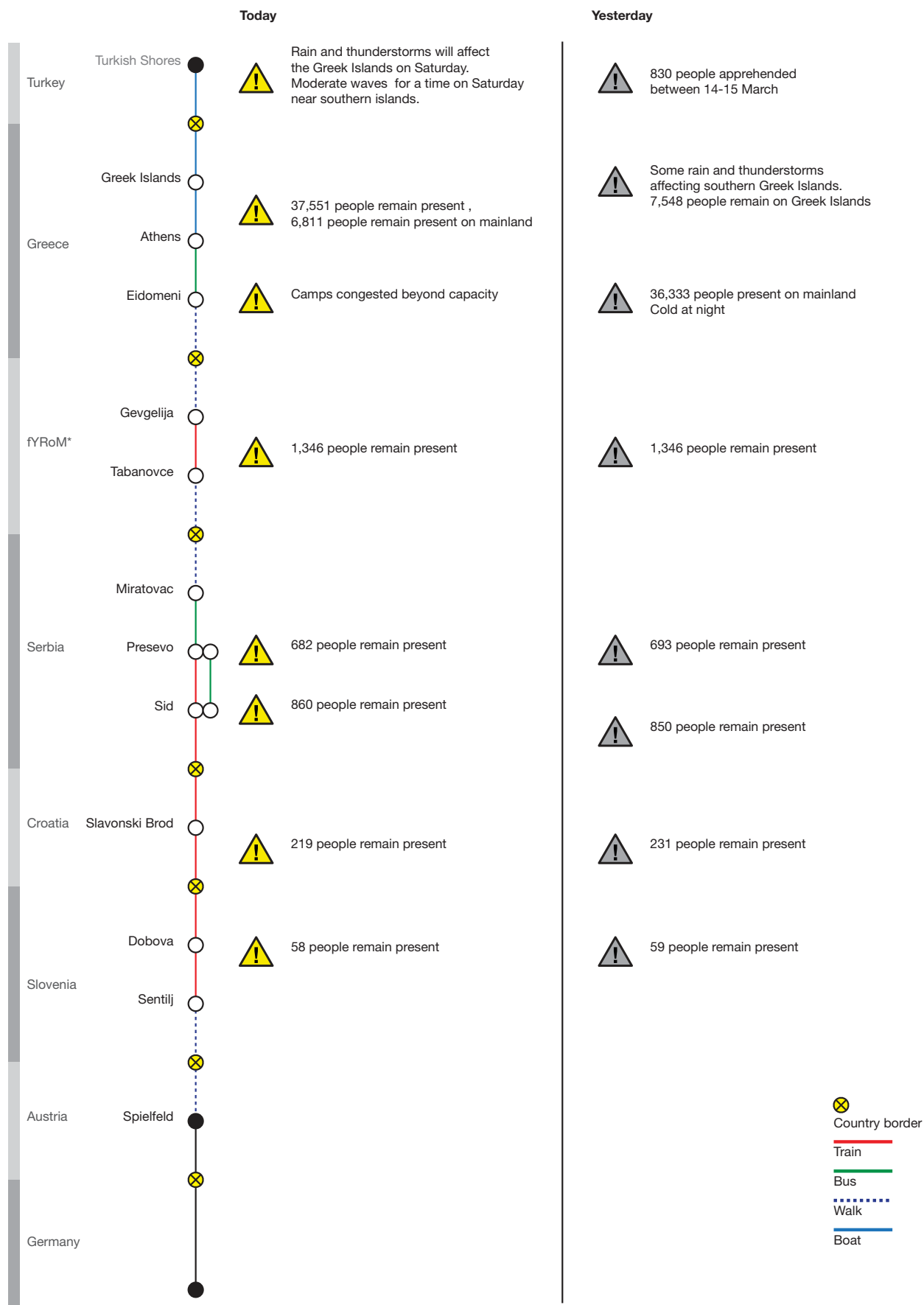
- A weak low pressure system moves east across the southern Aegean islands on Saturday; this will bring an area of rain and thunderstorms to the Islands, showers may cause some localised flooding, bringing muddy conditions underfoot to parts of the islands.
- Seas will remain slight or calm around Lesvos but a temporary increase in the winds near Kos and Rhodes will allow waves to build for a time on Saturday which will make

travel by small boats dangerous. This may result in the majority of arrivals to the Greek Islands coming to Lesvos as we have seen in the past.

- Temperatures will increase to around average for March in northern Greece and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, clear skies overnight will allow fog to form in the mornings, the fog will soon burn off in the sunshine.



Situation Overview



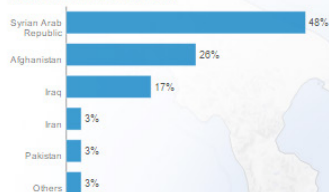


Annex 1 Key Figures from the Portal

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



Comparison of monthly Mediterranean sea arrivals



143,886 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

