

Weekly Report



Key Figures

Mediterranean

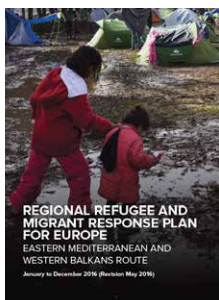
223,567

arrivals by sea in 2016*

2,886

dead/missing in 2016*

Key Documents from the Portal



Trends of sea arrivals

Between 20 and 26 June, 358 refugees and migrants crossed the sea to Greece – a slight decrease from the 405 that crossed during the previous week – contributing to a total of 158,159 people arriving in Greece by sea in 2016. Thus far in June, the primary arrival sites have been Lesbos, Samos and Chios.

During the same period in Italy, 7,829 people arrived by sea – more than double the 3,549 that arrived the previous week. However, this does not represent an increase in arrivals so far in June compared to the trend from the previous year. As of 26 June, 64,056 refugees and migrants have arrived in Italy by sea in 2016.

By 26 June, 223,567 refugees and migrants had crossed the Mediterranean to Europe in 2016 including 17,541 in June in comparison with 54,588 in June 2015.

Key developments

Situation on the Greek mainland

The pre-registration exercise continued smoothly throughout the week with a total of 10,620 persons pre-registered and 12,140 persons provided with a wrist-band in preparation for their impending pre-registration since the joint Greek Asylum Service/ UNHCR/EASO exercise started on 8 June. Overall, 292 unaccompanied children and 150 separated children have been identified since the beginning of the exercise and rapid Best Interest Assessments

were conducted. A heatwave across Greece with temperatures exceeding 40 degrees Celsius at times exacerbated difficult conditions with people complaining of unbearable conditions in tents. Tensions including fights occurred at several sites requiring police intervention.

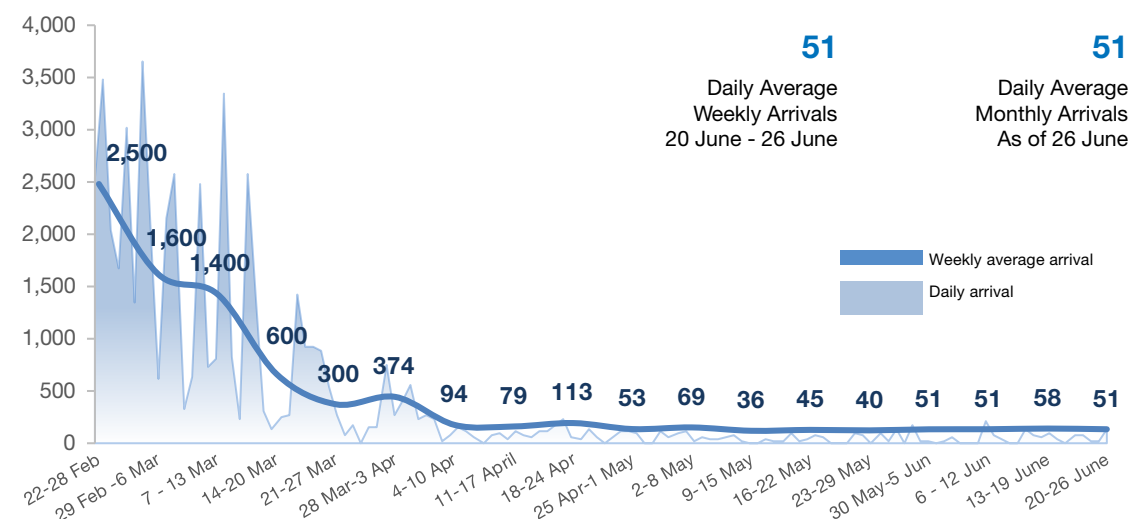
Situation at the Serbia-Hungary border

Over 300 asylum-seekers (of which 40% were children) continued to wait on Serbian territory each day for admission to Hungary via the two 'transit zones' at Horgos/Röszke and Kelebija/Tompa. Hungarian authorities continued to admit around 15 asylum-seekers each day per 'transit zone'. Conditions at both sites remain difficult with people staying in makeshift tents during the heatwave. In addition, Hungarian authorities reported that 637 people were apprehended inside the country for irregular entry while 2,091 persons were prevented from entering the country.

World Refugee Day

UNHCR offices across the region celebrated World Refugee Day on 20 June with a variety of events and awareness-raising activities during the week. These included celebrations with refugees at receptions centres across the region, public outreach activities such as an olive wreath relay race in Athens featuring Greek and refugee children along with Olympic athletes, photo exhibitions at Keleti Station in Budapest and in Belgrade, the presentation of awards to journalists in Skopje for their reporting on refugees, and prominent buildings including Ljubljana Castle,

Daily and Weekly Average Arrivals to Greece 22 February to 26 June 2016



* data.unhcr.org/mediterranean as of 29 June 2016

Key Figures

Greece

358

Total Weekly
Arrivals to
Greek Islands
20 June - 26 June

51

Daily Average
Arrivals to
Greek Islands
20 June - 26 June

Italy

7,829

Total Weekly
Arrivals to Italy
20 June - 26 June

1,118

Daily Average
Arrivals to
Italy
20 June - 26 June

the Central Station in Zagreb, and the Palazzo Vecchio tower in Florence lit up in blue. Also in recognition of World Refugee Day, [a coalition of European mayors](#) called on Europe's governments to set a positive example and approach the reception and integration of refugees based on the guiding principles of solidarity, humanity and dignity upon which the European Union is founded.

Update on relocation and returns

Up to 22 June, 21 EU Member States and Switzerland had pledged places for 6,183 (9%) of the 66,400 persons to be relocated from Greece until September 2017 and the applications of 3,672 (5.5%) persons have so far been accepted. From Italy, 789 people (primarily Eritreans) have so far been relocated to other European states. No returns from Greece to Turkey took place during the week.

EU Developments

On 20 June, at the Foreign Affairs Council, EU Foreign Affairs Ministers [notably](#) adopted [Conclusions on EUNAVFOR MED Operation Sophia](#), the EU naval operation aiming to tackle smuggling and trafficking

in the Central Mediterranean. Following up on their 23 May [Conclusions](#), the Ministers formally extended the Operation's mandate until 27 July 2017 and added two supporting tasks: training the Libyan Coast Guard and Libyan Navy and contributing to the implementation of the UN arms embargo on the high seas off the coast of Libya.

Following inter-institutional negotiations, the European Parliament, Council and European Commission (EC) reached an informal [compromise](#) on the EC's [proposal](#) for a European Border and Coast Guard (EBCG) on 21 June. The EBCG would consist of a strengthened and empowered Frontex Agency, together with the Member States' national border management authorities and could be deployed to those EU Member States whose external borders face particular pressure. Similarly, on 23 June, another informal [compromise](#) was reached on the EC's [proposal](#) for a European travel document to speed up returns of illegally staying third-country nationals. The informal compromises will now be put to confirmation votes in the European Parliament and will then be submitted to the Council for adoption.

Arrivals and People Present* per Country 27 June 2016



01	Greek Islands Arrivals: 55 Present*: 8,675
	Greece Mainland Arrivals: 23 Present*: 48,466
02	fYRoM** Arrivals: 0 Present*: 249
03	Serbia Arrivals: 300 Present*: 2,000
04	Croatia Arrivals: 0 Present*: 63
05	Hungary Arrivals: 238 Present*: -
06	Slovenia Arrivals: 0 Present*: 296
07	Austria Arrivals: 201 Present*: -

* Number of people present in Greece and estimated number of people currently present in countries along the previous route not applying for asylum
** The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (please note that the fYRoM abbreviation is used for design purposes)

Timeline Overview

Highlights

