Arrivals and departures

In Greece, an estimated 126 people arrived over the weekend (21-22 May) in the northern Aegean (35 on Lesbos, 76 on Chios, and 15 on Samos).

Condition of People

A study carried out by Save the Children emphasized that child refugees stranded in Greece have been out of school for an average of 1.5 years. The study conducted ahead of the inaugural World Humanitarian Summit found that Syrian child refugees have been out of school for an average of 25.8 months, while Afghan child refugees spent an average of 10.7 months out of the classroom. Yesterday, 23 May, Save the Children, along with UNICEF and others, unveiled a new fund for schooling in emergencies called Education Cannot Wait to help provide schooling for displaced children. Save the Children said it has been providing non-formal lessons – including English and Greek classes – through child-friendly spaces established in several sites in Greece in partnership with UNHCR, and is currently scaling up its education activities in Greece to provide child refugees with access to basic education through temporary classrooms.

Key Developments

On 23 May, the Foreign Affairs Council discussed external aspects of migration, in particular, ways to further strengthen cooperation with countries of origin and countries of transit through a common EU approach. In its conclusions on the external aspects of migration, the Council reaffirmed its commitment to a comprehensive and geographically balanced approach, based on bilateral and multilateral cooperation, as well as building on all existing instruments. Ministers notably stressed the need to address the root causes of migration, combat smuggling and trafficking, and ensure cooperation on return and readmission. Focusing on the Eastern Mediterranean, the Council underlined the importance of further implementing the EU-Turkey Statement of 18 March. Regarding the Central Mediterranean route, the Council highlighted the need to use the broad range of tools available to manage flows, in cooperation with third countries of origin and transit, and in close collaboration with UNHCR and IOM.

The Council also discussed and adopted conclusions on EUNAVFOR Med Operation Sophia, the EU naval operation to support the fight against smuggling and trafficking in the southern central Mediterranean. Ministers agreed to extend the Operation’s mandate by one year and add two supporting tasks: ensuring capacity building of and information sharing with the Libyan Coastguard, and contributing to the implementation of the UN arms embargo off the coast of Libya. The Operation’s mandate will be formally amended once the necessary preparatory work is conducted.

Finally, the Council discussed and adopted conclusions on the EU regional strategy for Syria and Iraq, outlining priorities in working to achieve lasting peace, stability, security in Syria, Iraq and the wider region.

Average Daily Arrivals and Arrival Trends

Greece

Average Daily Arrivals
- 23 May (New Week)
-87% from previous week

Average Daily Arrivals
- As of 23 May
-60% from previous month

Key Figures

6
Arrivals to Greek Islands
Yesterday

27
Departures to Greece Mainland
Yesterday

0
Departures to Turkey
on 23 May 2016
### Estimated Arrivals and People Present* per Country
**Yesterday**

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* 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)

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### Response

In March 2016, in order to respond to the basic needs of the approximately 46,000 refugees and migrants residing in the 37 temporary accommodation sites established by Greek authorities, UNHCR launched a large-scale non-food and core relief items distribution on the Greek mainland. Distribution continued during the month of April and will be completed by the end of May 2016. The exercise has been conducted in partnership with non-governmental organizations Oxfam and Samaritan’s Purse. The package distributed includes blankets, buckets, hygiene items, solar lamps, and other useful items for daily use. As of 16 May, a total of 160,448 such packages have been distributed to refugees and migrants located at sites in mainland Greece. The distribution is financed thanks to the generous contribution of the European Commission’s Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection Department (ECHO).
#idomeni over the last week (17 - 23 May)
(figures less than 100 are not counted):

3,500 Total number of tweets
25,300 Total number of retweets
111,500 Total number of impressions (17 & 21 May not counted)

Meetings
26-27 May
G7 Summit, Ise-Shima, Japan
26 May
Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs
extraordinary summit, Brussels
30 May
Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs,
Brussels

Social Media

Twitter Activity: As the operation to evacuate residents at the informal site of Idomeni, Greece, #idomeni trended on Twitter in the early hours of the morning. Although it was reported that journalists were not granted access inside the camp during the process, several videos have emerged online via different sources. Firstly, the YouTube channel of the international video news agency arm of Russia Today, Ruptly, managed to keep a live feed of the event as it unfolded.

Facebook Activity: A more direct account of the eviction process came from refugees themselves inside Idomeni camp; refugees.tv, consisting of a group of refugees who conduct interviews of fellow refugees at the camp, uploaded a video on their Facebook page. In the video, one refugee can be heard informing about the fact that all volunteers and journalists were instructed to leave by Greek police and army officials.

Moving Europe on Facebook posted an update of the camp evacuation: according to Moving Europe, there was still a heavy police presence in the camp, and due to the low amount of food available, many of those being transferred have not had the opportunity to eat proper meals. Also, because photography has also been restricted, the Facebook group has been relying on pictures sent to them from residents in and around the camp. You can keep up to date on the evacuation process here.

Current Statistics for #idomeni

- 225 tweets, 979 retweets per hour
- Over 3.3 million impressions per hour
- Posts surfaced in different languages including, English (31.34%), German (20%), and Spanish (17.93%). In terms of geographic distribution, almost 66% of posts using #idomeni originated from Greece.

As media and social media coverage of the dismantling of the Eidomeni camp gathered pace, the use of #idomeni began to grow; this is comparison to reasonably low activity surrounding the hashtag in the past few weeks.

Related hashtags: #refugees, #refugeecrisis, and #refugeesgr

Key Figures from the Portal

Site profiles - Greece

This document provides detailed information on sites in Greece to allow for better planning and to address gaps where highlighted. The data will be updated on a weekly basis. All sites are managed by the Greek authorities. Data has been collected from different sources, i.e. UNHCR, site managers, Police etc., and indicators are measured and based on the Sphere standards as outlined below. Data was collected using key informants at the site and direct observation. Population figures are based on estimations at site level.

**FOOD**
- Frequency of meals: 3 meals per day
- % Population covered by food distribution: 100%

**HEALTH**
- Distance to nearest health facility: Available or less than 5km away

**WASH**
- 1 toilet per 20 individuals
- 1 shower per 50 individuals
- 1 water tap per 250 individuals
- 1 hygiene promoter per 1000 individuals

156,150 arrivals by sea in 2016
365,172 arrivals on land in 2015
95% of new arrivals had to wait up to 21 days for international protection

Demographics: (17.93% English, 31.34% Arabic, 20% German, 17.93% Spanish)

113,000 people on site as of 04/05/2016 08:00 a.m. EET

Online map with additional information: http://data.unhcr.org/mediterranean
18 - 19 March
EU-Turkey agreement reached

20 March
EU-Turkey agreement implemented

3 April
New law implemented highlighting the creation of the Reception and Identification Service, restructuring of the Asylum Service, the creation of an Appeals' Authority, the creation of new Regional Asylum Offices

6 April
European Commission published communication on reforms to Common European Asylum System (CEAS)

7 April
Turkish government made an amendment to the Temporary Protection Regulation on access to Temporary Protection regarding Syrian nationals, who irregularly travel to Europe and are returned to Turkey from Greek islands.

15 April
“No visa-free travel, no agreement” says Turkey’s EU minister

19 April
Facility for Refugees in Turkey: Commission delivers an additional €110 million under the implementation of EU-Turkey agreement, Brussels

21 April
EU interior ministers formally agreed on a proposal for a new border and Coast Guard force that could intervene in under-pressure countries like Greece to slow the influx of migrants.

23 April
Merkel and EU officials visit Turkey camp

27 April
Turkey amends labour legislation to grant those holding subsidiary protection work permits

4 May
European Commission ‘backs’ Turkey visa liberalisation

4 May
European Commission proposes a coordinated EU approach for temporary internal border controls regarding prolonging proportionate controls at certain internal Schengen borders, namely in Germany, Austria, Sweden, Denmark and Norway for a maximum period of six months.

6 May
Bulgaria to readmit irregular arrivals to Turkey from June 1

9 May
13 returned allegedly did not have opportunity to apply for asylum in Greece

18 May
Relocation and Resettlement: EU Member States must act to sustain current management of flows

19 May
Commission reports on state of fundamental rights in the EU