

Weekly Report



Key Figures

51
 Weekly Average Arrivals to Greek Islands
 30 May - 5 June

49
 Weekly Average Departures to Greece Mainland
 30 May - 5 June

0
 Departures to Turkey
 30 May - 5 June

Trends on sea arrivals

Between 3 and 5 June, arrivals to the Greek islands remained very low (12 daily arrivals on average) compared to the previous week (70 average daily arrivals between 27 May and 2 June). There were no arrivals on 5 June. In Italy, after two days without any arrivals by sea, 677 people arrived over the weekend.

According to [media reports](#), the Libyan Red Crescent society recovered 133 bodies on a beach near the city of Zwara. The Spokesman of the Red Crescent society stated that three-quarters of these women and there were at least five children. He further explained that while no documents were found with the bodies, they were mainly sub-Saharan Africans.

On 3 June, a boat carrying some 630 refugee and migrants capsized 75 nautical miles off Kaloi Limenes in Crete. Some 318 people were rescued. Of these, 221 people who were brought to Sicily and 97 people to Egypt. Survivors, who come primarily from Egypt, Sudan and Eritrea, told UNHCR that they had departed from Alexandria, Egypt and that the ship issued a distress call after its engine failed. Three merchant ships arrived in the area and one of them, a Norwegian tanker, started towing it. Survivors reported that during their boat collided with the ship, causing it to capsize. It is estimated that some 310 are still missing.

Between 1 January and 3 June, 2,814 people have died or went missing while trying to reach Europe by sea, compared to 1,855 in the first five months of 2015 - an increase of 52%. Fewer than 60 died in the same period in 2014.

Key developments

Reception capacity on the mainland and the evacuation of the Eidomeni informal site

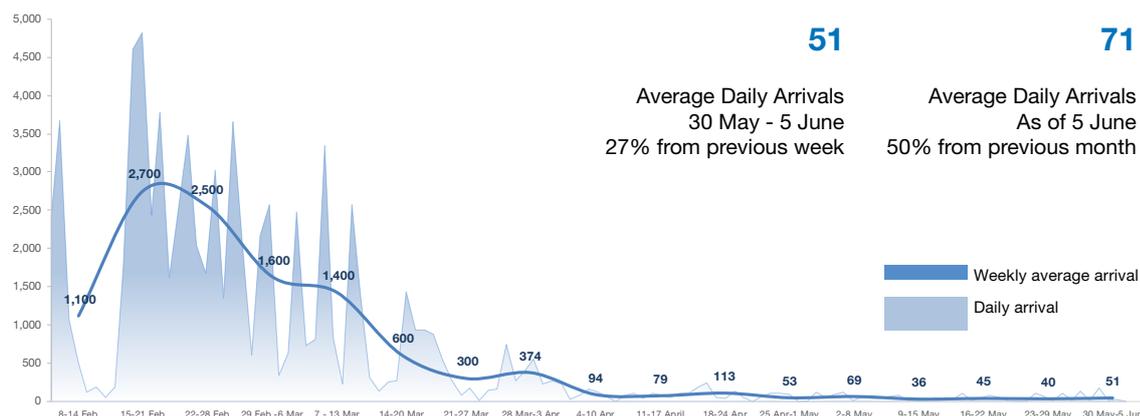
In a letter addressed to the European Commission (EC), the Italian Ministry of Interior (Moi) announced the creation of two additional hotspots in Mineo and Messina, bringing the overall capacity to 2,800 places. Mobile structures will be also created in Cagliari, Reggio Calabria and four other sites. In addition, the Moi called on the EU to enhance its efforts on relocation and repatriation.

On 31 May, the EC indicated it could consider opening infringement procedures against EU Member States, should the pace of relocation within the EU not pick up. The EC spokesperson, Mina Andreeva, [highlighted](#) that only 1% of the 160,000 people who were initially meant to be transferred from Italy and Greece, have been relocated so far.

UNHCR alarmed at refugee death on Hungary-Serbia border

The UN Refugee Agency [is alarmed](#) at reports of the death of a Syrian refugee at the Hungary-Serbia border this week. UNHCR is seeking further details after being alerted about the death by the Hungarian Border Police. The man apparently drowned in the Tisza River after attempting to cross into Hungary from Serbia. He was allegedly with a larger group of refugees and migrants, who have said that they were pushed back, into the river. UNHCR remains concerned about the increasing number of allegations of abuse in Hungary against asylum-seekers and migrants by border authorities, and the broader restrictive border and legislative measures, including access to asylum procedures.

Daily and Weekly Average Arrivals to Greece 8 February to 5 June 2016



EU developments and the implementation of the EU-Turkey Agreement

On 30 May, the Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) Committee of the European Parliament adopted its position on the European Commission's proposal for a European Border and Coast Guard. Discussions are now on-going with the Council, with the view to adopt a final version of the text by the end of the year.

On 1 June, the last provisions of the EU-Turkey Readmission Agreement entered into force. With the full entry into force of the Agreement, Member States (EU MS) (except Denmark and Ireland which are not parties to the Agreement) can request readmission to Turkey for Turkish citizens and third-country nationals who entered the EU directly from Turkey and are staying irregularly in an EU MS. While this does not apply in principle to asylum-seekers, it covers those whose asylum claims have been rejected. The entry into force of these provisions was initially scheduled for 1 October 2017. However, in November 2015, the EU and Turkey agreed to move the date forward since the full and effective implementation of the Agreement is one of the benchmarks that Turkey is required to meet to be granted visa liberalization.

Similarly, the bilateral 'Protocol' signed between Bulgaria and Turkey to implement EU's readmission agreement with Turkey, entered into force on 1 June. So far, there are no reports of readmission of third-country nationals from Bulgaria to Turkey under this framework.

Statement by the Austrian Minister for European and International Affairs

In a media interview, the Austrian Minister for European and International Affairs, Sebastian Kurz, stated that refugees should be intercepted in the Mediterranean and sent back immediately or detained on islands. The Minister further stressed that those who reach Europe irregularly should not be allowed to apply for asylum and that asylum applications should be filed at local UN centres. UNHCR has voiced its concerns about this statement and reiterated that many of those risking their lives at sea are in need of international protection and should be provided access to asylum procedures. Turning back people rescued at sea without assessing individual claims might violate international and European law and put persons at enormous risks.

Arrivals and People Present* per Country 5 June 2016



01	Turkey
02	Greek Islands Arrivals: 0 Present*: 8,230
	Greece Mainland Arrivals: 99 Present*: 49,228
03	fYRoM** Arrivals: 0 Present*: 372
04	Serbia Arrivals: 26 Present*: 1,700
05	Croatia Arrivals: 0 Present*: 70
06	Hungary Arrivals: 193 Present*: -
07	Slovenia Arrivals: 0 Present*: -
08	Austria Arrivals: 107 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)