



Daily Report

Arrivals and Departures



Frontex has <u>reported</u> that nearly all arrivals on the Central Mediterranean route are people from sub-Saharan Africa, mainly nationals of Nigeria, Somalia and Gambia. Frontex also notes that there have been no signs of a significant shift of people taking this route instead of other routes which may have become inaccessible, especially the Eastern Mediterranean, to the Central Mediterranean.

According to Frontex, there were 9,600 arrivals to Italy in March 2016, more than double than in February 2016. However, due to monthly fluctuations, as at 15 April, sea arrivals to Italy increased by 12.5% compared to the same month in 2015.

Critical Developments

Yesterday, 18 April, in Luxemburg, the Foreign Affairs Council discussed the EU's activities related to the external affairs aspects of the refugee and migrant crisis. It was agreed to focus efforts on both the Eastern and the Central Mediterranean routes. The Council assessed progress in implementing the EU – Turkey agreement, and also reviewed the EU measures and

initiatives taken regarding the Central Mediterranean route. Ministers underlined actions on the fight against traffickers and smugglers, notably with the EU naval operation EUNAVFOR med Sophia, the EU support to Africa through the Emergency Trust Fund, the launch of a series of comprehensive high level dialogues on migration with African countries and the work with countries of the G5 Sahel.

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Filippo Grandi, attended part of the Foreign Affairs Council. Discussions focussed on implementation of the EU-Turkey Agreement, UNHCR's work along the Western Balkans route, as well as work in Libya, support for Afghan refugees in Iran and those internally displaced inside Afghanistan as well as some displacement situations in Africa. The Syria situation and continuous related needs were also raised during that session.

Italy's <u>strategic</u> plan to manage the refugee and migrant emergency was well received by the European Commission and the EU foreign ministers at the Foreign Affairs Council. In Brussels, the spokesman

123

Key Figures

107
Arrivals to Greek Islands
Yesterday

9 Departures to Greece MainlandYesterday

Turkey



Greece

Past and Upcoming Meetings and Events

Today 19 April

15 April - 17

Syrian refugees arrive at Hannover airport from Turkey under EU-Turkey agreement

18-19 April

Foreign Affairs Council, Luxembourg

20 April

Securing the external borders of the EU – a challenge for external and internal security

20-21 April

Secretary General of NATO, Jens Stoltenberg to visit Greece and Turkey

21 April

Justice and Home Affairs Council, Luxembourg

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Donald Tusk to visit Gaziantep, Turkey with Angela Merkel and Frans Timmermans



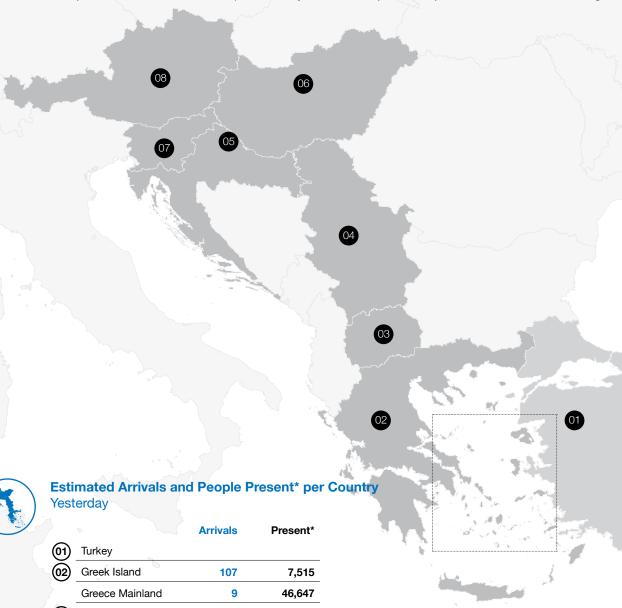


of the European Commission, Margaritis Schinas, explained to the media that the Italian plan is focused on collaboration between the countries of origin and those of destination to better manage borders outside the EU.

The Turkish Prime Minister, Ahmet Davutoglu, said on Monday in a <u>news</u> conference before departing for Strasbourg (where he addressed the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and met with the European Commission President) that Turkey would no

longer honour the agreement with the European Union if the bloc fails to uphold its promise to provide visa-free travel for Turkish citizens by June. He added that Turkey has been working to fulfil its pledges to the EU and he had no reason to expect a derail regarding the implementation of the agreement.

In Greece, the UNHCR Representative met with Alternate Minister for Migration Policy (prior to traveling to Luxembourg) regarding the overall cooperation partnership of UNHCR with the Greek government.



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38

1,000

17

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174

231

fYRoM**

Serbia

Croatia

Hungary

Slovenia

Austria

^{*} Number of people present in Greece and estimated number of people currently present in countries along the previous route not applying for asylum

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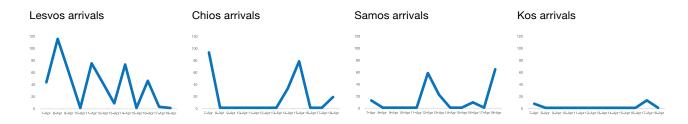


Greek Islands and Turkey: Estimated Arrivals and Transfers

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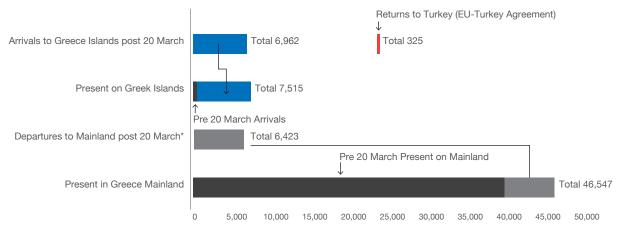
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(D)	Leros	23	
E	Kos		
F	Dikili		
	Other		

Arrivals to Greek Islands 7 April - 18 April





Population OverviewArrived, present and transfered to Greece Mainland and returned to Turkey since 20 March

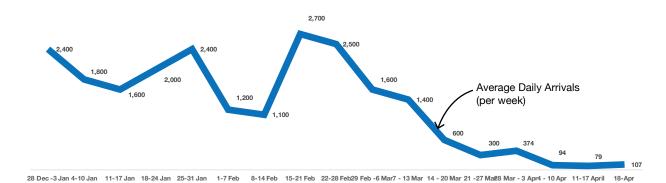


*People able to depart are those only who arrived before 20 March

Total in Greece: 53,824



Average Daily Arrivals and Arrival Trends Greece



107

Average Daily Arrivals 18 April (New Week) 35% from previous week Average Daily Arrivals As of 18 April -85% from previous month

131



Social Media

According to an <u>article</u> by the Daily Mail, there are plans to replicate the Arch of Triumph which was among many monuments destroyed with the ongoing Syrian conflict. The Arch of Triumph stood in the Syrian city of Palmyra and was among the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites. The project is being undertaken by the Institute of Digital Technology (IDA), based in Oxford, and a group of international academics.

Twitter Activity

The topic of #SyriaTalks trended on Twitter in the early hours of the morning, managing to accrue more than 550 individual tweets in its initial stage. This comes after it was revealed that during #SyriaTalks, which took place in Geneva, the Syrian opposition declined to continue the ongoing meeting and staged a walkout. On Twitter, related hashtags included #assad #syria

News agency Reuters <u>posted</u> about "what the migrant crisis looks like". The post highlights some of the prize-winning photographs taken in reference to the European refugee and migrant crisis. Reuters was jointly awarded the Pulitzer Prize in the category of Breaking News Photography with the New York Times.

Current Statistics for #SyriaTalks

- 8 tweets, 13 retweets per hour
- Over 2,980 impressions per hour
- Yesterday, the first day the talks re-commenced, #SyriaTalks managed to gain 200 individual tweets, 200 retweets and 2,400 impressions.
- · Related hashtags: #syria, #geneva, #damascus

#SyriaTalks over the last month:

300

Highest no. of tweets on 13 April

600

Highest no. of retweets on 13 April

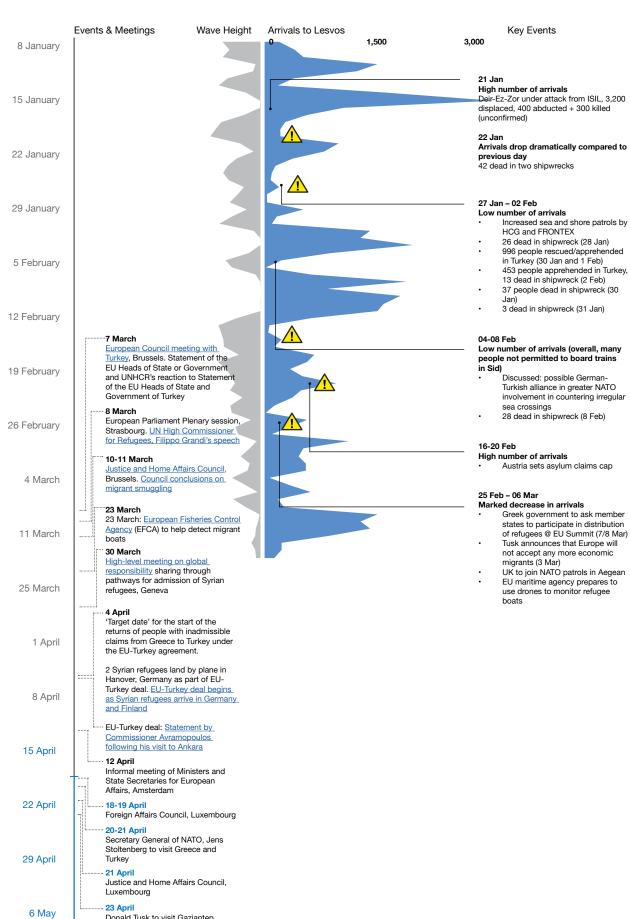
189,499

Highest no. impressions on 13 April





Timeline Overview

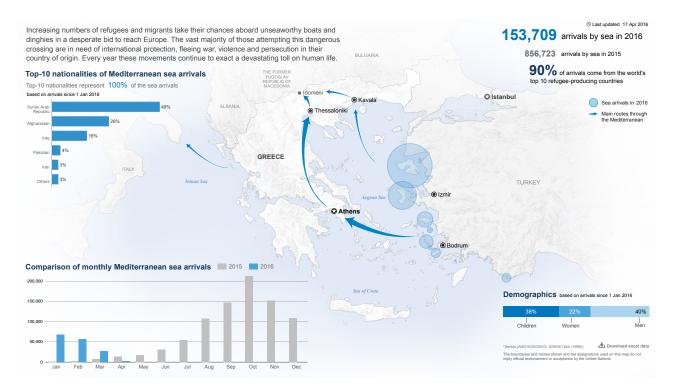


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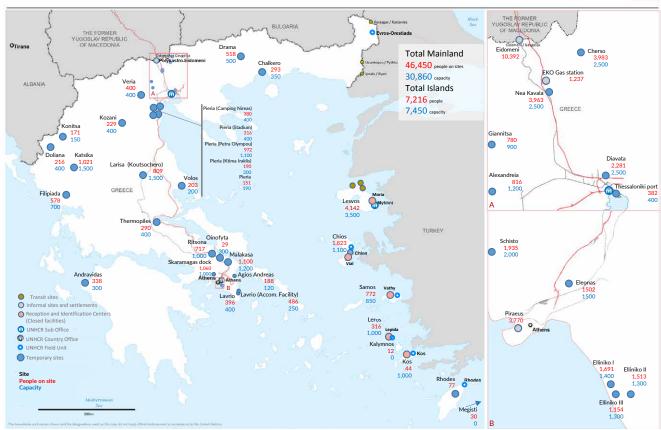
Annex 1 Key Figures from the Portal



Europe Refugee Emergency

Daily map indicating capacity and occupancy (Governmental figures) As of 15 April 2016 08:00 a.m. EET





Presence and capacity are based on <u>Governmental</u> figures from the Coordination Centre for the Management of the Refugee Crisis, as of 15/04/2016 08:00 a.m. Eastern European Time. Online map with additional information: http://www.unhcr.gr/sites