



Daily Report



Arrivals and Departures

In Greece, as of 20 April, 53,978 people are present in country with 7,645 people on the islands and 46,333 people on mainland in 34 facilities. On the islands, 5,164 people are in closed facilities, while 2,328 are in open centres or hotels (as of 18 April).

In Turkey, according to the Turkish General Directorate of Migration, 2,749,410 Syrian refugees are currently registered. Some 265,494 non-Syrian asylum-seekers and refugees have registered with UNHCR in Turkey.

In Italy, the trend of arrival figures fluctuated in the first months of 2016 in comparison to 2015. The number of arrivals in April is lower than in March, and if this trend continues then the number of arrivals in April 2016 may be less than in April 2015 (16,063). Italian Interior Minister, Angelino Alfano, stated in a media [interview](#) that compared to last year, the number of people arriving irregularly to Italy by sea has increased by 4.7% in 2016.

Conditions of People

In Greece, while on the mainland the authorities make efforts to decongest Piraeus port and the location at Eidomeni, the media reports that [people](#) who are located at hotspot closed facilities on Lesbos and Chios islands, are gradually being released as they complete the maximum detention period of 25 days. However, this does not imply that they have had their asylum claims processed. On Lesbos, people can be accommodated at the open facility in Kara Tepe awaiting the assessment of their asylum applications. On Chios, alternative open accommodation sites are overcrowded.

In Turkey, so far (as of 18 April), 326 people were returned boat to Dikili (Turkey) since the implementation of the EU-Turkey agreement, including 202 people on 4 April and 124 people on 8 April. Main nationalities include Pakistan, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Iraq, India, Morocco, Egypt and Palestine. Two Syrians have been returned to date. All non-Syrians returned by sea were referred to Kırklareli removal centre, while Syrians are transferred to Duzici camp for processing. Despite written requests, UNHCR still does not have access to them, including to the 13 persons who had expressed their wish to apply for asylum. Discussions are on-going with authorities on UNHCR's access to removal centres.

In Italy, so far, overall the top ten nationalities of those arriving are (in rank): Nigeria, The Gambia, Somalia, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Senegal, Mali, Eritrea, Sudan and Morocco. There has been no change observed regarding the nationality of those arriving to the Italian shores since the implementation of the EU-Turkey agreement.

Critical Developments

According to media reports, Turkish authorities are seeking to conclude readmission agreements with several countries, including Iraq and Iran, for the purpose of returning individuals re-admitted from the EU and not in need of international protection. While it has not yet been published in the official Gazette, the Turkish National Assembly reportedly approved a readmission agreement with Pakistan.

The Italian government has [presented](#) a "strategic coordination" proposal regarding the EU and NATO operations in the Mediterranean. The proposal, shared by Germany, France, Spain and the UK, was delivered by Defence Minister, Roberta Pinotti, during an EU Foreign and Defence Ministers meeting in Luxemburg held on 19 April, to EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs Federica Mogherini and NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg.

In Greece, on 20 April, the European Economic and Social Committee, the Economic and Social Committee of Greece and the Permanent Representation of the European Commission in Athens co-chaired a conference entitled: "Human flows and the world we share: Can Europe Tackle the Refugee and Migrant Issue?". Speaking at the conference, the Greek Alternate Defence Minister, responsible for coordinating efforts to tackle the refugee crisis, said that given the fact many people will remain in the country for one, two or more years, and rights should be granted as required; in this context, the government may consider issuing a refugee passport. The Minister also said that there are 34 operating host centers across Greece, noting that Eidomeni and Piraeus are not included in the list.

During the European Union Justice & Home Affairs (JHA) Council on 21 April, EU Interior Ministers reached agreement on the Council position on the proposed EU Border and Coastguard Agency, to support 'the future management of the EU's external borders'. The Council and European Parliament must agree on a common text before it can enter into force. The European Parliament should reach its initial position by the end of May before starting negotiations with the Council. The European Council and Commission hope for this file to be concluded as a matter of urgency before the end of the Netherlands presidency in June to allow the new force to be operational by the end of the summer.



Key Figures

49
Arrivals to Greek
Islands
Yesterday

7
Departures to
Greece Mainland
Yesterday



Response

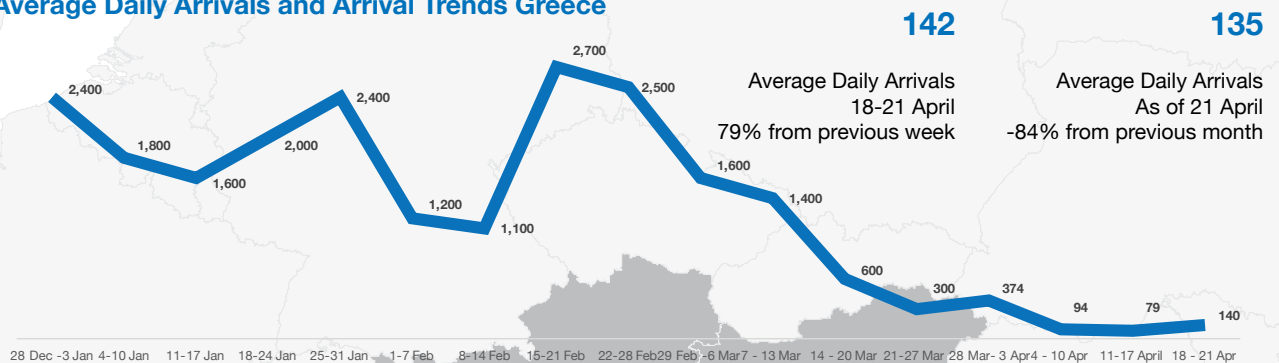
On the Greek islands, UNHCR continues to collaborate with the authorities to promote alternatives to the restriction of liberty through the creation of new and/or expansion of already existing open sites. In collaboration with the authorities, UNHCR assisted the 41 survivors of the shipwreck which occurred last week in the Mediterranean Sea, off the coasts of Libya. UNHCR provided transport from Kalamata (Peloponnese) to Athens on 20 April, accommodation in hotels and psychosocial support. On 21 April, following numerous queries for interviews with the survivors, a press briefing was held, facilitated by UNHCR and its NGO partner Praksis. Most of the main news agencies and media were present: ARD; Reuters (TV and text); AP (tv and text); AFP; WSJ; Washington Post; Al Jazeera; NPR; Agencio EFE; rfi; BBC; ERT Greek National tv; MEGA channel (Greek); Athens 9,84 Radio.

On the mainland, UNHCR is supporting the Greek authorities to expand the reception capacity and improve access to basic services in the sites, as well as to decongest the

informal sites at Eidomeni and Piraeus. On 21 April, UNHCR transferred the first group of 92 relocation candidates from Syria and Iraq, mostly families, from Eidomeni and EKO gas station (Polykastro) informal sites to the new relocation site in Lagkadikia (45 km east of Thessaloniki), run jointly by the Alternate Ministry of Migration Policy and UNHCR. These efforts are part of UNHCR's commitment to create 20,000 accommodation places for relocation candidates and asylum seekers, with funding by the European Union and in partnership with NGOs and the Municipalities. The scheme already includes about 4,000 places in rented apartments and hotels and hotel vouchers, and was readjusted to include sites in order to respond to the dramatic increase of interest in relocation recorded since the closure of the northern border. UNHCR is currently planning a Core Relief and Non-Food Items distribution at the sites throughout mainland, in addition to the 54,849 items already provided since the beginning of 2016, directly and through partners.



Average Daily Arrivals and Arrival Trends Greece



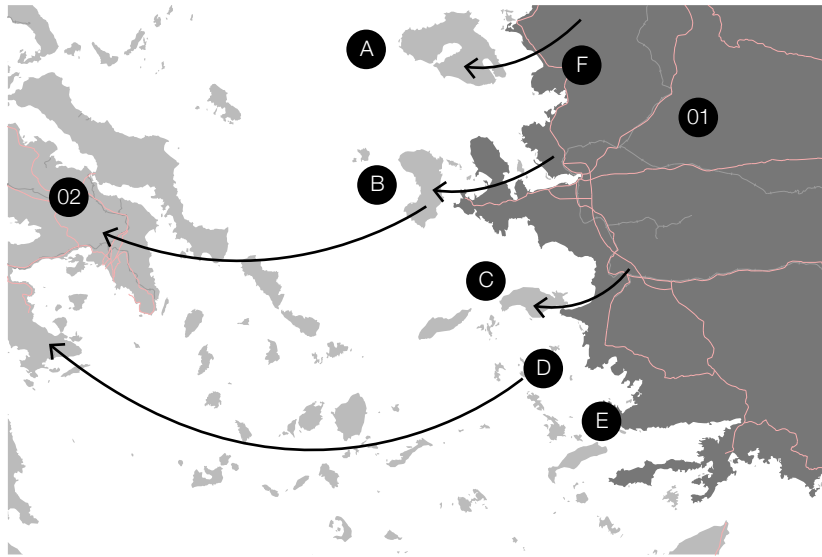
Estimated Arrivals and People Present* per Country Yesterday

	Arrivals	Present*
01 Turkey		
02 Greek Islands	49	7,843
Greece Mainland	7	46,020
03 fYRoM**	0	941
04 Serbia	31	1000
05 Croatia	0	126
06 Hungary	232	
07 Slovenia	0	36
08 Austria	195	

* 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)



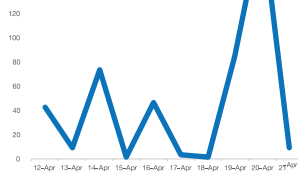
Greek Islands and Turkey: Estimated Arrivals and Transfers



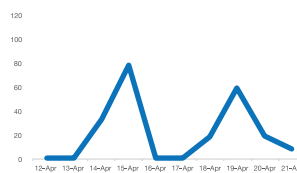
	Arrivals	Departures to Mainland
01 Turkey		
02 Greece	49	7
Breakdown		
A Lesvos	8	
B Chios	8	1
C Samos	33	
D Leros		6
E Kos		
F Dikili		
Other		

Arrivals to Greek Islands 12 April - 21 April

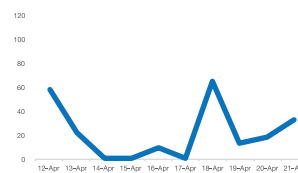
Lesvos arrivals



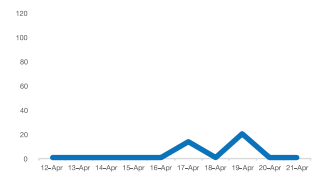
Chios arrivals



Samos arrivals

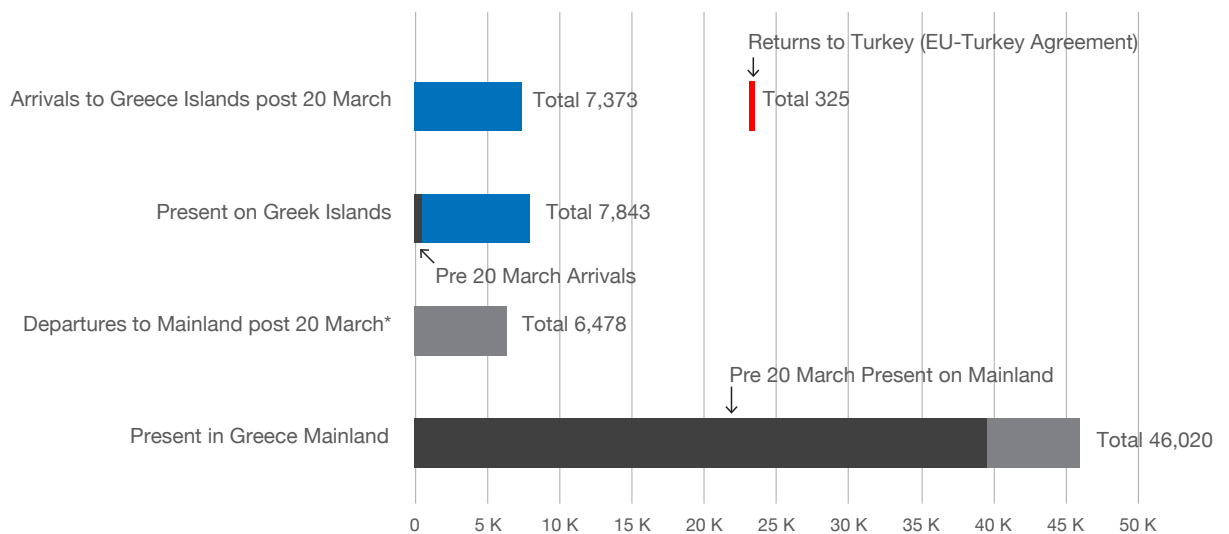


Kos arrivals



Population Overview

Arrived, present and transferred to Greece Mainland and returned to Turkey since 20 March



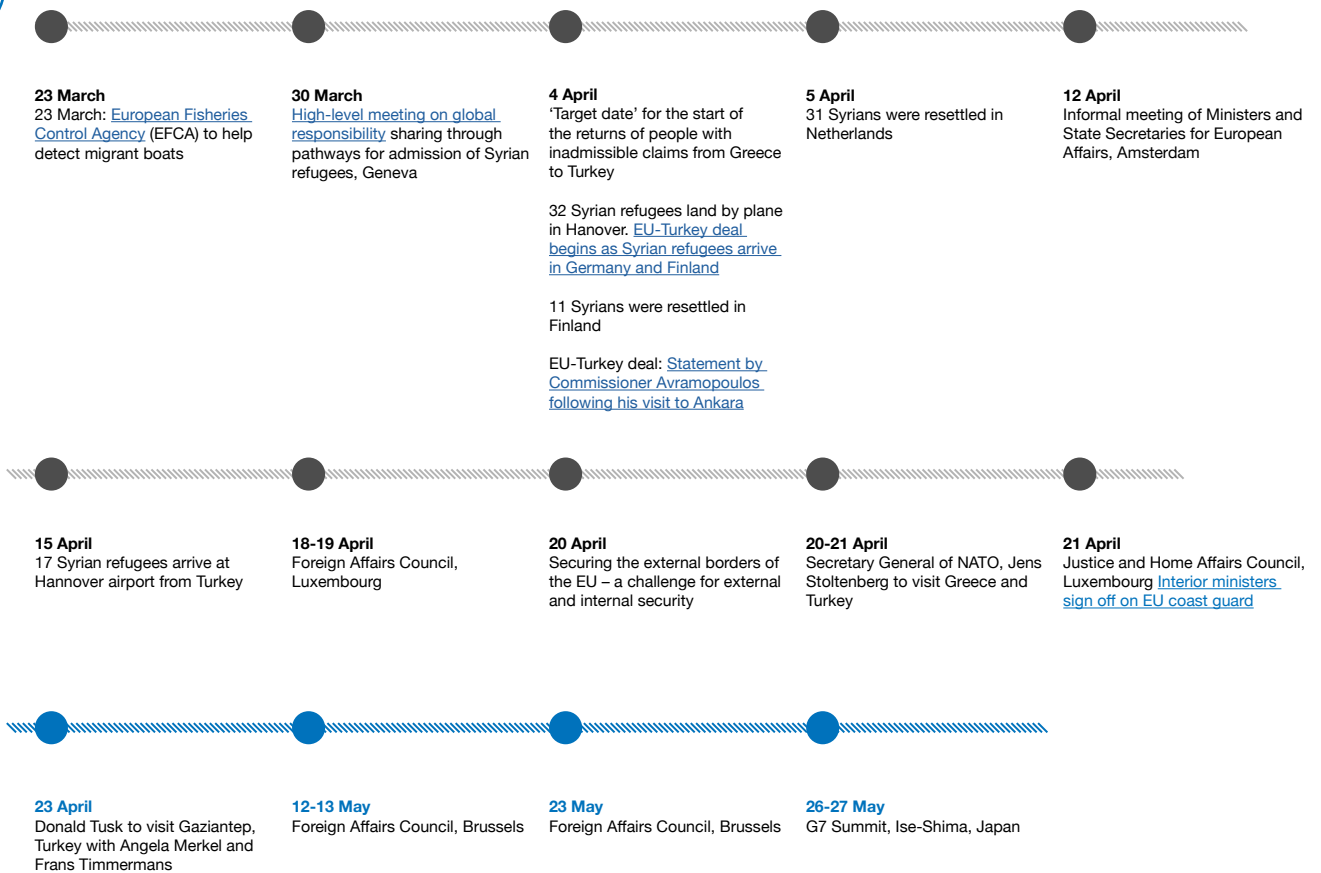
*People able to depart are those only who arrived before 20 March

Total in Greece: **53,863**

Reporting period 20 March - 20 April



Timeline Overview



Social Media

According to an [article](#) written by Associated Press and published by Voice of America, former daily Show presenter Jon Snow has executively produced a documentary film which aims to portray ‘a more intimate portrait of the people displaced by civil war’. The film, After Spring, premiered on 21 April at the Tribeca Film Festival and highlights ‘the simple humanity of the refugees’.

The trailer for the feature documentary film, which focuses on the Syrian refugee crisis, more specifically on the residents of the second largest refugee camp, Zaatari Camp in Jordan, can be found [here](#) on YouTube. You can also visit the film’s official [website](#) for more insight on how to take action and contribute to the ongoing refugee crisis.

Twitter Activity

The Twitter account of the Syrian delegation of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) confirmed the arrival of 65 trucks in the besieged town of Ar-Rastan, Syria. The ICRC are in the process of delivering much-needed aid and medical supplies to over 120,000 people.

Current Statistics for #zaatari

- 4 tweets, over 235,000 impressions per hour
- All posts using #zaatari originated from the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
- Related hashtags: #refugees, #syrian, #syrianrefugees, and #jordan
- Most popular accounts using #zaatari: [@ErtSocial](#), [@AIRiyadh_en](#), and [@WFP_FR](#)

#zaatari over the last month:

200

Highest no. of tweets on 18 April

700

Highest no. of retweets on 3, 4 & 6 April

56,300

Highest no. impressions on 21 April

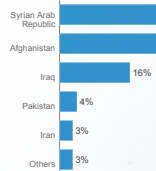


Annex 1 Key Figures from the Portal

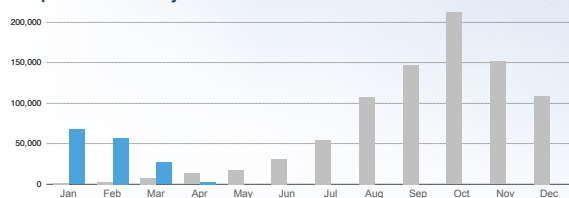
Increasing numbers of refugees and migrants take their chances aboard unseaworthy boats and dinghies in a desperate bid to reach Europe. The vast majority of those attempting this dangerous crossing are in need of international protection, fleeing war, violence and persecution in their country of origin. 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



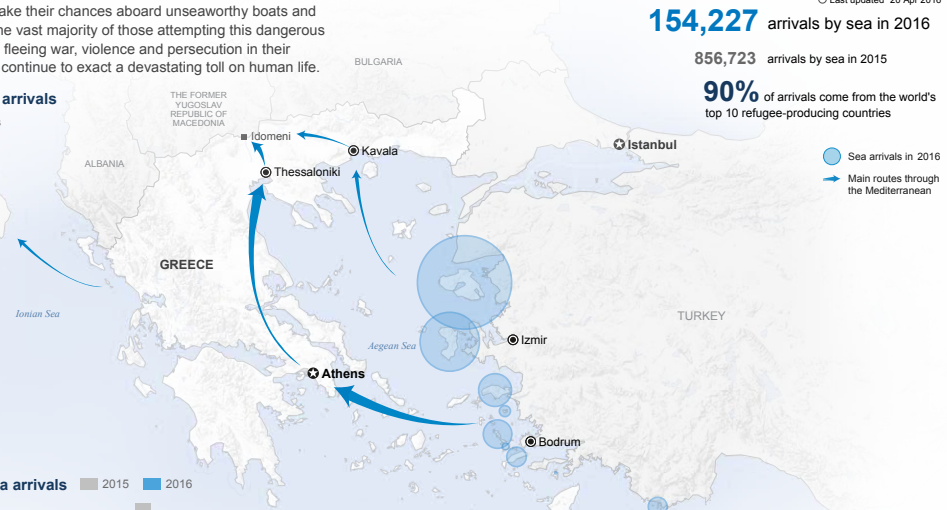
Comparison of monthly Mediterranean sea arrivals



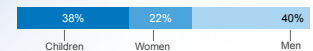
154,227 arrivals by sea in 2016

856,723 arrivals by sea in 2015

90% of arrivals come from the world's top 10 refugee-producing countries



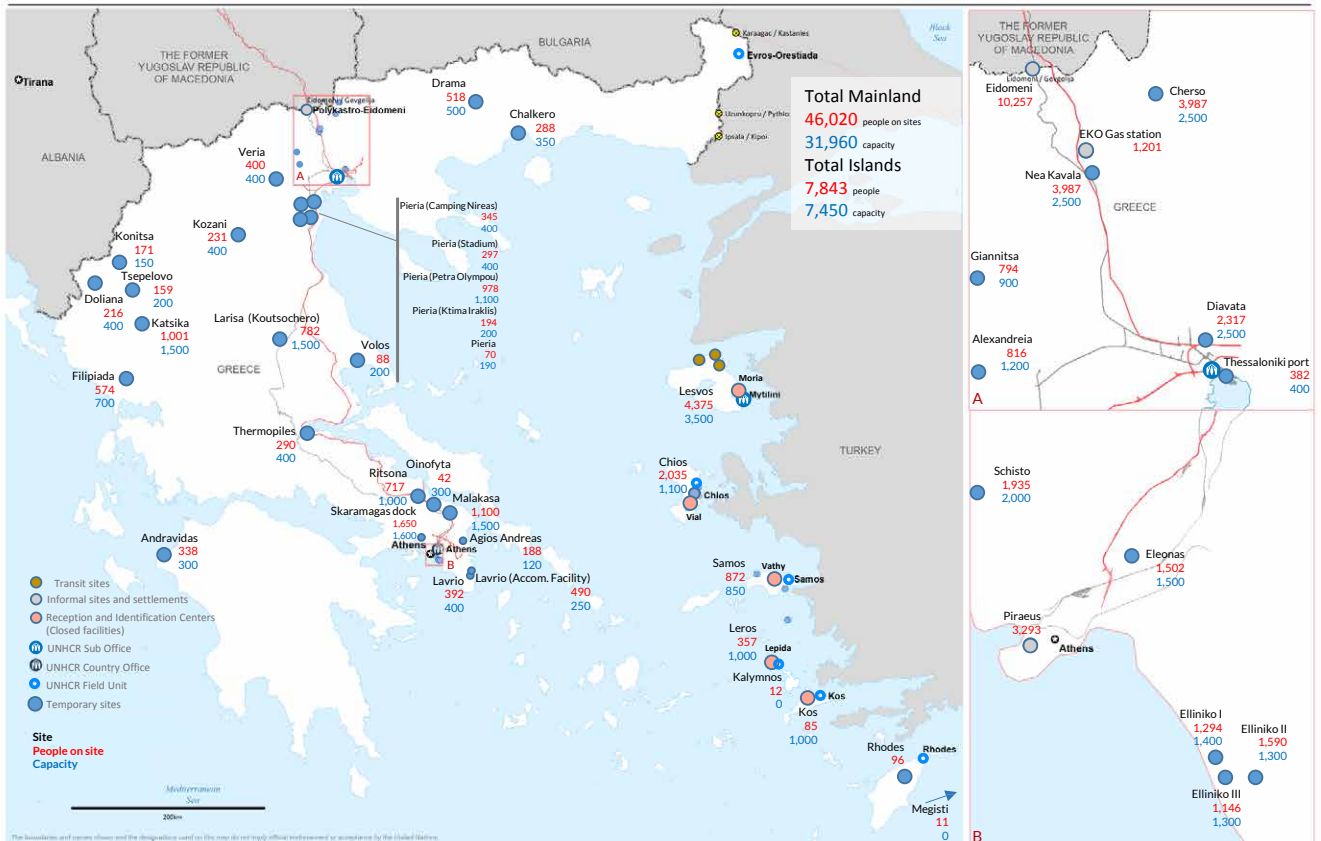
Demographics based on arrivals since 1 Jan 2016



*Serbia (AND KOSOVO): SIRE5/1244 (1999) Download excel data
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Daily map indicating capacity and occupancy (Governmental figures)
As of 21 April 2016 08:00 a.m. EET



Presence and capacity are based on Governmental figures from the Coordination Centre for the Management of the Refugee Crisis, as of 21/04/2016 08:00 a.m. Eastern European Time.
Online map with additional information: <http://www.unhcr.gr/sites>