



IOM Slovenia Newsletter

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Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals at 183,017; Deaths 1,244

IOM reports an estimated 183,017 migrants and refugees have entered Europe by sea in 2016, arriving in Italy, Greece, Cyprus and Spain, through April 27. Latest fatalities stand at 1,244.

IOM Rome spokesperson Flavio Di Giacomo said Thursday that 1,400 migrants rescued through last weekend have been brought to shore in recent days. Additionally, 237 migrants were brought to Italy's Lampedusa island on Thursday night.

IOM Greece reported that 108 arrivals were registered on 27 April in Greece. For 2016, IOM Athens reports arrivals of 154,661 migrants and refugees. The total for the period from 1 January 2015 through 27 April 2016 now stands at 1,008,311.

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For latest arrivals and fatalities in the Mediterranean, please visit: <http://migration.iom.int/europe>

Learn more about Missing Migrants Project at: <http://missingmigrants.iom.int>

IOM Releases Global Migration Trends 2015 Factsheet

IOM's *Global Migration Trends Factsheet 2015* presents a snapshot of the migration trends worldwide for the year 2015, based on migration statistics from a variety of sources.





In 2015, the number of international migrants worldwide – people residing in a country other than their country of birth – was the highest ever recorded, at 244 million (up from 232 million in 2013).

As a share of the world population, however, international migration has remained fairly constant over the past decades, at around 3 percent.

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IOM Organizes Cultural Festival on Safe Migration in Agadez, Niger

IOM Niger has organized a three-day “*Festival on Safe and Informed Migration*” in Agadez, Niger. The objective was to raise awareness and increase access to information about migration for transiting and potential migrants, the host population and migrants living in the city’s migrant ghettos.

“We have never had a festival that brought together migrants like this, because we never could access the ghettos to talk to the migrants and involve them in cultural activities. In fact, we couldn’t have received a more enthusiastic reaction from them. This has been a great way to disseminate information about migration and integration. It has also broken down barriers between the local community and the migrants,” said the manager of the IOM Agadez transit center, Azaoua Mahaman.

The festival was part of an IOM project: “*Supporting Informed Migration in Niger,*” co-funded by the European Union and the Italian Ministry of Interior.

See the photos [here](#).

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Syrian Resettlement to Europe Picks up Following EU-Turkey Agreement

Following the 4th April launch of the European Union (EU) - Turkey agreement on migrant returns and resettlement, IOM has facilitated the resettlement of 350 Syrians from Turkey to Europe. It expects to resettle another 300 this week.

The 350 already moved under the “1 for 1” arrangement have left Turkey for Austria, Denmark, Germany, Netherlands, Sweden and the United Kingdom. This week 200 more will go to France, 50 to Luxembourg and 50 to Finland.

“The accelerated pace of resettlements of Syrians to Europe over the past month is a welcome development,” said Lado Gvilava, IOM Turkey Chief of Mission. *“Turkey is hosting about 2.9 million refugees, asylum seekers and people under temporary protection. The number of people in the region in need of international protection is overwhelming. This is not something one country or even one region can address on its own.”*

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Why Unaccompanied Egyptian Children Are Migrating to Europe

“Egyptian Unaccompanied Migrant Children: A Case Study on Irregular Migration” is a new assessment published by IOM Egypt designed to shed light on the irregular migration of Egyptian children to Europe.

Based on IOM counselling interviews in Egypt and Greece, the report looks at the driving forces behind unaccompanied children travelling irregularly from Egypt to Europe and their vulnerability. It also provides insights into the modus operandi and characteristics of smuggling networks operating from Egypt.

This report provides recommendations covering prevention, protection, prosecution and partnership for the development of a multidisciplinary response to address irregular migration of unaccompanied migrant children.





The report (in English) can be downloaded [here](#).

Uganda's Makerere University Pilots Migration and Health Program

IOM is this week conducting an 8-day training of trainers' workshop in Kampala for 20 Makerere University staff to pilot a 2-week certificate course in migration and health.

The course, which will target postgraduate students and senior government officials from key ministries, is expected to enable participants to gather, analyze, and disseminate the knowledge needed to conceptualize and implement health policies and programs related to migration and mobility in the Eastern Africa region.

"The migration and health course is the first multidisciplinary, university-based program in the region devoted to systematically studying the health consequences of local and international population movements and developing more effective strategies to address migration," said IOM Uganda Chief of Mission Ali Abdi.

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Situation Reports

Europe/Mediterranean Migration Response Situation Report

As of 20 April 2016, 184,599 migrants and refugees have arrived to Europe by land and sea routes since the start of 2016, the majority of whom have entered by sea (180,245) through Greece and Italy.

Due to the EU-Turkey agreement daily arrivals onto the Greek shores have significantly decreased and based on current IOM data, more than 54,000 migrants and refugees remain stranded in Greece.

Read more in the latest [Europe/Mediterranean Migration Response](#).

WEEKLY Flows Compilation No.14

Over the reporting period (7—20 April) countries of first arrival (Italy, Greece, Cyprus and Bulgaria) saw an average decrease of 30% in numbers of arrivals compared with the previous period. Greece saw a 56% increase compared to previous period.

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IOM Slovenia in cooperation with the National Institute for Public Health hosts a National Consultative Committee on migration health

On Thursday, 21 April, a **National Consultative Committee** (NCC) on migration health was held in Ljubljana, Slovenia. The NCC in the framework of the first component of the **Re-Health Project** was organized by IOM Slovenia and hosted by the National Institute for Public Health.

The NCC focused on Slovenia, as a country under increased migratory pressure and its response to health related challenges. The consultation was an opportunity for relevant stakeholders to present existing health projects in the country that are supported by the European Commission, as well as the available health care for vulnerable groups and issues of health equity.

Relevant stakeholders from the different ministries and public institutes, as well as international organizations and local NGOs took part in the consultation.



The activity was implemented as a part of IOM Slovenia project "IOM Migrants Response Slovenia" funded by the Council of Europe Development Bank. The project aims at providing necessary assistance and protection to refugees and migrants arriving to or transiting through Slovenia.

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