



IOM Slovenia Newsletter

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Mediterranean migrant and refugee arrivals reaches 141.141

The number of migrants who have crossed the Mediterranean this year, reached 141,141. The majority, 131,847, have reached Greek Islands, the rest landed in Italy and less than 100 in Spain. 444 migrants and refugees have lost their lives, 347 of them on the Eastern Mediterranean route between Turkey and Greece.

According to IOM Greece, monthly arrivals have dipped from 67,415 in January to 55,633 in February. Thus far in March there were 2,771 recorded arrivals. Since the beginning of 2015, the total number of sea-borne arrivals in Greece reached 970,911 and is expected to reach one million in the next weeks.

For further information, please click [here](#), and for the latest Mediterranean update infographic, [here](#).

IOM Director General's Message on International Women's Day 2016

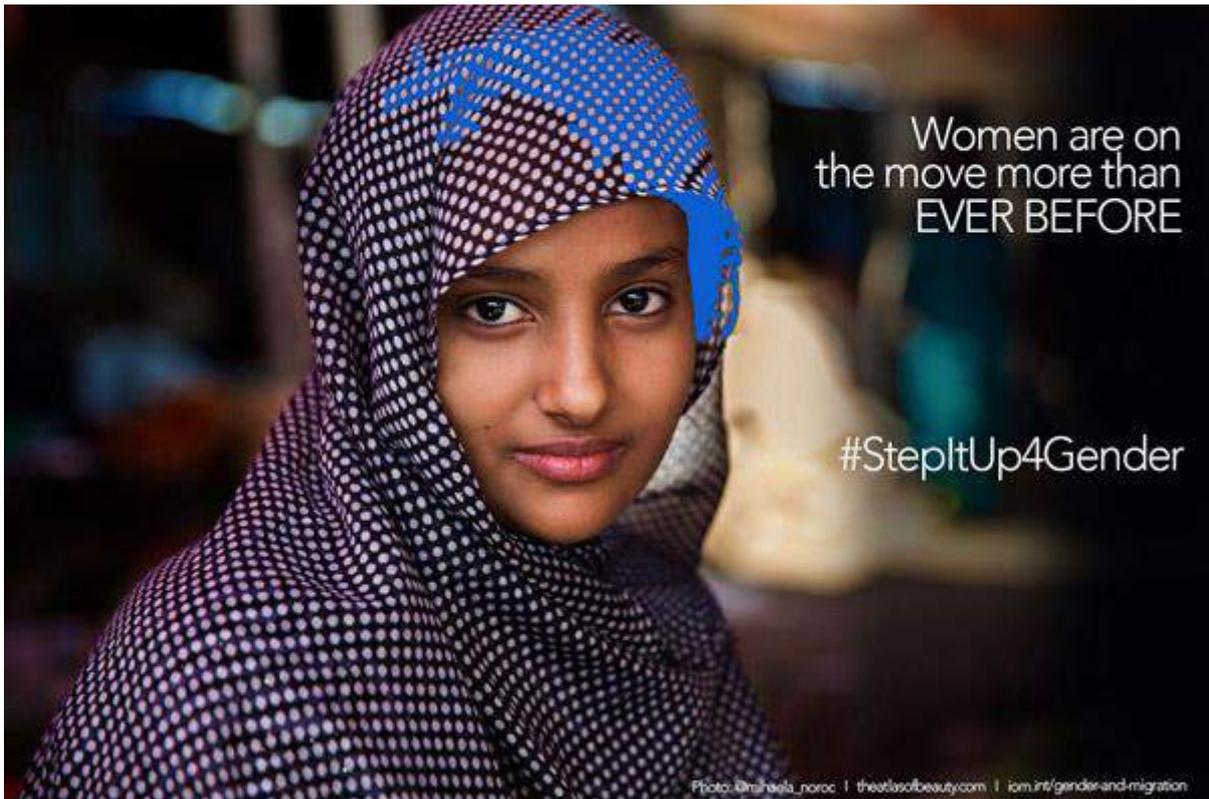
On International Women's Day 2016, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) reaffirms its unwavering commitment to gender equality and empowerment for the hundreds of millions of women and girls across the globe who have left their homes, whether by force or by choice, and often in search of a better life. Like all migrants, these women and girls demand our attention and must be at the centre of our global development agenda.

When making the links between gender, migration and development, we must always remember to consider how gender and migration can impact development and also how development might impact gender and migration.





The most atrocious manifestation of gender inequality is violence against women and girls, with migrant women and girls often being particularly vulnerable. Such violence, such as domestic violence and forced marriage, can sometimes be a driver of migration for women and girls.



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The challenges of preventing migrant deaths in the Aegean Sea

In response to the IOM report of 418 people missing in the sea the Euro News Interviewed the [International Maritime Rescue Federation](#) CEO Bruce Reid. In the interview he describes specific challenges for search and [rescue](#) teams in the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean.

He stresses the importance that the NGOs heading into the waters are aware that the responsibility lies on the country which has to coordinate the search and





rescue, which is why cooperation between NGOs and Hellenic Coastguard is crucial.

“There needs to be a continuing focus on the work that is being done there, the need for continued efforts to build the capability of the rescue services in the Aegean Sea and the waters off Libya because otherwise these people will be forgotten. These are real people many of them losing their lives making this trip”, he concludes.

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Finnish artist creates heart-breaking sculpture of a drowned migrant child

Finnish artist Pekka Jylhä recreated the scene of a three-year-old Syrian refugee Aylan Kurdi lying face down on the beach. The boy drowned trying to cross the Aegean Sea. The sculpture entitled 'Until the Sea Shall Him Free' on display in Helsinki.

Last month, two suspected people smugglers accused of causing death of Aylan and his family went on trial.

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Europe’s 2016 migrant crisis in figures

[Here](#) you can read AFP's data on the migrant crisis in Europe since the beginning of the year.

For many more up to date news and articles on migration, please visit [IOM website](#) (section: [Press Room](#), pages: particularly [News](#) and [Newsdesk](#)).





Situation Reports

Europe/Mediterranean Migration Response Situation Report

In February, 34,795 migrants and refugees arrived to Slovenia, which is a 44.58% decrease from the registered arrivals in the January. The inflows decreased due to the restrictive policies enforced by the countries along the Balkan route.

Because of that, up to 10.000 Syrian and Iraqi refugees are left stuck at the Idomeni border between Greece and Macedonia in deteriorating conditions.

For further information please read the latest situation report [Europe/Mediterranean Migration Response](#).

Mixed Migration Flows in the Mediterranean and Beyond

Since the beginning of the year total 98,517 migrants have been registered entering Slovenia. In the last two weeks, arrivals have dipped significantly from 11,557 arrivals 2 weeks ago, to 2,336 the previous week and 2,773 this week (25 Feb. – 2 March).

For further information and data on mixed flows in Slovenia, Mediterranean and beyond, please read the latest situation report [Mixed Migration Flows in the Mediterranean and Beyond](#) (Published 3 March)

Analysis of Flow Monitoring Surveys

In the last report [Analysis: Flow Monitoring Surveys](#) you can read findings of the IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) conducted between 8 October





2015 and 29 February 2016 in Slovenia, Croatia, Hungary, Serbia, FYRM and Greece.

Preliminary findings of Counter-trafficking Surveys

Because of increasing reports from IOM field staff to the acute need for reliable data on the prevalence of trafficking and exploitation of migrants and refugees, the Human Trafficking and Exploitation Prevalence Indication Survey was introduced in December 2015, as part of DTM's Flow Monitoring Surveys.

This week we are excited to present the report [Analysis - CT Survey](#) where you can read the preliminary findings from a sample of 1,042 migrants and refugees. Interviews were conducted from 07 December 2015 to 22 February 2016 in Slovenia (Dobova, Šentilj), Croatia, Hungary, Serbia, FYRM and Greece.





Other useful resources for migration news, data and analysis

- [United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees \(UNHCR\)](#)
 - [European Commission](#)
 - [Assessment Capacities Project \(ACAPS\)](#)
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