



EUROPE / MEDITERRANEAN MIGRATION RESPONSE

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Highlights

IOM staff distributing non-food items to beneficiaries at Oinofyta camp, north of Athens . © IOM Greece, 2016

■ **CROATIA:** On 22 August, as part of a cultural orientation and community exposure activity, IOM organized a tour at Paklenica, one of Croatia's national parks, for 25 beneficiaries. The group was provided with a tour of the national park by the Croatian Mountain Rescue Service.

■ **GREECE:** During the reporting period, IOM distributed more than 1,700 NFI kits to migrants and refugees accommodated in camps located in Attica and Northern Greece.

■ **TURKEY:** IOM has procured 900 pairs of shoes which will be used by migrants and refugees rescued at sea in Küçükkuyu (300), Çeşme (300) and Dikili (300).

■ **LIBYA:** On 15 August, IOM Libya released its fifth Mobility Tracking Report which tracks the mobility patterns, needs and shelter settings of populations on the move in Libya. The report identified 275,857 migrants in the country. For the full analytical report, please visit www.globaldtm.info/libya.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

As of 24 August 2016, a total of 283,078 migrants and refugees have arrived in Europe by land and sea routes since the start of 2016.

Between 11 to 21 August, the Hellenic Coast Guard (HCG) conducted over 16 search and rescue operations. The HCG were able to rescue a total of 601 migrants and refugees off the coasts of Lesbos, Samos, Kos, Chios, and Mykonos. According to government numbers, approximately 2,302 people have crossed into Greece in the month of August.

Approximately 915 migrants and refugees are awaiting entry into Hungary in the north of Serbia, in the transit zones near Horgoš and Kelebija. This is the first time the number has fallen under 1,000 since 5 July, when Hungarian authorities legitimised the push-back of migrants and refugees within 8 kilometres of their fence.

As of 24 August, the Turkish Coast Guard has rescued 28,306 migrants and refugees, while 174 people have lost their lives since the start of this year.

According to the Libyan Coast Guard, on 15 August, three bodies washed ashore in Subratah while one body was discovered ashore Az Zawiyah beach.

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Turkey

During the reporting period, IOM continued to support the Turkish Coast Guard (TCG) by distributing food, water, and non-food items (NFIs) to migrants and refugees rescued at sea. In Dikili (one of the points in İzmir for irregular migrants and refugees crossing to Lesbos, Greece) IOM assisted the TCG by providing food, water, NFI (including clothing and shoes) and hygiene kits for 157 rescued migrants and refugees. The majority of those rescued at sea in Dikili came from Syria.

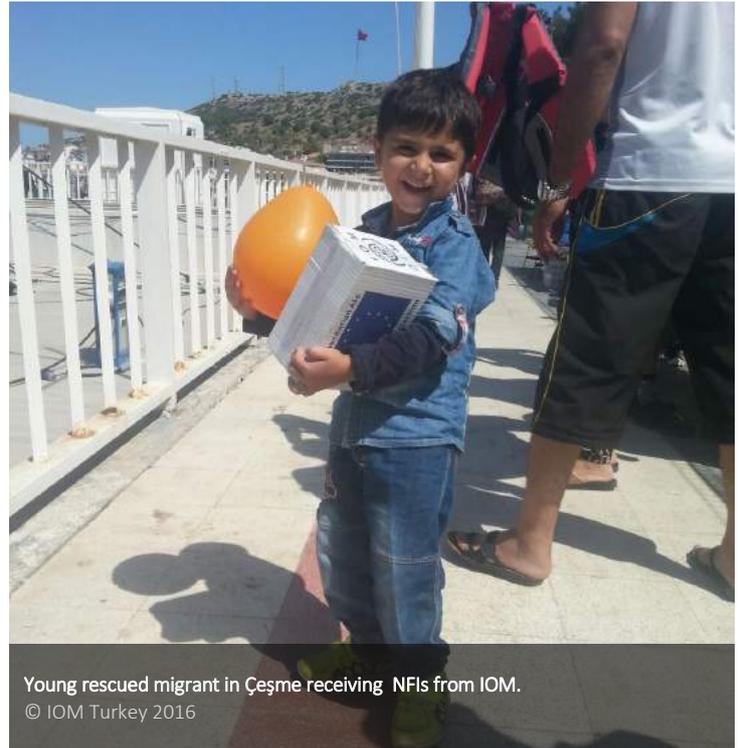
In Çeşme (one of the points in İzmir for irregular migrants and refugees crossing to Chios, Greece), the IOM field team provided food, water and NFIs to 223 rescued migrants and refugees, the majority of whom were also from Syria. Furthermore, in Küçükkuşu (a point in Çanakkale province where irregular migrants and refugees cross to Mytilene, Greece), IOM distributed food, water, and NFIs to 54 rescued migrants and refugees. IOM social workers continue to identify and refer vulnerable migrants and refugees rescued at sea to relevant authorities and institutions.



IOM staff providing food and dry socks to young rescued migrants
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To meet the request by TCG and with funding from the European Commission – Humanitarian Aid & Civil Protection (ECHO), IOM procured 1,000 food kits and 2,000 bottled water to be distributed to rescued migrants and refugees. Moreover, IOM, in cooperation with a local NGO, will be purchasing 3,000 packages of baby diapers to be distributed to vulnerable migrant and refugee families in and around İzmir.

Through funding from the US Association for International Migration (USAIM), IOM has also procured 900 pairs of shoes which will be distributed to migrants and refugees rescued at sea in Küçükkuşu (300), Çeşme (300) and Dikili (300).



Young rescued migrant in Çeşme receiving NFIs from IOM.
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Greece

IOM has deployed on-site and mobile protection teams to provide support and assistance to beneficiaries in formal and informal sites in Attica, Northern Greece and on the islands. The IOM teams support services include psychosocial and legal counselling, identification and referral of vulnerable migrants and refugees, as well as information and awareness raising on rights and registration, and risks of smuggling and trafficking.

IOM continues to distribute non-food item (NFI) kits to beneficiaries accommodated in camps that are co-managed by IOM and the Government. During the reporting period, IOM distributed more than 1,700 NFI kits to migrants and refugees accommodated in camps located in Attica and Northern Greece. Additionally, IOM distributed 4,990 hygiene kits (containing items such as face/body towels, soap bars, shampoo, toothbrush and toothpaste, wet wipes, mosquito repellent spray, and sunscreen) to beneficiaries in Thermopyles, Laurio, Malakasa, Ritsona, Oinofyta, Dervení, Karamanlis, and Ioannina camps.

During the reporting period, IOM delivered information services to 833 beneficiaries at the reception and identification centres in Lesbos and Samos. The beneficiaries received information about their rights and obligations, as well as information on the asylum process and assisted voluntary return (AVR) services. IOM cultural mediators also

Greece (continued)

provided interpretation services for 205 beneficiaries during their medical and psychosocial sessions.



IOM staff delivering NFIs to Oinofyta camp.
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IOM continues to provide AVR services and extensive information campaigns at open facilities in the mainland and islands where the majority of the stranded migrants are accommodated. Since the start of the year, IOM has assisted 4,108 migrants (including 29 medical cases and 48 unaccompanied minors) safely return to their country of



IOM staff providing counselling and information to migrants and refugees.
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origin. The majority of this total were returned to Morocco (1,019), Afghanistan (984), Iraq (665), and Iran (504).

As of 24 August, IOM has assisted 3,054 beneficiaries under the EU relocation programme. During the pre-departure phase, IOM conducted health assessments to ensure that beneficiaries travel in safety. Furthermore, IOM organized pre-departure and cultural orientation sessions, providing information on their rights and obligations, what to expect when they arrive, as well as pre-embarkation information.

IOM is planning to assist migrant and refugee children, of primary school age, integrate into the formal Greek education system by providing them with transportation service to their nearest public school, as well as help to provide them with school kits and materials.

Serbia



IOM staff providing information to a family at the Kelebija/Horogs transit point.
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IOM teams continue to provide counselling on assisted voluntary return (AVR) options to migrants in Serbia who are seeking to return to their country of origin. IOM teams are deployed at Presevo Registration Centre, Dimitrovgrad, Sid and Kelebija/Horogs border crossing points. For vulnerable families and individuals, IOM also provides transportation to local institutions and service providers such as the local health centre and centre for social work. During the reporting period, IOM provided 384 vulnerable migrants and refugees with transportation assistance.

Serbia (continued)

Since mid-February 2016, IOM has provided AVR assistance to a total of 52 beneficiaries. The majority of these beneficiaries were returned to Morocco (16), Iran (14), Iraq (9), and Algeria (5). For those who decide to return to their country, IOM provides them with all necessary technical and logistical support, including: contact with relevant embassies, transport to the embassies, assistance with travel documents, travel arrangements, transit assistance, and assistance upon arrival to the country of origin.

Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

IOM has two mobile teams in the Tabnovce and Gevgelija reception centres. Each team consists of three staff members (a translator, social worker and medical officer) who help to address the needs of vulnerable populations among the remaining group of migrants and refugees. The mobile teams are actively monitoring and screening the remaining migrants and refugees to help ensure that those with vulnerabilities, especially victims of trafficking, are identified and referred to the appropriate services.

IOM also helps to support the Border Police units in facilitating communication with migrants/refugees by establishing mobile teams of interpreters from Arabic to Macedonian.

Croatia

During the reporting period, IOM organized and provided a total of 24 language (16 in English and eight in Croatian) courses at the Reception Centre for Asylum Seekers (RCAS) in Zagreb. Furthermore, IOM delivered four cultural orientation workshops at the RCAS. IOM interpreters continue to provide support and act as cultural mediators for information dissemination and communication for asylum seekers, migrants, and refugees. As of 24 August, a total of 171 language (111 in English and 60 in Croatian) courses and 34 cultural orientation courses have been delivered by IOM.

On 18 August, the first of two gender-based violence (GBV) workshops was organized and hosted by IOM. A total of 22 participants attended the workshop "Introduction to GBV: Basic Features, Indicators, and Consequences of GBV". Along with IOM, participants from six other organisations were present, including representatives from Jesuit Refugee Service, Centre for Peace Studies, Medecins du Monde, Save the Children, Croatian Red Cross, and the Rehabilitation Centre for Stress and Trauma. The second GBV workshop is scheduled for 25 August.

On 22 August, as part of a cultural orientation and community exposure activity, IOM organized a tour at Paklenica, one of Croatia's national parks in the southern Velebit mountain range. A total of 25 beneficiaries, who were selected based on their regular attendance to the IOM language and cultural workshops, were provided with a tour of the national park by the Croatian Mountain Rescue Service.



Migrants from RCAS Zagreb provided with a tour of Paklenica national park.
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During the reporting period, IOM purchased and distributed toys for children of all ages at the RCAS in Zagreb and Kutina. Additionally, IOM purchased 2,885 pieces of underwear, 2,810 pairs of socks, 55 tunics, 55 scarves, and 55 leggings that will be distributed to beneficiaries at the RCAS in Zagreb.

Slovenia

On 17 August, as part of the EU relocation programme, a group of 14 Syrian and Iraqi nationals arrived from Greece to Ljubljana Jože Pučnik Airport. IOM staff, along with representatives from UNHCR and the Ministry of Interior (MOI), welcomed the group at the airport and provided them with reception assistance. The representatives from the MOI escorted them to the asylum centre in Ljubljana where their applications for international protection were submitted. To date, 61 persons (31 Syrians, 15 Iraqis, and 15 Eritreans) seeking international protection have arrived in Slovenia.

Italy

IOM teams continue to be deployed at the main boat landing points in Sicily (including Lampedusa), Calabria, and Apulia. The IOM teams provide legal assistance to those arriving by sea, monitor the reception conditions of migrants, and support the authorities in the identification of vulnerable populations. Vulnerable cases also include unaccompanied children, migrants in need of health and/or

Italy (continued)

psychosocial support, women victims of trafficking, and the elderly. Furthermore, two IOM teams work in Sicily and Apulia with the specific aims of enhancing detection and identification of victims of trafficking and referring them for services to relevant authorities.

Libya

On 15 August, IOM Libya released its fifth Mobility Tracking Report which tracks the mobility patterns, needs and shelter settings of populations on the move in Libya. The report identified 348,372 internally displaced persons (IDPs), 310,265 returnees, and 275,857 migrants in the country. The number of migrants inside the country have remained relatively stable, increasing by only five per cent since the previous report. Approximately 79 per cent of migrants reported living in private housing, 18 per cent in public places, including unfinished buildings, tents, caravans and makeshift shelters, while some two per cent were in detention centres. The most frequently reported countries of origin for migrants were Chad, Egypt and Niger. For the full analytical report, please visit www.globaldtm.info/libya.



Distribution of NFIs to migrants hosted at detention centres.
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During the reporting period, IOM through local partners, the Libyan Red Crescent in Benghazi and STACO (Sheikh Taher Azzawi Charity Organisation), distributed non-food items (NFI) including mattresses, pillows and blankets, as well as hygiene kits to a total of 520 migrants staying in various detention centres throughout the country, including Al Kwifiya, Tukra, Al Khums, and Misratah detention centres.

On 23 August, IOM organized a voluntary repatriation charter flight for 241 Nigerian migrants (67 women and 174

men) who were returning to Lagos, Nigeria. Before their departure, IOM provided them with hygiene kits, underwear, clothes, and shoes. The group was escorted to Mitiga Airport by a mobile patrol team from the Libyan Directorate for Combatting Illegal Migration. The charter flight was funded by the Swiss State Secretariat for Migration, the UN Central Emergency Fund, and the Kingdom of the Netherlands.



IOM staff providing NFIs to Nigerian migrants before their repatriation flight.
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Niger

At the IOM transit centres, between 11 – 24 August, IOM registered 237 new migrants requesting voluntary return services. Furthermore, IOM provided 945 migrants with shelter, food, and medical and psychosocial support assistance.

IOM provided 632 migrants with return assistance to their country of origin, the majority of whom were returned to Guinea Conakry (334), Senegal (104), Mali (57), Guinea Bissau (44), and Cote d'Ivoire (44).

On 13 and 14 August, two days of cultural activities focused on sensitization topics around migration was held in Agadez. The activities were organized by IOM in partnership with the NGO, COOPI. The activities provided a safe space for migrants and members of the host community to exchange their views on migration and on the risks entailed around irregular movement. On the first day, a football match was organized for migrants hosted at the IOM transit centre in Agadez and people from the neighbourhood. A participatory performance in both French and Haoussa was also carried out, focusing on daily life in Niger and on the push factors that lead many migrants to leave their countries. The performance was done by eight actors from the local association "Bafunei Bijiho".

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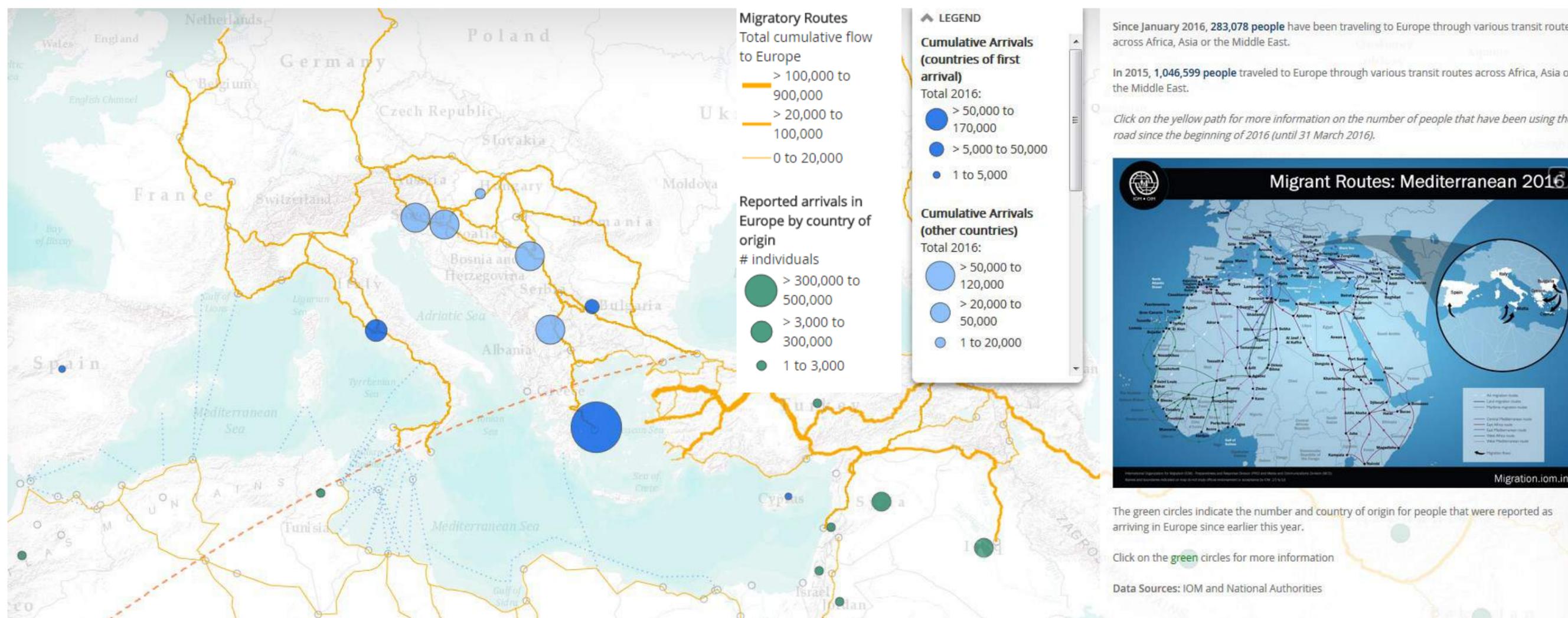
IOM's **online portal** provides information on trends and transit routes related to the Europe / Mediterranean migration crisis. The below depicts a map of the transit routes and the total number of people that travelled to Europe. An updated version of the portal can be found at <http://migration.iom.int>.

Recent trends in migrant flow

Between 11 August — 24 August 2016*

Country	Greece	Bulgaria	Italy	Serbia	Hungary
Registered Arrivals	1,434	903	4,565	305	189
Change in comparison to registered arrivals of previous period (28 July— 10 August)	Increase of less than 1%	Decrease of 18%	Decrease of 61%	Increase of 50%	Increase of 12%

*All other countries in the route have registered zero arrivals in the period between the reporting period. However there are stranded migrants in those countries. The number of stranded migrants is on the next page.



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STRANDED MIGRANTS As of 25 August 2016

Greece **58,635**

Estimate stranded migrants as of 24 August
Source: National authorities, IOM and UNHCR

Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia **200**

Estimated stranded migrants as of 24 August
Source: National authorities

Serbia **2,891**

Estimated stranded migrants as of 24 August
Source: National authorities

Croatia **48**

Estimated stranded migrants as of 24 August
Source: National authorities

Slovenia **294**

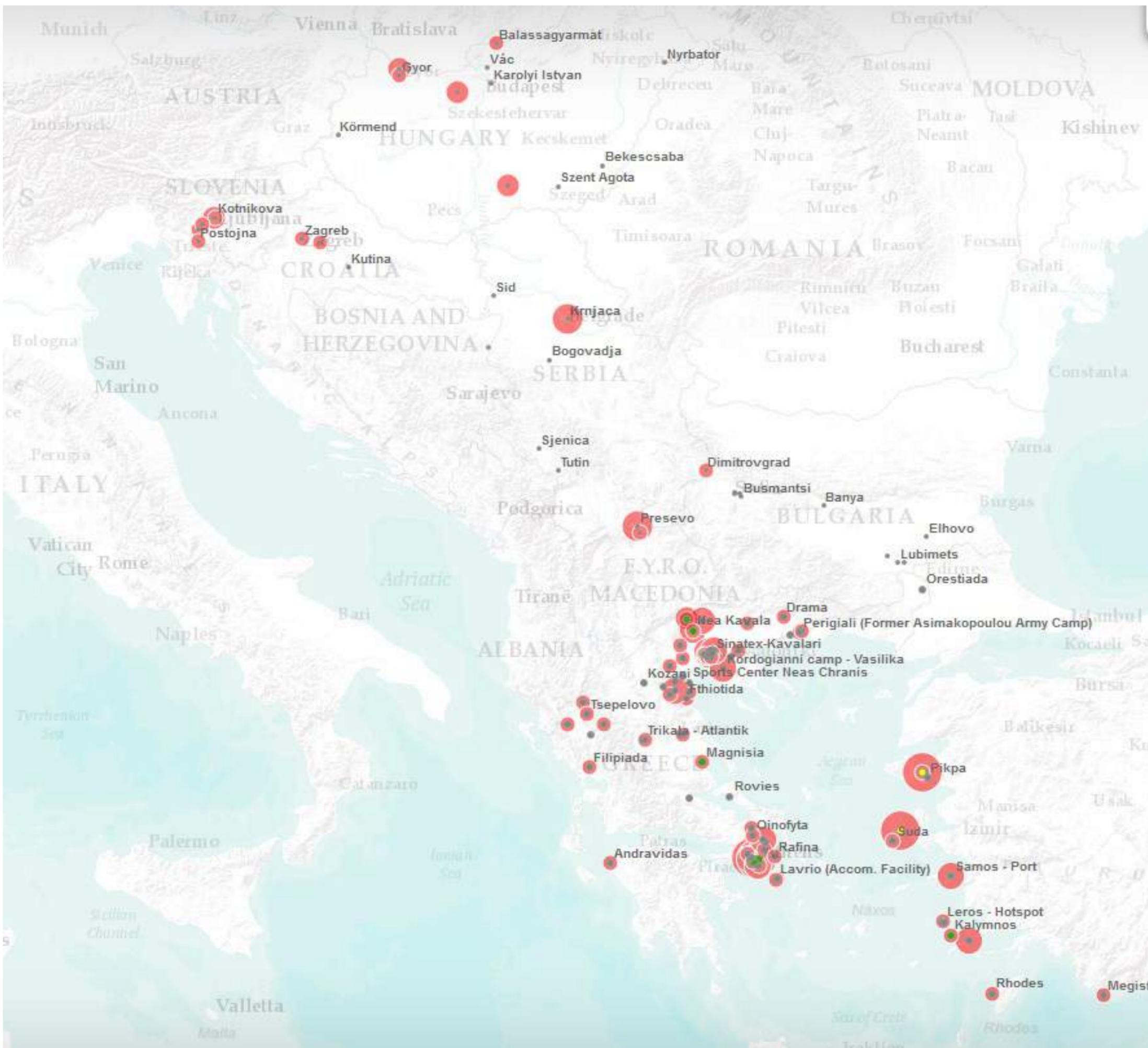
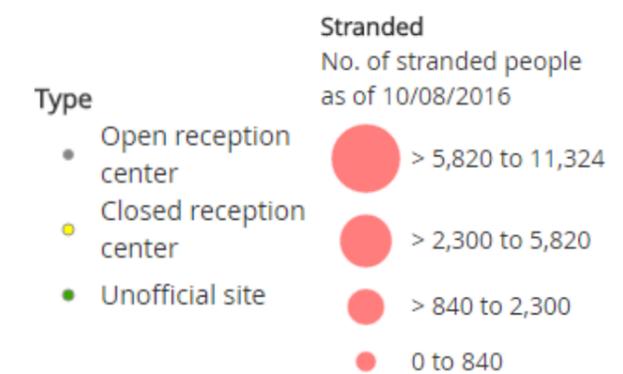
Estimated stranded migrants as of 24 August
Source: National authorities

Hungary **786**

Estimated stranded migrants as of 24 August
Source: IOM and National authorities

Bulgaria **4,394**

Estimated stranded migrants as of 18 August
Source: Government



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