



# EUROPE / MEDITERRANEAN MIGRATION RESPONSE

## INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION

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### Highlights

Migrants attended cultural orientation sessions provided by IOM staff in Athens, Greece. © IOM Greece 2016

■ **Greece:** IOM's team of cultural mediators provided information services to 131 newly arrived migrants at the First Reception Centres in Lesvos and Samos islands, and registered 156 migrants in Lesvos. Additionally, IOM's teams provided medical assistance and psychosocial sessions to 588 beneficiaries.

■ **Croatia:** IOM continues to deliver English and Croatian language courses to migrants and asylum seekers accommodated at the Reception Centre for Asylum Seekers in Zagreb and at the Reception Centre for Foreigners in Ježevo. As of 29 June, IOM has delivered a total of 87 language classes and 27 culture orientation courses.

■ **Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia:** IOM manages two mobile teams each consisting of three staff members (a translator, a social worker and a medical officer) in reception centres in Tabanovce and Gevgelija who actively monitor and screen the migrants and refugees to help ensure that those with vulnerabilities, especially victims of trafficking, are identified and referred to the appropriate services.

■ **Niger:** IOM registered 138 new migrants requesting voluntary return services at the IOM transit centres. Over 18,000 outgoing and over 9,500 incoming migrants were also registered at the IOM flow monitoring points in the Agadez region.

## SITUATION OVERVIEW

As of 29 June 2016, a total of 232,767 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 through Greece (158,237) and Italy (65,478).

According to the Hellenic Coast Guard (HCG), between 16 and 26 June, there were more than 10 boat incidents off the coasts of Lesvos, Samos, Chios, and Kos islands that required search and rescue operations. The HCG managed to rescue a total of 291 migrants and refugees who were transferred for further processing to the respective islands.

On 23 June, Greece's Alternate Migration Policy Minister, Yannis Mouzalas, announced that the country would prepare and provide accommodation and hospitality for 500 unaccompanied refugee children by July.

In the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the number of stranded migrants remaining in the reception centre of Gevgelija is 134 (29 women, 44 men, and 61 children). Approximately 121 migrants are hosted at the camp in Tabanovce.

In Serbia, the number of stranded migrants as of 28 June is 863. During the reporting period, approximately 534 persons expressed their interest in seeking asylum in the country, bringing the total number of asylum seekers to 4,399 since the start of the year.

As of 28 June, the Turkish Coast Guard (TCG) has rescued 26,092 migrants and refugees since the start of this year.

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## IOM RESPONSE

### Turkey

IOM continues to provide support to the Turkish Coast Guard (TCG) through the distribution of food, water and non-food items (NFIs) to rescued migrants and refugees. During the reporting period, IOM assisted the TCG in Dikili (a district of Izmir province from where migrants and refugees cross to the island of Lesbos in Greece) by providing food, water and NFIs, including clothing and shoes, to 39 rescued migrants and refugees. The majority of those rescued at sea in Dikili came from Syria and Pakistan. Furthermore, in Çeşme, IOM supported the TCG through the provision of food, water and NFIs to 99 migrants and refugees who were rescued at sea during the reporting period.

To date, IOM has provided 24 prefabricated cabins that are installed at 15 reception points where migrants and refugees are rescued at sea. The cabins are used as changing rooms for female migrants and refugees, as well as children, rescued at sea. The cabins also provide storage space for NFIs, including hygiene kits and blankets, which are then distributed to those who have been rescued. Furthermore, IOM has provided a total of 5,000 hygiene kits, 5,000 blankets, and 12 tarpaulin tents to help shelter rescued migrants and refugees from the elements.

In preparation for the summer heat, IOM will provide insulation materials for the 12 tarpaulin tents. Additionally, as requested by the TCG, IOM will procure 300 pairs of shoes for migrants and refugees rescued at sea in Çeşme.



IOM staff provided water to migrants and refugees rescued, Dikili Turkey.  
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### Greece

On 28 June, IOM carried out an emergency distribution of hygiene and cleaning items including bars of soap, shampoo, washing powder, toothpaste, tooth brushes, wet wipes and toilet paper in Derveni camp to address the immediate and urgent needs of refugees.

During the reporting period, IOM's team of cultural mediators provided information services to 131 newly arrived migrants at the First Reception Centres in Lesbos and Samos islands, and registered 156 migrants in Lesbos. Additionally, the IOM teams provided medical assistance and psychosocial sessions to 588 beneficiaries.



Provision of airport assistance for migrants seeking to return to their country of origin. © IOM Greece 2016

To date, IOM has assisted 1,957 asylum seekers as part of the EU relocation programme. All beneficiaries are provided with pre-departure medical checks as well as extensive cultural orientation sessions that provide practical information on their respective country of destination. IOM also helps the refugees to set realistic goals and develop skills that can help them to succeed in their new environment. When necessary, IOM also provides escort service to cases involving unaccompanied children, people with medical needs, and in countries of transit. During the reporting period, IOM social workers escorted three unaccompanied children who were being relocated to Finland and Ireland.

IOM continues to provide assisted voluntary return (AVR) services for migrants who are seeking to safely return to their country of origin. IOM provides beneficiaries of this programme with services that include: information and counselling on return; pre-departure assistance; transit and reception assistance; and small reinstallation cash grants prior to departure. Between 1 and 24 June, IOM registered 1,084 migrants who expressed interest in the AVR services and provided return assistance to 478 migrants.

IOM staff remain present on the islands of Lesbos, Samos, Chios, Leros, and Crete to work closely with authorities, including the Hellenic Coast Guards and the First Reception Services, in identifying vulnerable migrants. Once identified, vulnerable populations are referred to the relevant authorities.

## Serbia

IOM teams continue to provide counselling on assisted voluntary return (AVR) options to migrants 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.

Since mid-February 2016, IOM has provided AVR assistance to a total of 44 migrants. 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.

For vulnerable families and individuals, IOM provides transportation to local institutions and service providers such as the local health centre and centre for social work.

## Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

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

IOM has provided the Border Police with a new bus that which will transport their staff around the country's southern border and help strengthen their capacity in the Gevgelija and Dojran regions.

At the reception centre in Gevgelija, IOM has additionally helped to improve the centre's infrastructure by providing paved and marked walkways that will allow migrants and refugees to more easily get around the centre.

## Croatia

IOM continues to deliver English and Croatian language classes on a daily basis to all migrants and asylum seekers accommodated at the Reception Centre for Asylum Seekers (RCAS) in Zagreb and at the Reception Centre for Foreigners in Ježevo. As of 29 June, IOM has delivered a total of 87 language classes (60 for English and 27 for Croatian) and 27 culture orientation courses.

IOM ensures that information on available services, including legal aid and asylum-seeking procedures, is adequately disseminated by producing and translating

information posters into Arabic, Farsi and Urdu, which are displayed in various locations around the RCAS. Additionally, information is provided to migrants through the use of cultural mediators who also act as interpreters. IOM is planning to provide literacy workshops for Arabic speaking migrants at the RCAS in Zagreb in the coming weeks.

During the reporting period, IOM purchased 130 bathroom refurbishment sets (shower accessories and toilet sets including bowls, seats and flushers), 45 chairs, and two tables for the rooms at the RCAS where classes are held.



Migrants and Asylum Seekers attending language classes at the RCAS in Zagreb.  
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## Italy

On 17 June, there was a boat landing at Porto Empedocle in Sicily where a total of 113 migrants were rescued. Between 24 and 26 June, there were dozens of rescue operations by the Italian Coast Guard where 6,793 migrants were rescued and brought to land, including to the harbors of Augusta, Pozzallo, Catania, Reggio Calabria, Palermo, Cagliari, and Brindisi.

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 identification of vulnerable populations. Vulnerable cases include unaccompanied children who were mistakenly identified as adults during their disembarkation procedures, witnesses in legal proceedings against smugglers, migrants in need of health and/or psychosocial support, 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

Based on requests received from humanitarian organizations and the local councils in different cities hosting IDPs from Sirte, IOM distributed NFIs and hygiene kits in partnership with the Libyan Red Crescent to 30

families in Tripoli (Suq Al-Ahad Area). IOM also distributed NFIs and hygiene kits to 30 families that were displaced to small villages around Sirte, Abu Ghraïn, Zamzam and Abu Najim, through Ayadi Al-Khair organization.

Based on a rapid assessment conducted by IOM partners, IOM distributed NFI's and Hygiene Kits to migrants in three detention centres: Abu Issa and Sourman and Al Khums. 450 migrants received NFIs and Hygiene Kits in Abu Issa Centre in Az Zawiyah, and 107 female migrants in Sourman Detention Centre received the NFIs and Hygiene Kits on 24 and 25 June 2016. On 27 June, IOM partner STACO (a Libyan NGO) distributed NFIs and HK to 150 migrants in Al-Khums Detention Centre.

Between 13 and 20 June, IOM's medical team visited six detention centres: Al-Qwea, Al-Khums, Al-Zawiyah (al-Nasir), Abu Issa, Misrata and Shahat in the eastern region. A total of 63 medical sessions were delivered to stranded migrants in these centres. In addition, from 20 to 27 June, IOM provided healthcare services to 16 migrants who were rescued from rescue at sea operations in Sobratha and Surman.

On 16 June, IOM facilitated the voluntary repatriation of 162 Nigerian migrants, including 28 women and 3 children, who were stranded in Libya, back to Nigeria. Of the group, 146 individuals had spent months in immigration detention centres. Before departure, all migrants were provided with hygiene kits, clothes and shoes. A mobile patrol from the Libyan Directorate of Combating Illegal Migration (DCIM) escorted the buses to Mitiga Airport.

The repatriated migrants were received by IOM in Nigeria at the Murtala Muhammed International Airport and were provided with cash grants upon arrival. Of the group, 20 will be provided with reintegration support.



IOM facilitated the repatriation of 162 Nigerians who were stranded in Libya.  
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## Niger

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IOM provided 244 migrants with shelter, food, medical and psychosocial support assistance. Furthermore, IOM provided 125 migrants with transport assistance to their home country, the majority of whom were from Senegal (45), Guinea Conakry (25), Mali (13), Guinea Bissau (13), Gambia (10), and Nigeria (9).

IOM is currently working to locate the family of a victim of trafficking (VoT). The VoT is from a neighbouring country and when he managed to escape his abusive employer, he was referred to IOM by a community mobilizer from the IOM Orientation Office in Agadez. The VoT is currently accommodated at the IOM transit centre in Niamey while IOM is tracking down his family to notify them.

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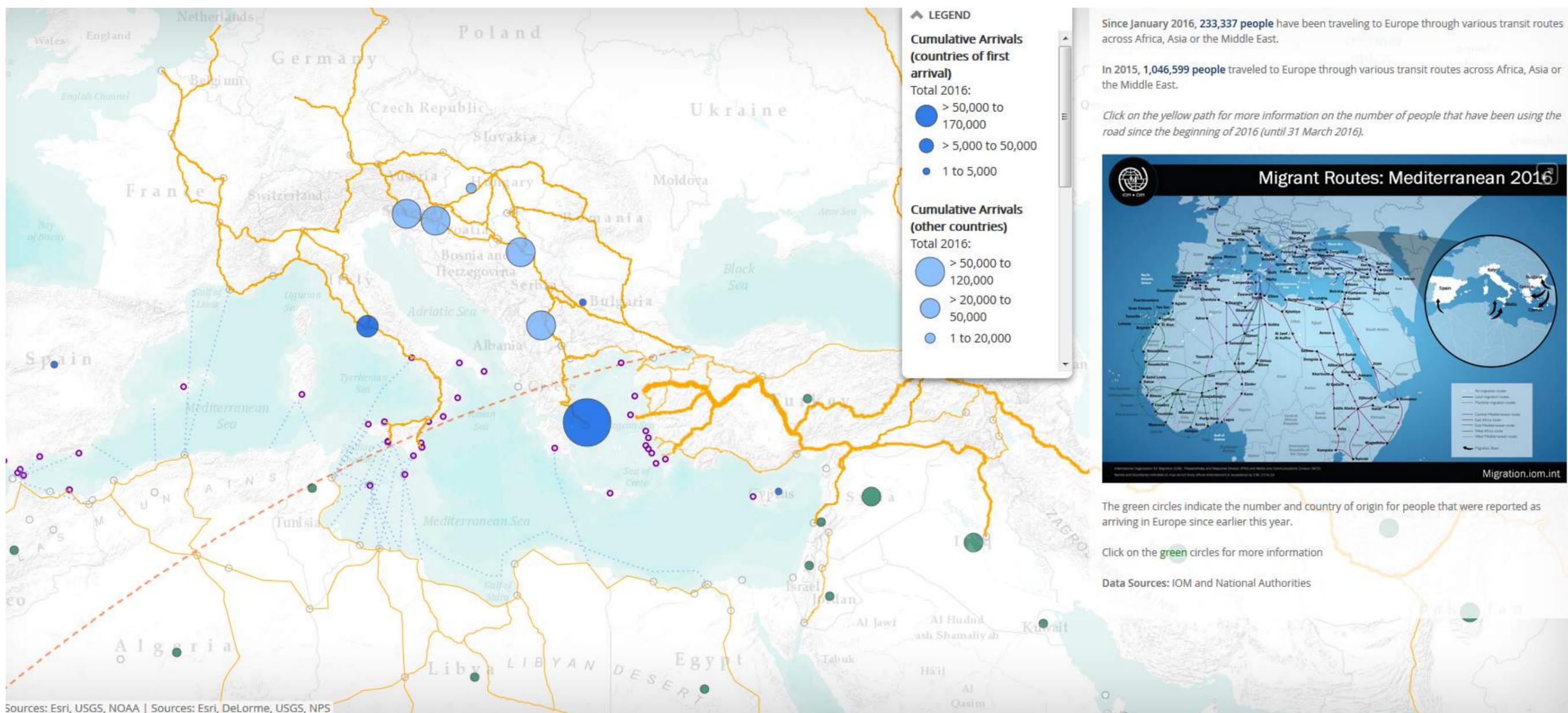
IOM's **online portal** provides information on trends and transit routes related to the Europe / Mediterranean migration crisis. The below depicts a map of the transit routes and the total number of people that travelled to Europe. An updated version of the portal can be found at <http://migration.iom.int>.

## Recent trends in migrant flow

Between 16 June — 29 June 2016\*

Country	Greece	Bulgaria	Italy	Serbia	Hungary
<b>Registered Arrivals</b>	814	457	10,700	480	1,826
<b>Change in comparison to registered arrivals of previous period (2 June— 15 June)</b>	Increase of 37%	Decrease of 32%	Increase of 55%	Increase of 26%	Increase of 5%

\*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 28 June 2016

**Greece** **57,155**

Estimate stranded migrants as of 26 June  
Source: National authorities, IOM and UNHCR

**Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia** **212**

Estimated stranded migrants as of 28 June  
Source: National authorities

**Serbia** **863**

Estimated stranded migrants as of 28 June  
Source: National authorities

**Croatia** **63**

Estimated stranded migrants as of 28 June  
Source: National authorities

**Slovenia** **314**

Estimated stranded migrants as of 28 June  
Source: National authorities

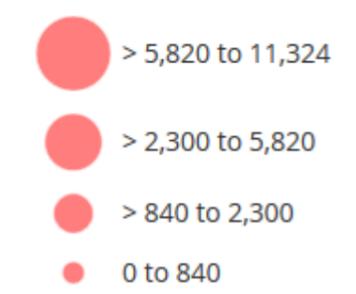
**Hungary** **2,130**

Estimated stranded migrants as of 28 June  
Source: IOM and National authorities

**Bulgaria** **1,562**

Estimated stranded migrants as of 23 June  
Source: Government

**Stranded**  
No. of stranded people  
as of 28/06/2016



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