

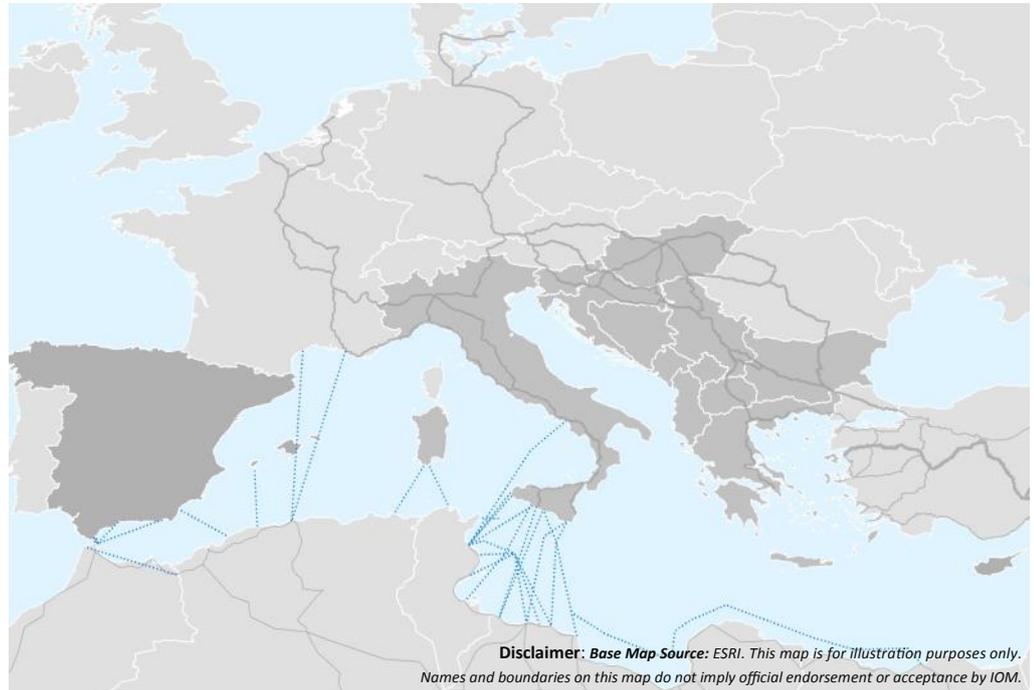
174,395 TOTAL ARRIVALS TO EUROPE
1 JAN-31 MAR 2016

170,905 TOTAL ARRIVALS TO EUROPE by sea
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3,490 TOTAL ARRIVALS TO EUROPE by land
1 JAN-31 MAR 2016

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Populations from the Middle East, Asia, and Africa have been crossing the Mediterranean to reach Europe in growing numbers since 2011, however 2015 marked the sharpest increase of arrivals to Europe and deaths in the Mediterranean.

In order to gather and disseminate information about the migrant populations moving through the Mediterranean, up to the Western Balkan Route and through the Northern Route into Europe, IOM rolled out a Flow Monitoring System in September 2015, as part of the Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) tools and methodologies.

The total number of arrivals to Europe in the **first quarter of 2016 is 174,395**, compared to **21,018 in the same period of 2015**. In the first three months of 2016, the migration flows, have seen significant changes. The policy decisions taken in February (Joint Statement of Heads of Police Services, 18 February 2016) and March (through the tentative agreement between the EU and Turkey on 8 March 2016 and, subsequently EU-Turkey deal on 17 March 2016) have brought migration flows through the Eastern Mediterranean and the Western Balkan route to a standstill.

Due to policy changes mentioned above, **56,814 migrants and refugees** were stranded in **Greece, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia, Hungary, Croatia, Bulgaria and Slovenia as of 31 March 2016**. Meanwhile, the number of migrants and refugees transiting the Central Mediterranean route has increased from February to March. The green border between Turkey and Bulgaria remains of interest as well as the Northern Route.

The first three months of 2016, IOM recorded **714 dead/missing** migrants in the Mediterranean and Aegean.

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2016 Policy Timeline

11 February 2016

NATO sends naval patrols and air surveillance in order to deter smugglers in the Mediterranean Sea, as well as to gather intelligence and monitor migrant flow alongside Greek and Turkish coast guards.

18 February 2016

The chiefs of the police services in Austria, Croatia, former Yugoslavian Republic of Macedonia, Serbia and Slovenia announced a joint agreement to profile and register migrants and refugees at the Macedonian – Greek border and organize transport from said border to Austria of selected migrants and refugees.

7 March 2016

European leaders reached a tentative agreement with Ankara on the migrant and refugee crisis – the mechanism described as “one in, one out” would be that for every Syrian returned to Turkey from Greece, the EU would then resettle

18 March 2016

European Union and Turkey signed an agreement which outlines the plan to end irregular migration flows from Turkey to Europe.

EU-Turkey Agreement Overview

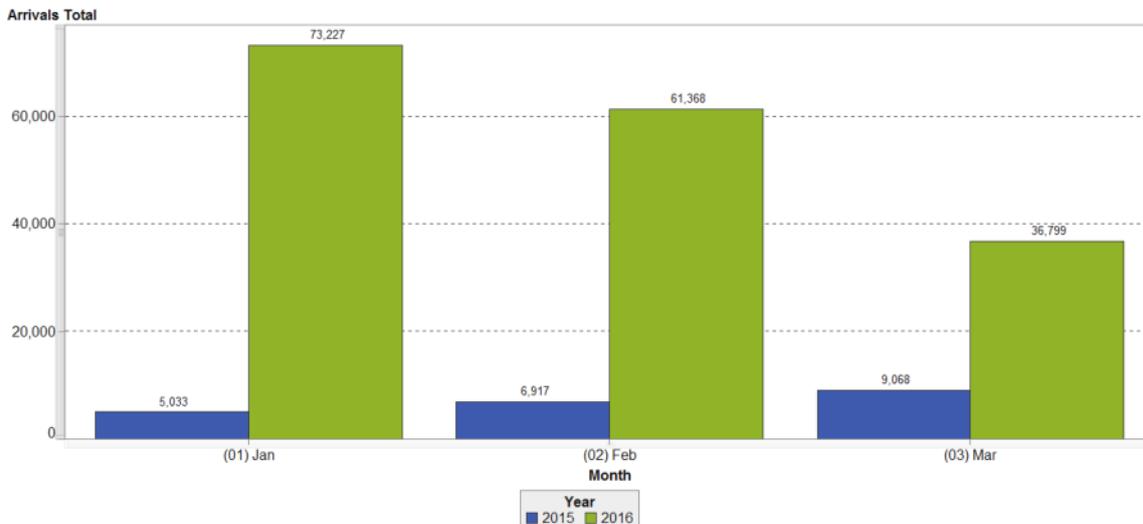
From the 20th of March, all persons who do not have a right to international protection in Greece will be returned to Turkey. There will be no mass returns, each individual arriving on Greek shores and applies for asylum will go through an expedited procedure. Those who do not apply for asylum or whose applications were considered unfounded or inadmissible in accordance with the Asylum Procedures Directive will be returned to Turkey.

The resettlement of Syrians will go under a 1:1 mechanism. Priority will be given to the Syrians who have not previously entered or tried to enter the EU irregularly. The EU will take into account the UN Vulnerability Criteria during the selection process.

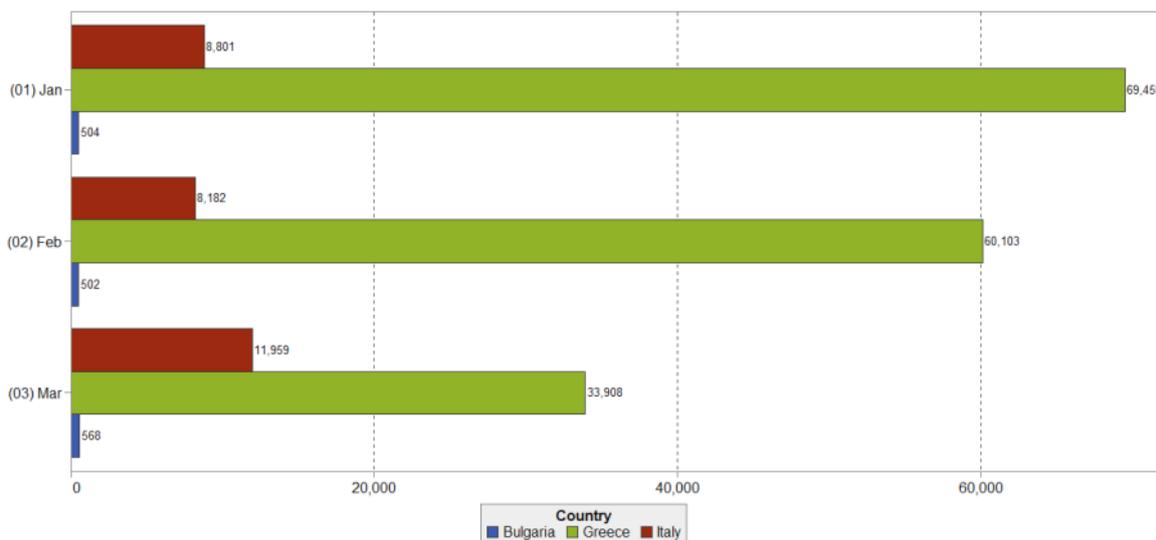
The EU Member States and agencies will accelerate relocation procedures from Greece, that way in the next month a total of 6,000 relocations should be achieved. By mid-May 2016 a minimum of 20,000 relocations should be completed.

Arrivals To Europe — Q1 Overview

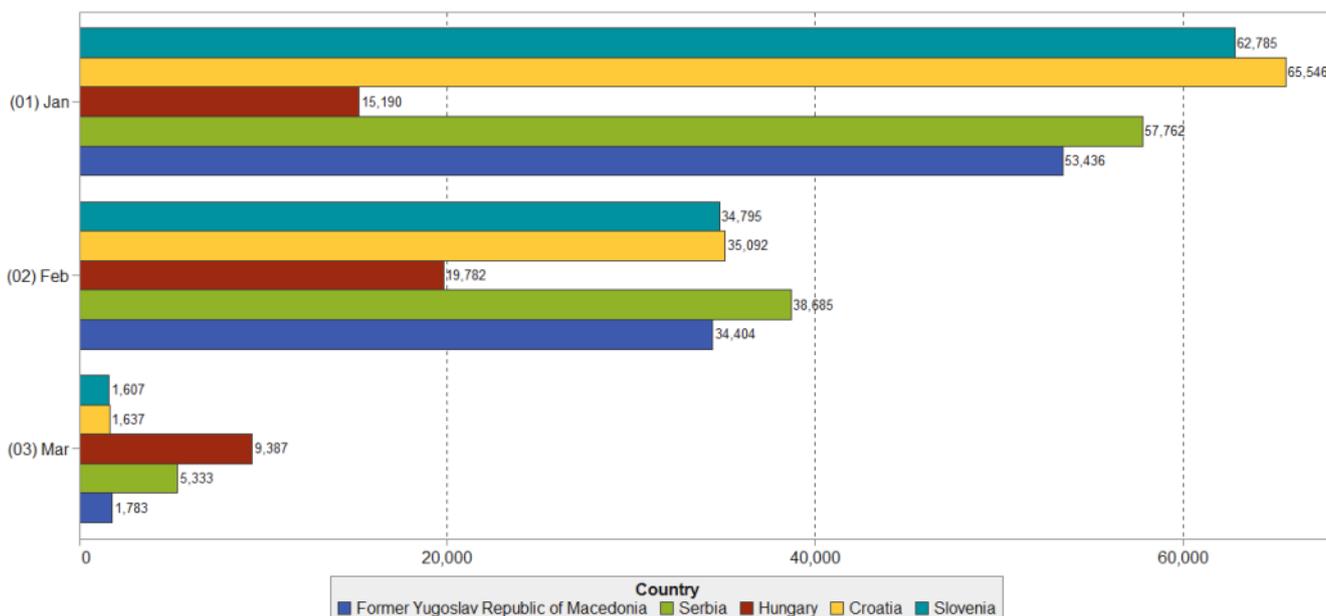
Total Arrivals by Land and Sea, Comparison 2015 to 2016



Arrivals to Europe by Month from 1 January to 31 March 2016 (Countries of First Arrival)



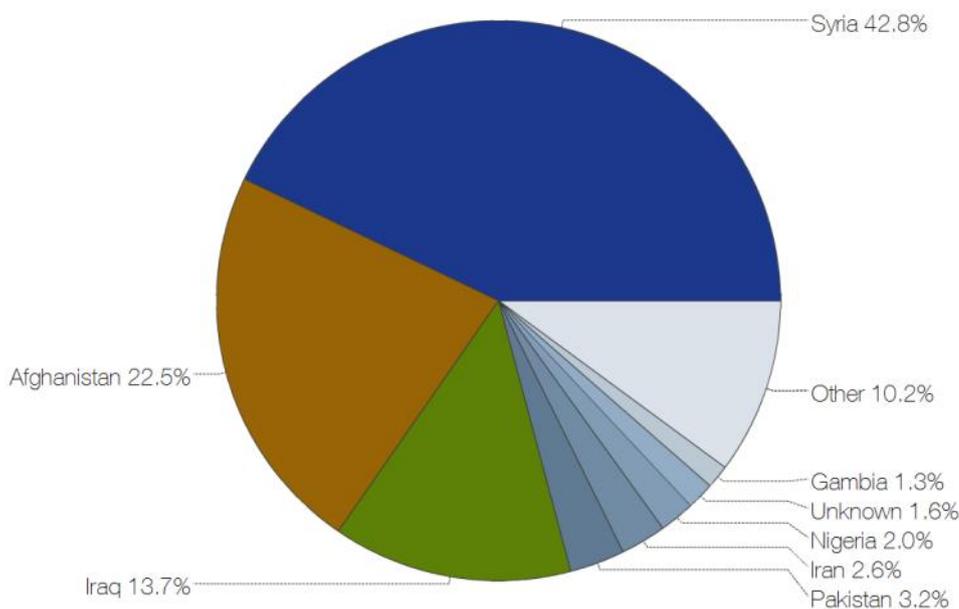
Arrivals to Europe by Month from 1 January to 31 March 2016 (Other Countries)



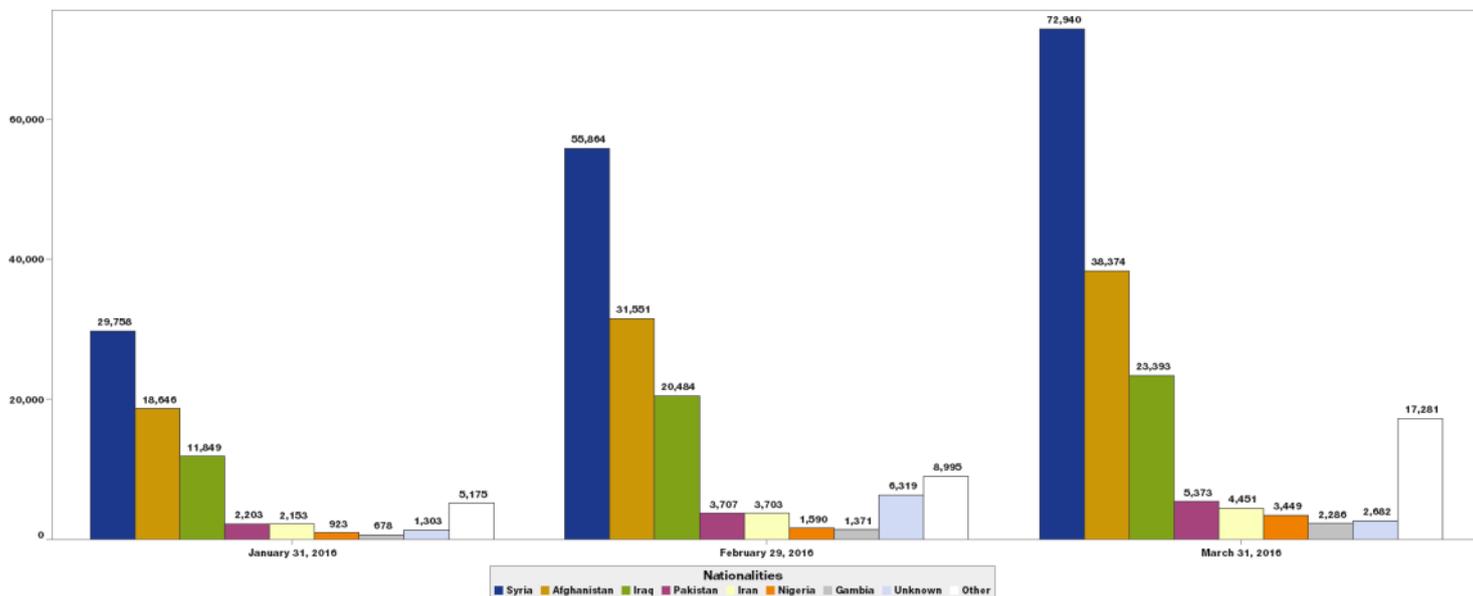
Total Arrivals Overview: Countries of First Arrivals from 1 January to 31 March 2016

	Sea	Land	Total
Greece	151,452	1,165	152,617
Bulgaria	-	1,574	1,574
Italy	18,777	-	18,777
Spain	648	751	1,399
Cyprus	28	-	28
TOTAL	170,905	3,490	174,395

Nationalities of Aggregate Cumulative Arrivals to Italy and Greece from 1 January to 31 March 2016



Monthly Arrivals by Nationality to Italy and Greece from 1 January to 31 March 2016



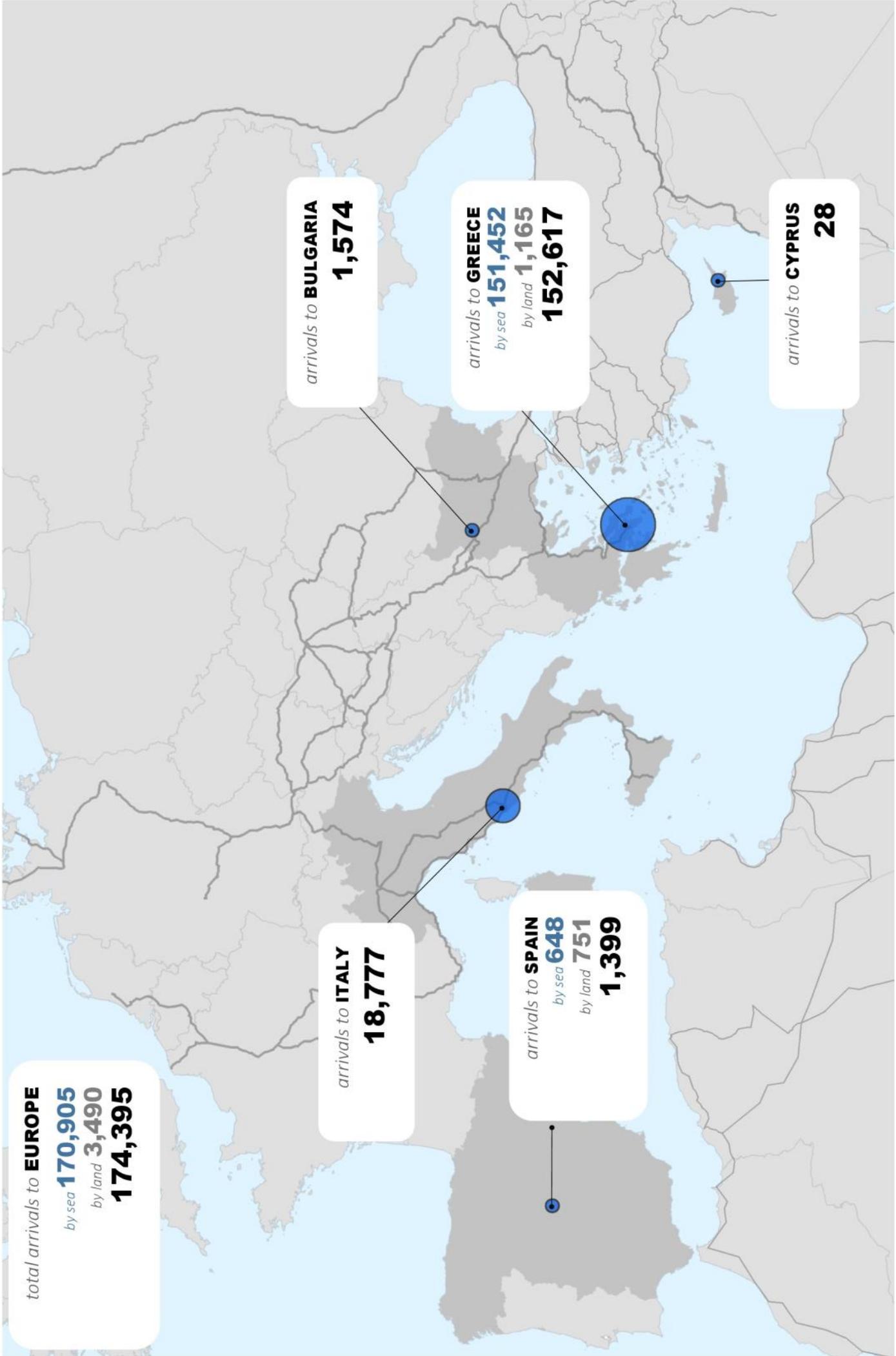
Download the full Q1 2016 Dataset [here](#).



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OVERVIEW: MIGRANT FLOWS TO EUROPE

Registered and reported arrivals to Greece, Cyprus, Spain, Italy and Bulgaria 🌐 From 01 January 2016 to 31 March 2016

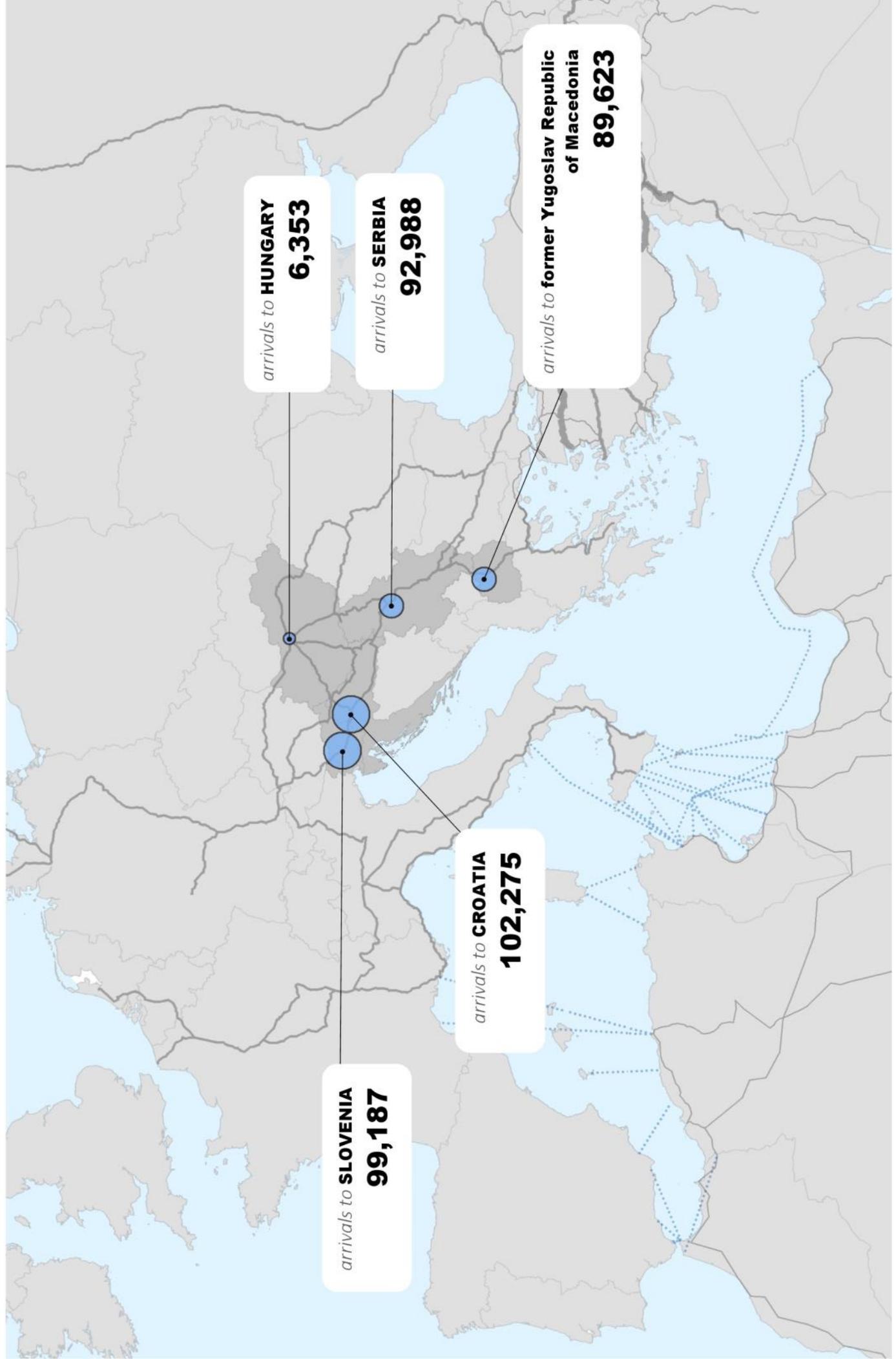


OVERVIEW: MIGRANT FLOWS TO EUROPE

Registered and reported arrivals to FYR of Macedonia, Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia and Hungary 📍 From 01 January 2016 to 31 March 2016



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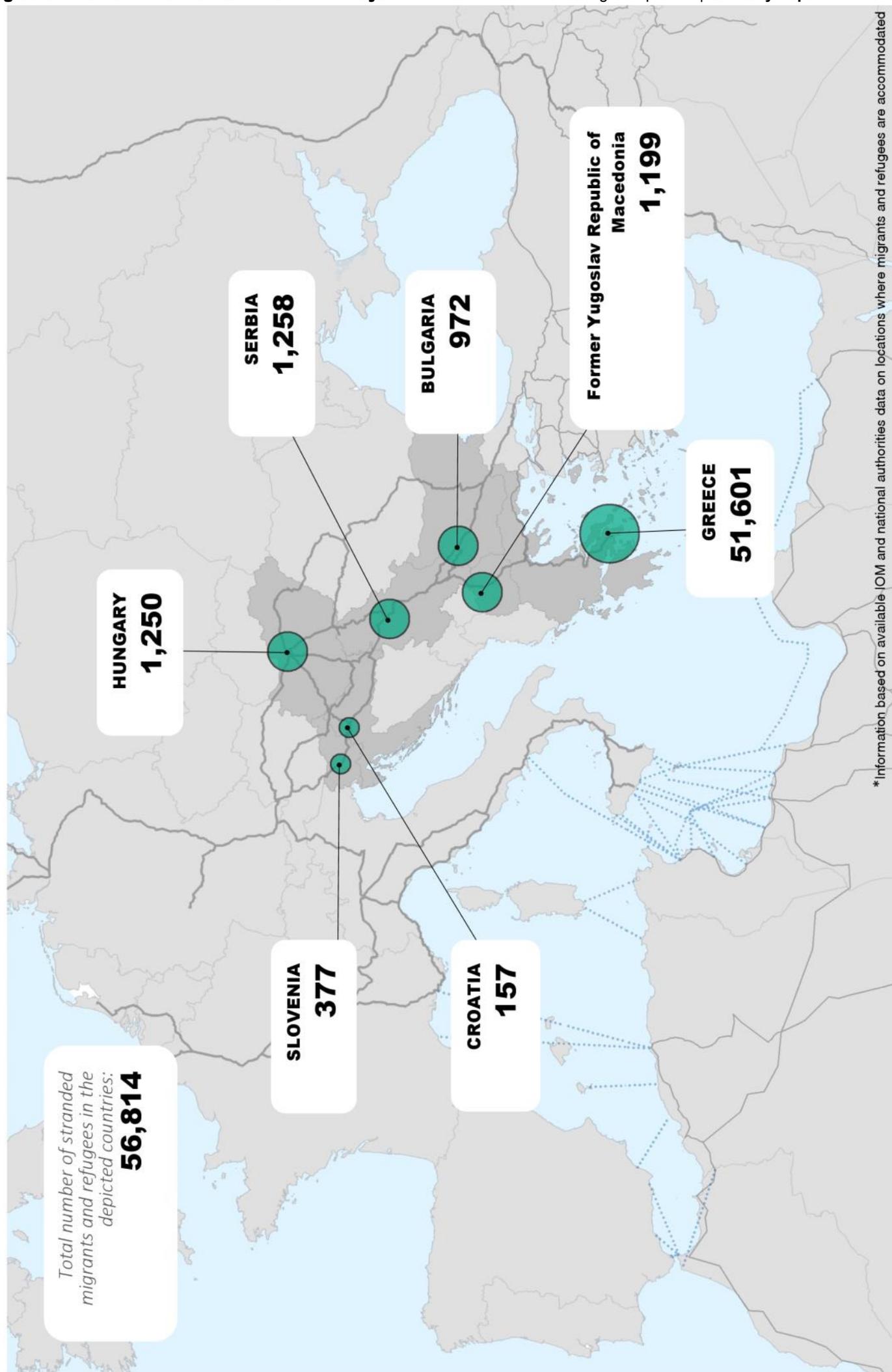


OVERVIEW: STRANDED MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Stranded migrants and refugees in Greece, fYR of Macedonia, Serbia, Hungary, Croatia and Slovenia* 31 March 2016



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*Information based on available IOM and national authorities data on locations where migrants and refugees are accommodated

Fatalities in the Mediterranean and Aegean Sea



Mediterranean fatalities by month 2014 - 2016



Child fatalities at sea, Eastern Mediterranean route to Greece



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