

MIGRATION FLOWS TO EUROPE - 2017

QUARTERLY OVERVIEW - MARCH



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30,465 TOTAL ARRIVALS TO EUROPE **29,260** TOTAL ARRIVALS TO EUROPE BY SEA **1,205** TOTAL ARRIVALS TO EUROPE BY LAND

Developments

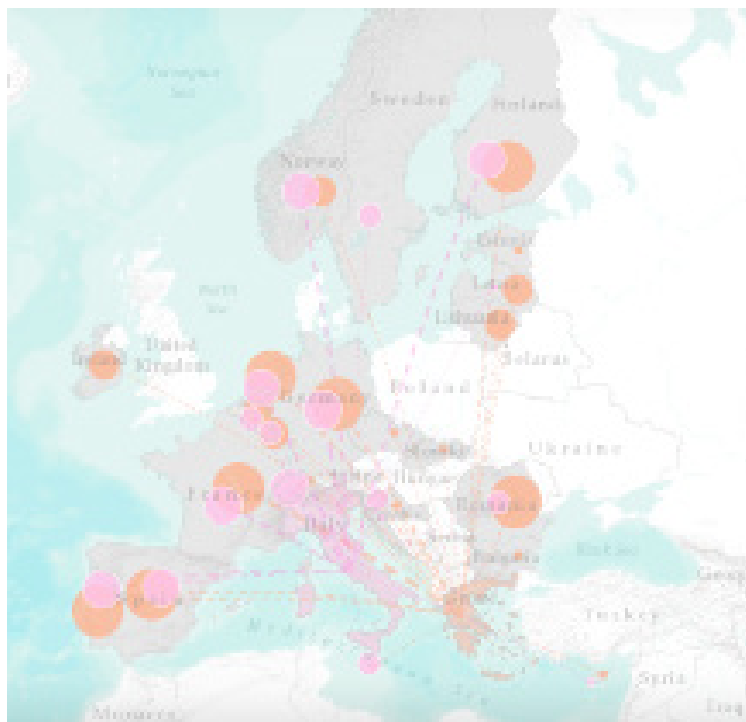
The total number of arrivals to Europe by the end of March 2017 has been recorded as 30,465 with more than 29,000 counted as sea arrivals to Greece, Italy and Spain. This is in stark contrast to the 175,056 arrivals recorded in the same period 2016. The decrease in numbers of arrivals can be observed across many of the countries which saw the highest numbers of arrivals in 2016. In the first three months of 2017 Greek Authorities reported 4,407 arrivals compared to the 152,617 recorded in the first quarter of 2016, a 97% decrease. Contrary to that, Italy is seeing an increase in arrivals since 2015 reaching a peak at the end of March 2017. The figures indicate a 85% increase in arrivals when comparing the first quarters of 2015 (10,165) and 2016 (18,777), and additional 29% rise in numbers of arrivals in the first three months of 2017 with the total of 24,292 migrants registered as of 31 March 2017.

Policy changes on the EU level had a significant impact on flows within the region. The EU-Turkey Statement from 18 March 2016 brought migration flows through the Eastern Mediterranean and the Western Balkan route to a relative standstill. As previously mentioned, in parallel Italy saw an increase in arrivals with more than 90% of departures to Italy taking place from the Libyan shores. This has prompted the Governments to seek a durable solution to the problem which resulted in a mutual agreement between Libya and Italy aimed at reducing the migration pressure on the most perilous route in the Mediterranean. Despite the support received from the other EU member states at the migration dedicated summit in Malta in February 2017, the agreement between the Libyan and Italian prime ministers was later suspended by the Libyan court ([more here](#)). By the end of March 2017, 733 dead and missing migrants were reported in the Central Mediterranean, 92% of the total number recorded for the whole Mediterranean (793).

Looking at cumulative arrivals, migrants from Western Africa represent the majority among arrivals by the end of March 2017. The nationality breakdown varied by country of arrival. In Italy, increasing share of arrivals is consisted of Guinean (13%) and Nigerian (13%) nationals, followed by migrants from Bangladesh (12%) and Cote d'Ivoire (10%). Greece received more migrants from Syria (36%), Iraq (10%), Democratic Republic of Congo (7%), Pakistan (7%) and Afghanistan (6%).

Relocations and Readmissions

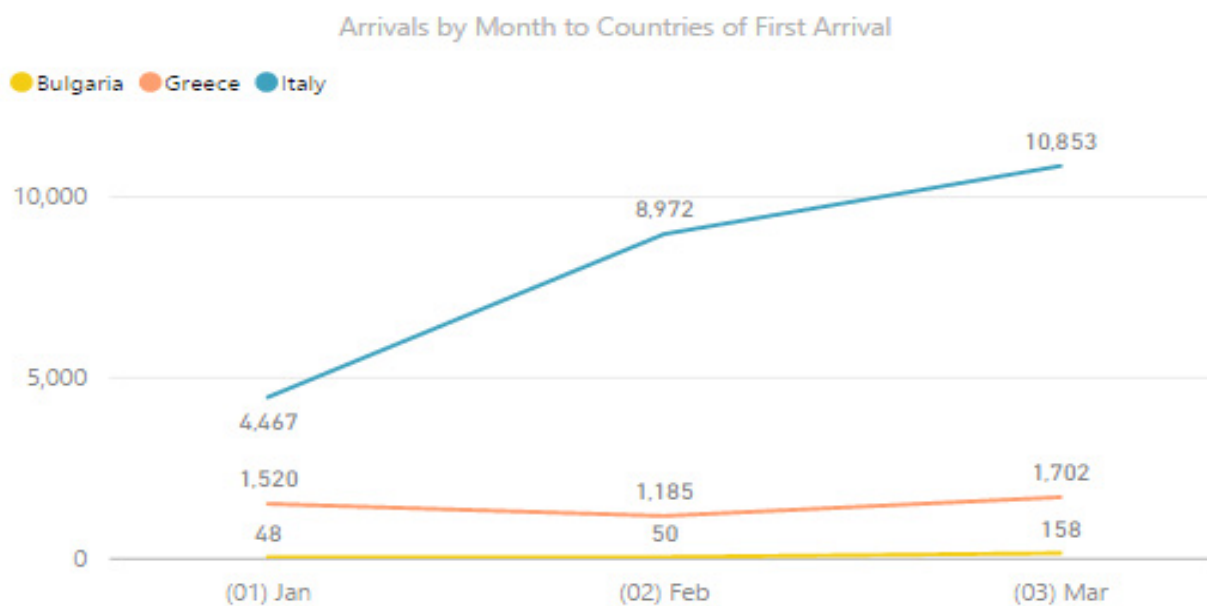
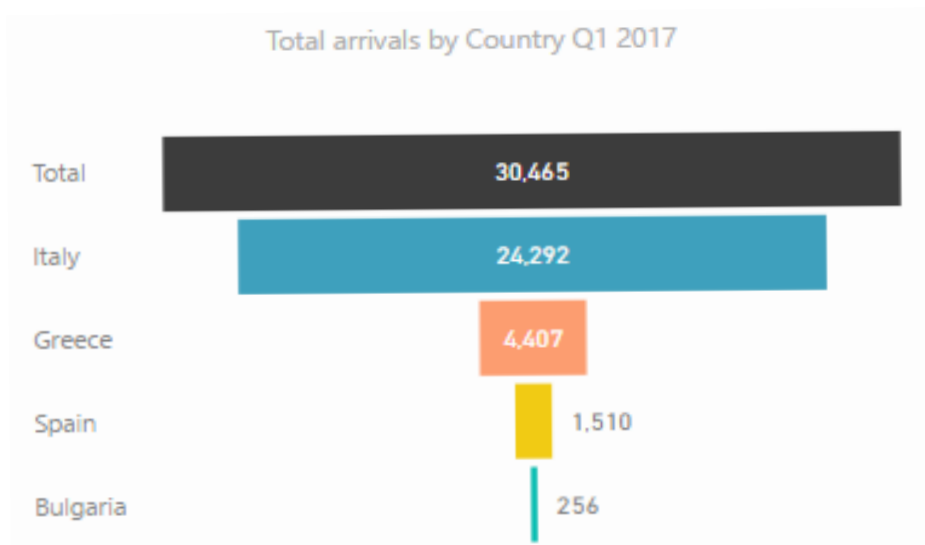
The European Commission had made available an overview of Member States' support to the EU relocation mechanism. To date, 25 countries have committed to make places available under the scheme, namely Belgium (630), Bulgaria (450), Croatia (49), Cyprus (140), Czech Republic (50), Estonia (264), Finland (1,820), France (5,490), Germany (7,250), Ireland (596), Latvia (438), Liechtenstein (10), Lithuania (600), Luxembourg (270), Malta (104), the Netherlands (1,575), Norway (1,250), Poland (100), Portugal (1,618), Romania (1,942), Slovakia (40), Slovenia (180), Spain (900), Sweden (350) and Switzerland (1,280) with an overall number of only 27,393 places. You can find the overview [here](#).



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Member State	From Greece	From Italy	Total
Belgium	371	121	492
Bulgaria	29	0	29
Croatia	10	9	19
Cyprus	55	10	65
Czech Republic	12	0	12
Estonia	100	0	100
Finland	738	504	1.242
France	2.836	327	3.163
Germany	2.029	1.481	3.510
Ireland	380	0	380
Latvia	243	27	270
Lithuania	229	8	237
Liechtenstein	10	0	10
Luxembourg	216	61	277
Malta	65	46	111
Netherlands	1.115	521	1.636
Norway	343	559	902
Portugal	881	299	1180
Romania	523	45	568
Slovenia	131	34	165
Slovakia	16	0	16
Spain	733	144	877
Sweden	0	39	39
Switzerland	220	510	730
Total	11.285	4.745	16.030

Arrivals to Europe during Q1*

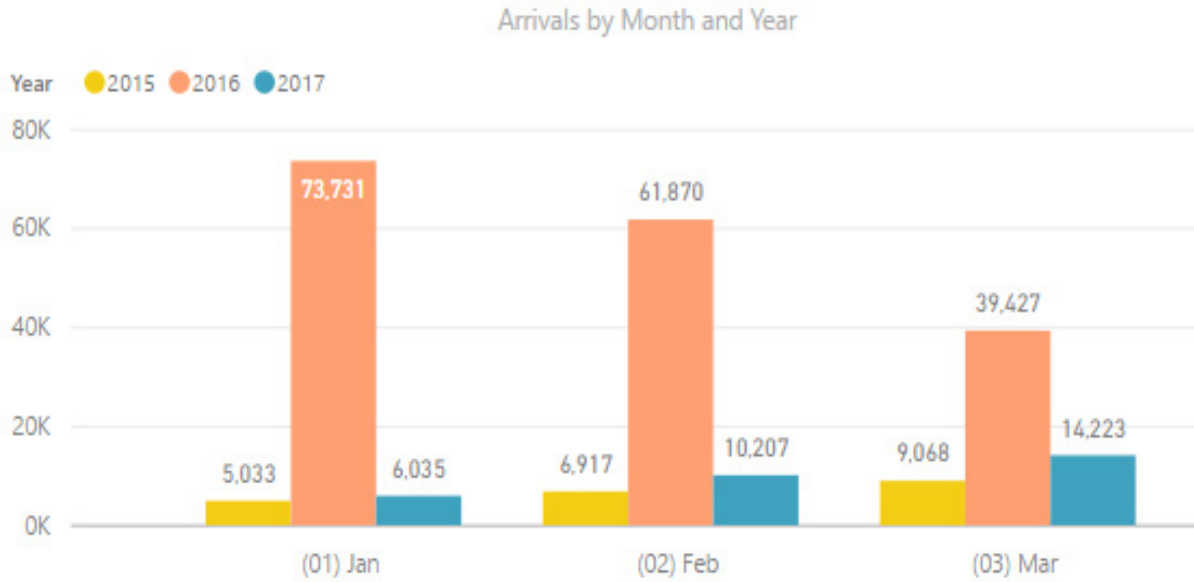


* Monthly breakdown of arrivals to Spain is not available.

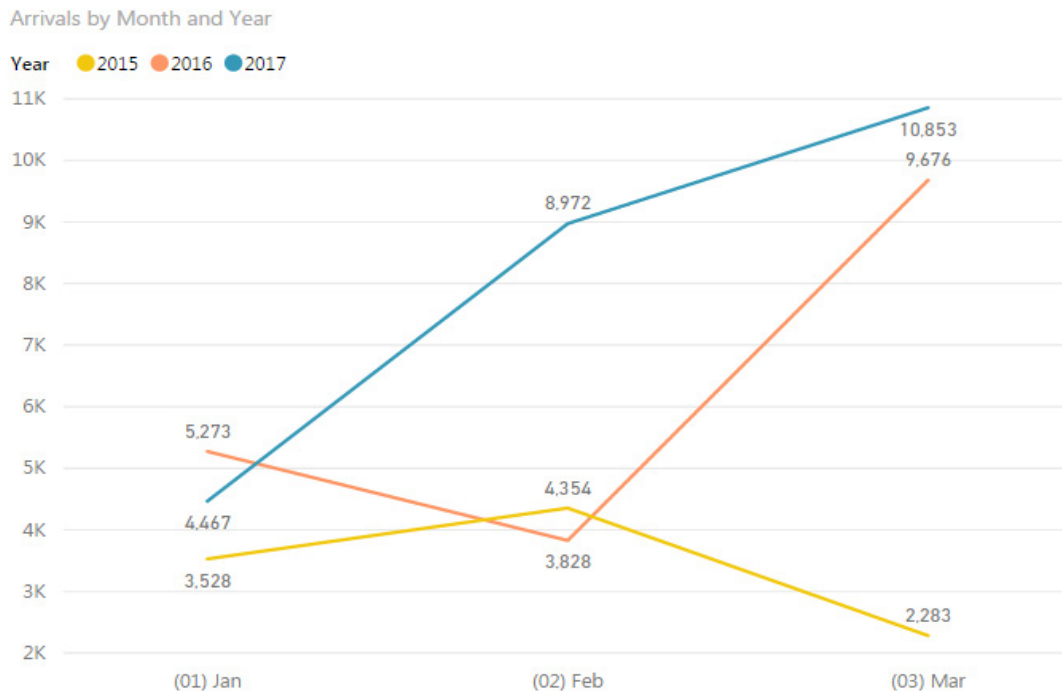
TRANSIT COUNTRIES ARRIVALS - 2016/2017			
Country	2016	2017	% change
the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	89.623	72	-99%
Serbia	96.117	0	n/a
Croatia	102.275	0	n/a
Slovenia	99.187	0	n/a
Hungary	6.353	336	-95%
Total	393.555	408	-99%

Comparison between Q1 2015, 2016 and 2017

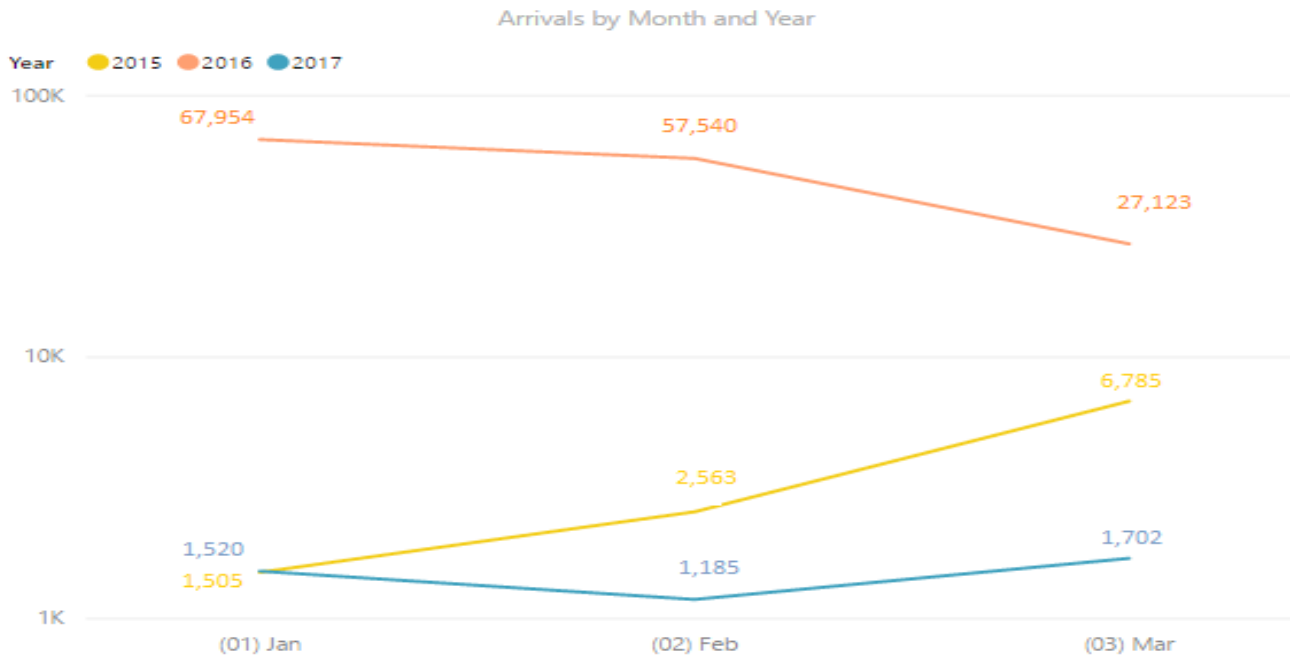
Total arrivals



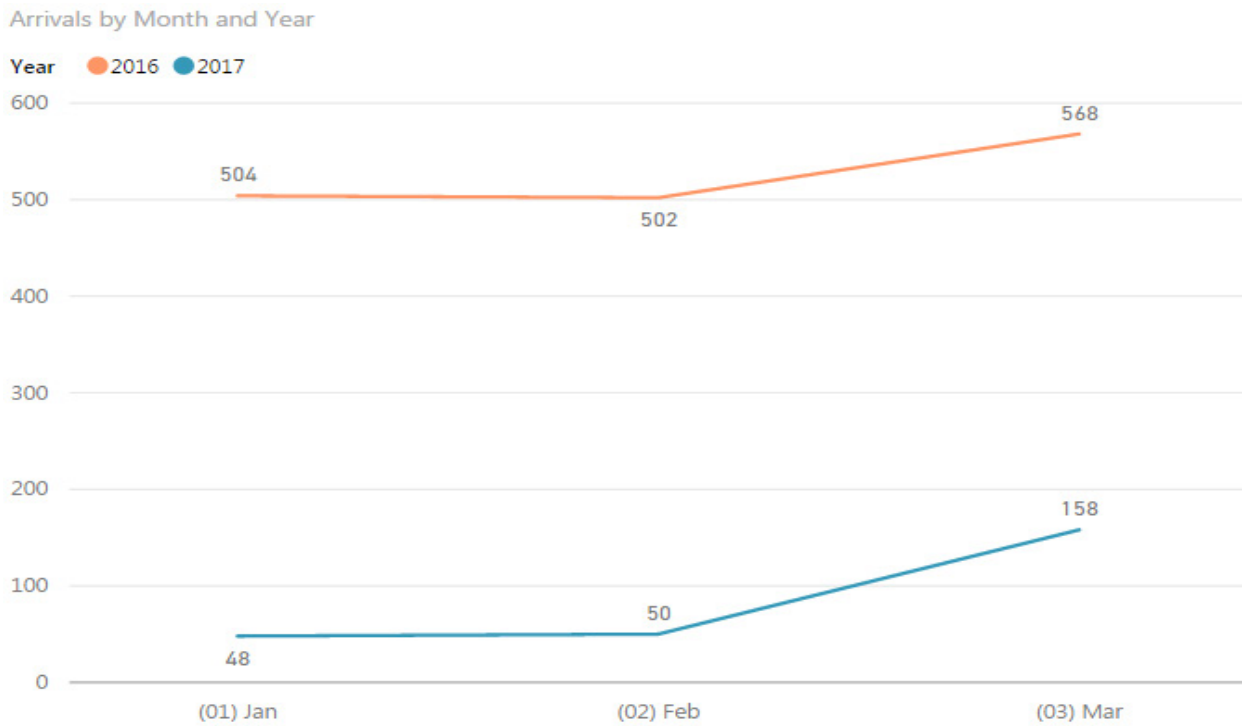
Arrivals to Italy



Arrivals to Greece

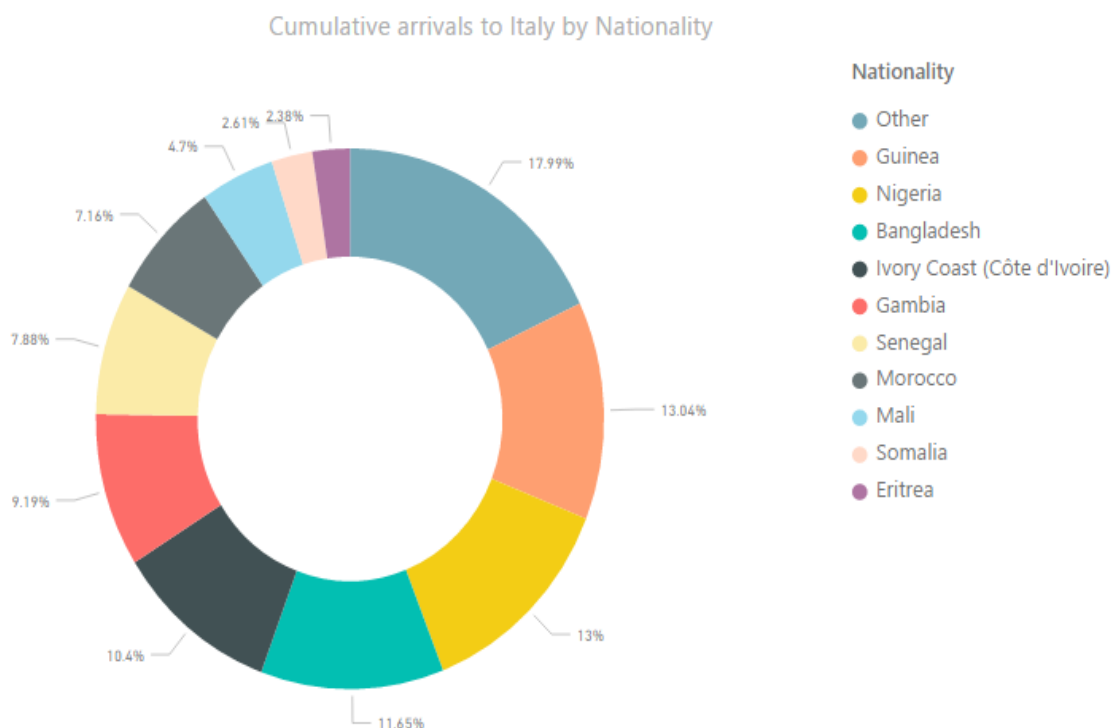


Arrivals to Bulgaria

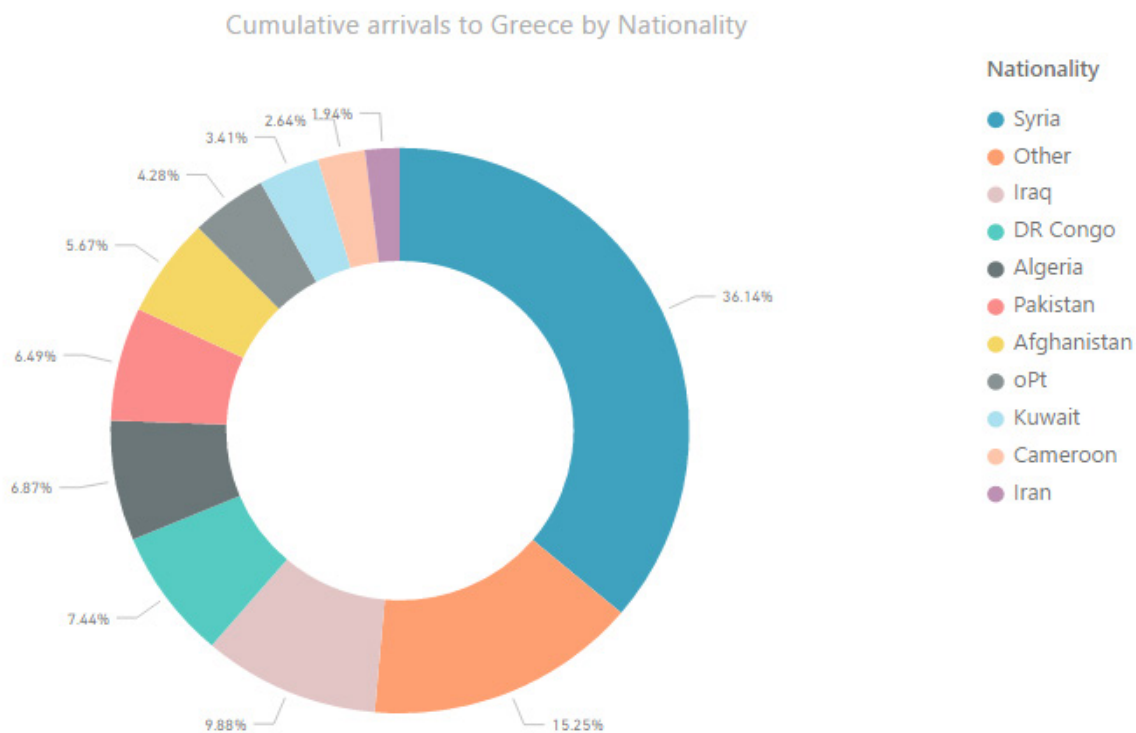


Demographic breakdown by nationality

Arrivals to Italy between January and March 2017



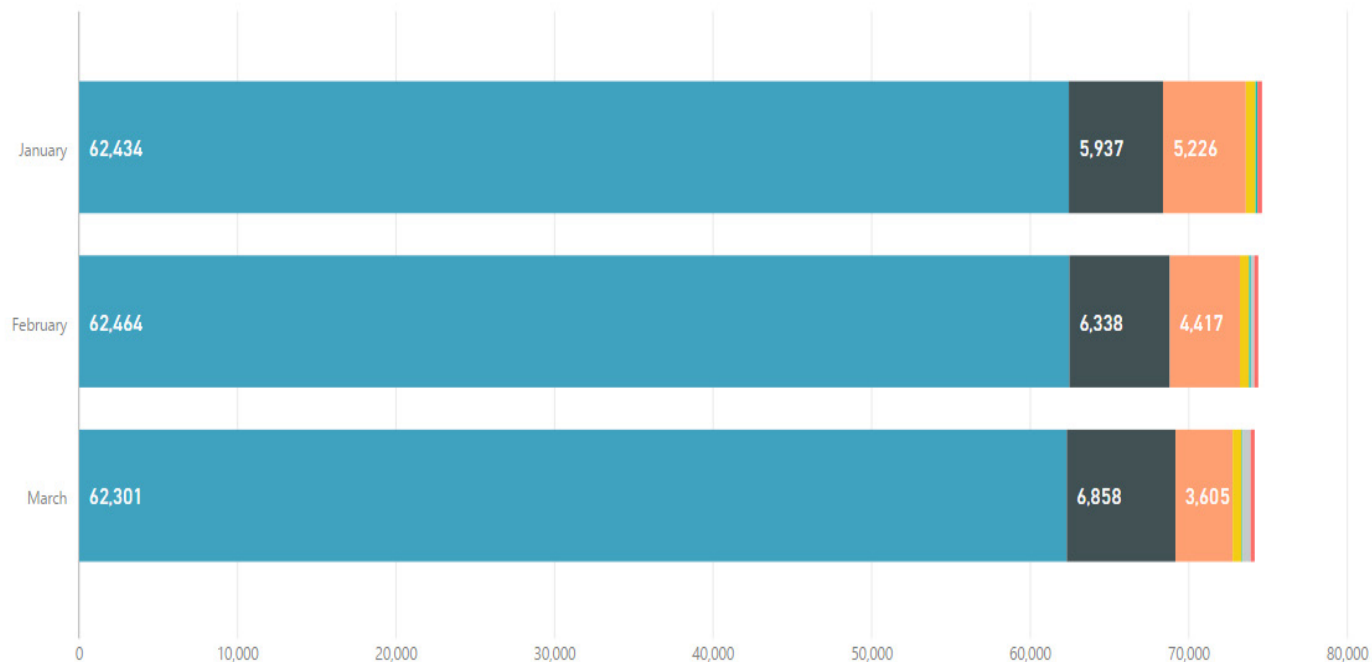
Arrivals to Greece between January and March 2017



Stranded migrants

Average stranded migrants per month

● Greece ● Serbia ● Bulgaria ● Croatia* ● FYR of Macedonia ● Hungary ● Slovenia



STRANDED MIGRANTS AND ASYLUM SEEKERS TRENDS - MARCH 2016 VS. MARCH 2017

Country	2016	2017	% change
Greece	42,688	62,215	46%
the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	1,199	44	-96%
Serbia	1,706	7,740	354%
Croatia*	231	553	139%
Slovenia	408	276	-32%
Hungary	/	512	
Bulgaria	865	3,307	282%
Total	47,097	74,647	63%

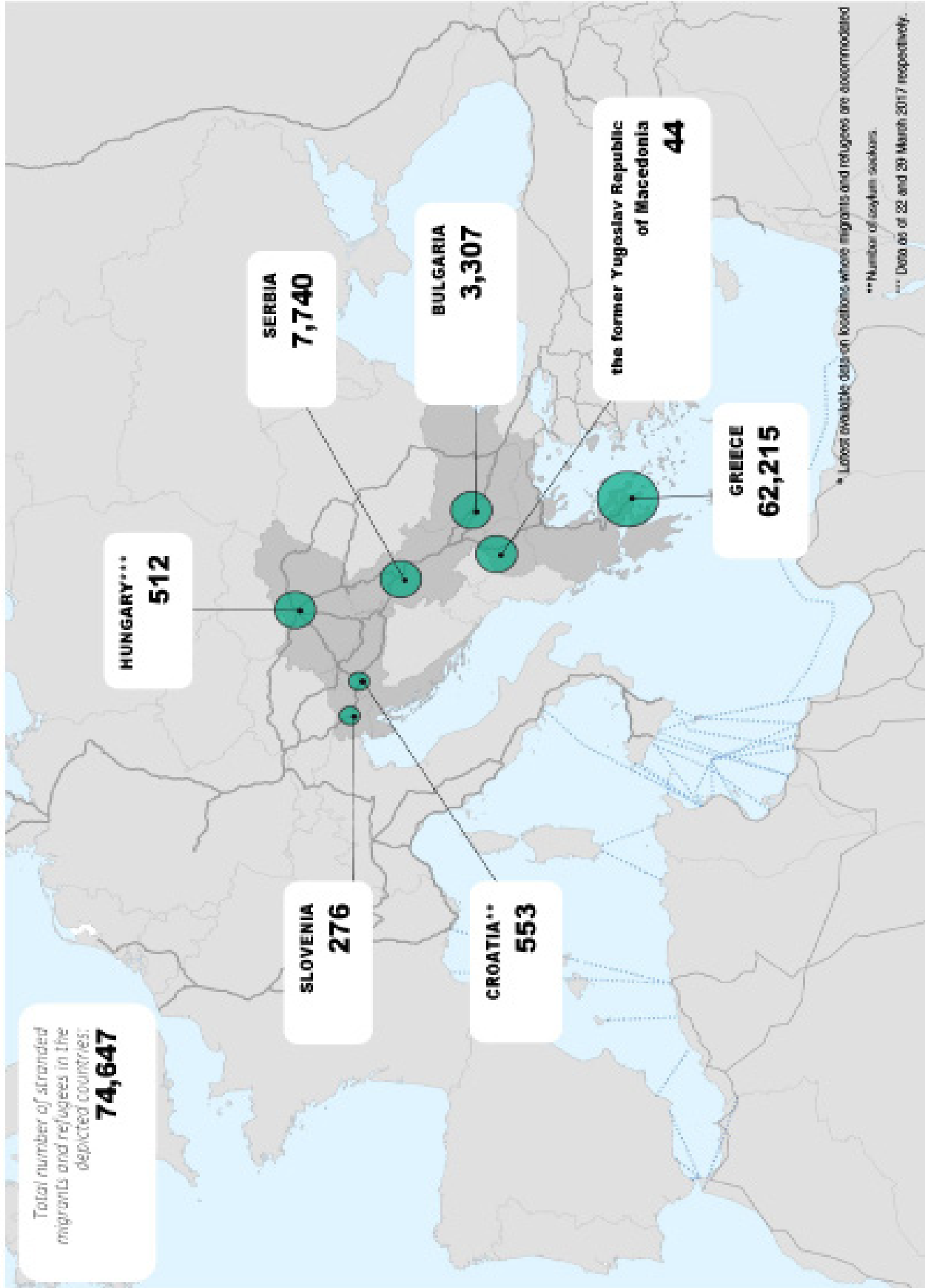
*Number of Asylum Seekers

OVERVIEW: STRANDED MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Stranded migrants and refugees in Greece, FYR of Macedonia, Serbia, Hungary, Croatia, Slovenia and Bulgaria* (31 March 2017)**



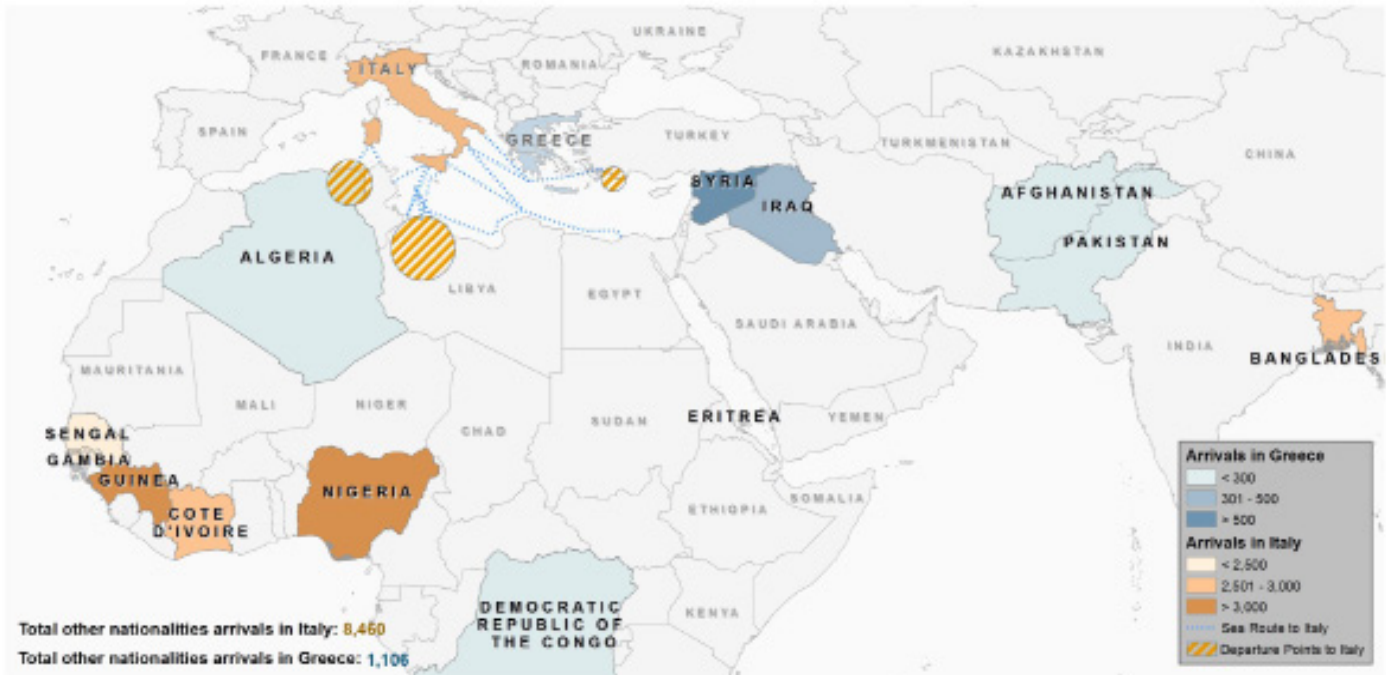
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Overview Maps

OVERVIEW: COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN - ARRIVALS TO GREECE AND ITALY

From 01 January 2017 to 31 March 2017



OVERVIEW: MAIN EXIT POINTS FROM TURKEY TO GREECE

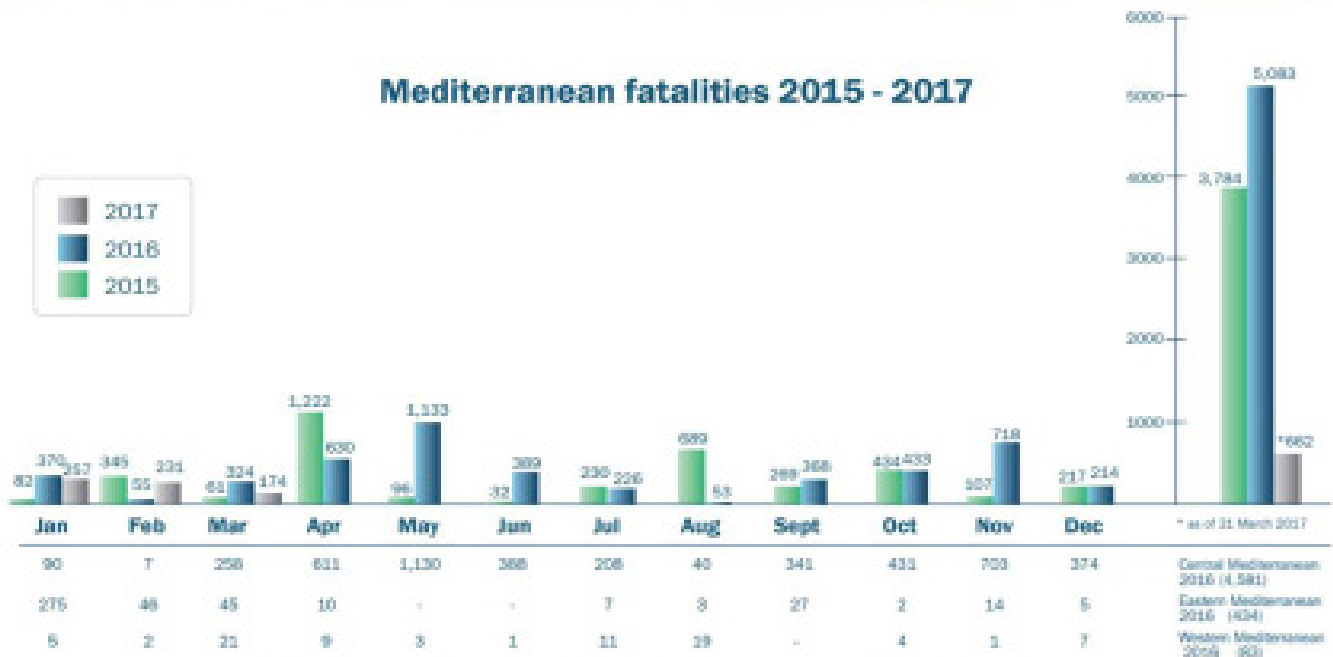
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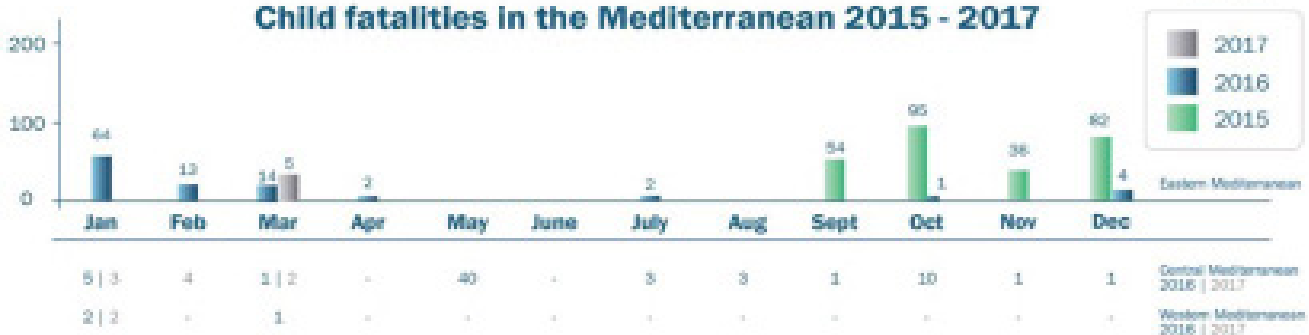
Fatalities in the Mediterranean and Aegean Sea



Mediterranean fatalities 2015 - 2017



Child fatalities in the Mediterranean 2015 - 2017



*Data for child fatalities data on the Central Mediterranean route is incomplete as most bodies are never recovered. The true number is not known. Map is for illustrative purpose. Boundaries and names used and designations shown do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by IOM.



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OVERVIEW: MIGRANT FLOWS TO EUROPE

Registered and reported arrivals to Greece, Cyprus, Spain, Italy and Bulgaria. From 01 January 2017 to 31 March 2017

