

## Europe Migrant and Refugee Snapshot, March 2017: European Mitigation Efforts

### European Response

Since 2014, over 1.6 million migrants and asylum seekers have arrived by sea to Europe. European countries registered over 3.18 million new asylum applications. Over 700,000 applicants were granted a form of protective status, mostly in Germany, France, Sweden, Italy, and the Netherlands, with 450,000 applicants rejected in the same time period, and over 1.1 million pending applications at the end of 2016. Amendments to the Schengen Border Code, proposed in response to terrorist threats, aim to strengthen external borders by requiring systematic database checks at entry and exit.



### Relocation Efforts since Sep. 2015

As of March, **27** countries have pledged to make over **26,790** spaces available for asylum seekers\* currently in Italy and Greece. Authorities have relocated over **4,700** asylum seekers in Italy, where Italian authorities have so far registered 5,300-5,800 eligible Eritreans, and **11,200** asylum seekers in Greece, where Greece has registered about 20,000-25,000 currently eligible persons.

Country	Pledged	Relocated
Austria	0	0
Belgium	630	492
Bulgaria	450	29
Croatia	46	19
Cyprus	140	65
Czechia	50	12
Estonia	210	100
Finland	1,820	1,242
France	5,490	3,157
Germany	7,250	3,510
Hungary <sup>†</sup>	0	0
Ireland	596	380
Latvia	424	270
Lichtenstein	10	10
Lithuania	600	237
Luxembourg	270	277
Malta	104	111
Netherlands	1,575	1,637
Norway	1,135	902
Poland	100	0
Portugal	1,618	1,179
Romania	1,822	568
Slovakia <sup>†</sup>	40	16
Slovenia	180	165
Spain	900	877
Sweden <sup>†</sup>	50	39
Switzerland	1,280	779
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,790</b>	<b>16,073</b>

### Resettlement Efforts since July 2015

Since agreeing to resettle **22,500** displaced persons in need of international protection over a two year period, European countries have resettled over **14,400** persons, primarily Syrian refugees hosted by Jordan, Lebanon, and Turkey. These include **4,603** Syrians resettled from Turkey pursuant to the EU-Turkey statement.

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## Balkans

As of March 2017, over 10,000 migrants and asylum-seekers were stranded in Balkan states, around 80% in Serbia. Irregular entry continues at a dramatically decreased pace relative to early 2016, as do allegations of collective expulsions and forced pushbacks. New Hungarian law requires all irregular entries, including asylum-seekers, be removed and/or detained in transit zones.

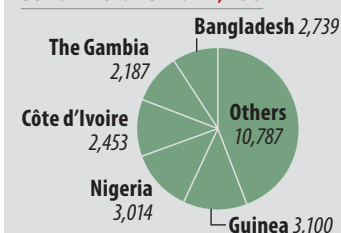


## Italy

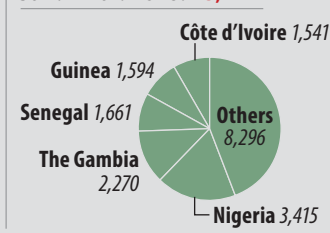
About 1900 migrants and asylum seekers arrived weekly to Italy in the first few months of 2017. A new Italian law calls for a series of measures, aligned with UNICEF recommendations, to protect refugee and migrant children in Italy where nearly 2,000 unaccompanied and separated children arrived in early 2017 in addition to almost 26,000 in 2016.

### Sea arrivals

Jan. - Mar. 2017: **24,280**



Jan. - Mar. 2016: **18,777**



Jan. - Mar. demographics	Men	Women	Children	
	2016	74%	10%	16%
	2017*	76%	9%	15%

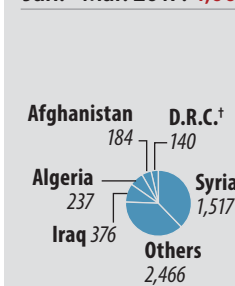
\*Data only available for Jan. - Feb.

## Greece

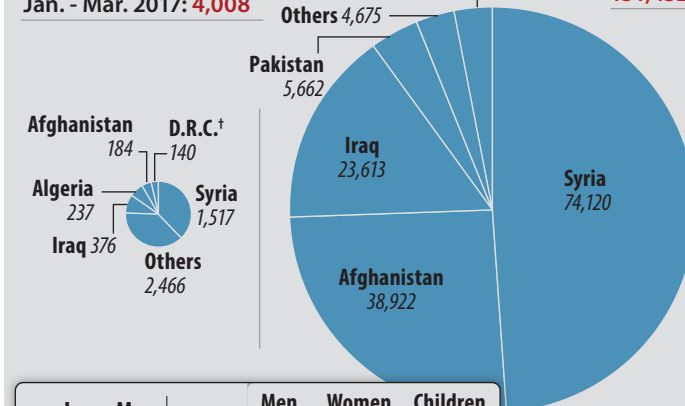
About 280 migrants and asylum seekers arrived weekly to Greece in the first few months of 2017. Greece hosts an estimated 40-60,000 migrants and asylum seekers, including 2,000 unaccompanied minors, and is working with partners to improve accommodation conditions.

### Sea arrivals

Jan. - Mar. 2017: **4,008**



Jan. - Mar. 2016: **151,452**



Jan. - Mar. demographics		Men	Women	Children
	2016	40%	22%	38%
	2017	27%	22%	51%

\*Data only available for Feb. - Mar.