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Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals in 2016: 181,476; Deaths 1,232

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Greece - IOM reports an estimated 181,476 migrants and refugees have entered Europe by sea in 2016, arriving in Italy, Greece, Cyprus and Spain, through April 25. Latest fatalities stand at 1,232.

IOM on Tuesday morning learned of reports of corpses being retrieved off the coast of Libya near Garabulli, although it is not known whether these may be victims of last week's shipwreck or from a different incident.

IOM estimates that some 25,894 migrants arrived in Italy by sea between 1 January and 25 April 2016. For the month of April through Monday (25/4), Italian authorities report a total of 7,499 arrivals. Another 1,130 migrants have been rescued on the high seas since then. According to the Italian Ministry of Interior, 26,228 migrants arrived in Italy between 1 January and 30 April 2015.

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Syrian Resettlement to Europe Picks Up Following EU-Turkey Agreement

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Turkey - Following the 4th April launch of the European Union (EU)-Turkey agreement on migrant returns and resettlement, IOM has facilitated the resettlement of 350 Syrians from Turkey to Europe. It expects to resettle another 300 this week.

The 350 already moved under the "1 for 1" arrangement have left Turkey for Austria, Denmark, Germany, Netherlands, Sweden and the United Kingdom. This week 200 more will go to France, 50 to Luxembourg and 50 to Finland.

"The accelerated pace of resettlements of Syrians to Europe over the past month is a welcome development," said Lado Gvilava, IOM Turkey Chief of Mission. "Turkey is hosting about 2.9 million refugees, asylum seekers and people under temporary protection. The number of people in the region in need of international protection is overwhelming. This is not something one country or even one region can address on its own."

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A Syrian refugee child leaves Turkey for resettlement in Europe (File photo).
Photo: IOM 2016

IOM Libya Hosts Workshop on International Protection

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Libya - Yesterday (25/4) IOM Libya opened three-day training in Tunis for Libyan NGOs and local authorities on the protection of vulnerable migrants.

The workshop, which was funded by the European Union under an IOM project: "Prevention and management of irregular migration flows from Sahara Desert to Mediterranean Sea", was coordinated through the Protection Working Group.

It aims to raise awareness of international protection principles and available legal frameworks for humanitarian agencies providing life-saving protection services in Libya. It is also designed to establish dialogue and information exchange to support the Protection Working Group in terms of advocacy and humanitarian intervention.

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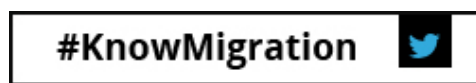
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Christophe: "I remained myself while adapting to the country codes. I act as a link for those two nations both in France and China."

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A LARGE GROUP OF MIGRANTS, INCLUDING ASYLUM SEEKERS, RECEIVE IDENTICAL EXPULSION ORDERS. IS IT COLLECTIVE EXPULSION?

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Migration Flows Europe



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“QUOTE OF THE day”

"It's about immersion. With the proper skills they (migrants) are going to be paying taxes. They're going to be productive and therefore help you in your productivity. Help you in your continued growth." – Ángel Gurría, OECD Secretary-General. More [here](#)

Migration in the News

- The [New York Times](#) reported that as Turkey struggles to cope with the 2.7 million Syrians it hosts and honor its agreement to stop refugees from crossing into Europe, renewed fighting in Syria could make the problem worse.
- The [Telegraph UK](#) reported that Norwegian authorities are offering a "bonus" 10,000 kroner (£1,000) to asylum seekers willing to leave the country voluntarily under IOM's Assisted Voluntary Return Programme. It quoted IOM's Joost van der Aalst.
- [Thomson Reuters Foundation](#) reported that Medecins sans Frontieres (MSF) has relaunched rescue operations in the Mediterranean, accusing European governments of failing to save migrants in peril at sea. It cited IOM figures.
- A [New Statesman](#) blog said that to combat Islamic State, the world's leaders need to restore order to Libya. It cited IOM data.
- [Reuters](#) reported that Niger's security forces arrested more than 100 people in the Sahara desert who were trying to illegally cross the country's northern border into Algeria. It quoted IOM's Giuseppe Loprete.
- The [Copenhagen Post](#) reported that MSF is teaching Tunisian fishermen how to rescue refugees and migrants from sinking boats in the Mediterranean and how to take care of the bodies of those who have drowned. It cited IOM estimates.
- [Mozambique News Agency](#) reported that UNHCR announced on 15 April that it has begun to relocate Mozambican refugees in southern Malawi from areas close to the border, to Luwani, 320 kilometres away. IOM is providing the logistics.
- An OpEd in [Zambia's Daily Mail](#) highlighted the potential of diasporas to contribute to development. It cited a 2010 survey conducted by the Zambian government and IOM.
- [CNN](#) reported on the one-year anniversary of the Nepal earthquake. It cited IOM's cash for work program in Sankhu, an hour's drive from Kathmandu.
- [Thomson Reuters Foundation](#) reported the plight of Nepal's earthquake survivors one year on. It cited IOM cash-for-work programs to demolish damaged buildings and clear debris.
- [Norwegian Refugee Council](#) featured the story of 12-year-old Yangmo Tamang, a survivor of the Nepal earthquake, who is undergoing physiotherapy at a rehabilitation center established by NRC and IOM a year ago.
- The Philippines' [Rappler](#) reported on the opening of a typhoon-resilient evacuation center in Guiuan, Eastern Samar, established by UNICEF and IOM.

Trending on the Internet

- Syrian refugee Ibrahim Al-Hussein, who lost part of his right leg to a bomb in 2012, will carry the torch in the Rio de Janeiro Olympic torch relay in Greece, according to the [New York Post](#).

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