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## IOM Slovenia Newsletter

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### **Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals at 172,089; Deaths reach 714**

Over 172,000 migrants and refugees have arrived by sea to Europe through the first weekend of April, according to IOM. These figures include small numbers of migrants arriving in Cyprus and Spain, as well as the busier routes connecting Turkey to Greece and North Africa to Italy.

The 172,000 figure is more than eight times the number—20,700—recorded through the first three months of 2015, a year when a record one million migrants and refugees crossed the Mediterranean.

IOM estimates that 714 people have died in the Mediterranean so far this year, which exceeds by more than 200 the 489 fatalities of migrants and refugees reported through the same period (1 January-5 April) in 2015, an increase of nearly 50%.

Although that month's first fatality was not recorded until after April 5 last year, 1,244 migrants and refugees lost their lives on the Mediterranean over the following 25 days, an average of almost 50 per day. For the year, over 600 men, women and, especially, children perished on the Eastern Mediterranean route and over 3,000 in the waters between Italy and North Africa.

Deaths of minors - all recorded in the waters linking Turkey to Greece - now stand at 358 since the first of September, 2015. Child drownings made up nearly half the deaths recorded on the same route during the last four months of 2015, but only a quarter of migrant fatalities so far this year.

For the latest Mediterranean Update infographic please go to:

<http://www.iom.int/news/mediterranean-migrant-arrivals-2016-169060-deaths-620>





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For latest arrivals and fatalities in the Mediterranean, please visit:  
<http://migration.iom.int/europe>

Learn more about Missing Migrants Project at: <http://missingmigrants.iom.int>

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## The State of Migrants' Rights Today

Few issues have been politicized in the way that migration has in the last few years, writes Michael Igoe for Devex.

On the one hand, that makes the work to secure migrants' rights exceedingly difficult. Yet on the other hand, events like the Syrian refugee crisis have driven unprecedented attention to complex issues of migration and human mobility in the modern world.

IOM is at the centre of this storm, according to IOM Deputy Director General Laura Thompson, who **assesses the current state of migrants' rights**, the **efforts** underway **to integrate** them, and **the role for the private sector in that process**, in a Devex video.

[Watch the video](#)

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## IOM helps Congolese family reunite with their father in Slovenia

IOM Slovenia successfully conducted another family reunification to Slovenia in cooperation with the Slovenian Ministry of Interior. The joint action reunited a 5-member family from DR Congo with their father.

The family travelled from DR Congo via Turkey, where IOM Kinshasa and IOM Istanbul provided them with airport assistance. They were reunited with their father at Brnik International Airport on 27th March.





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Since 2013 IOM Slovenia has assisted in 15 family reunification cases from different countries, such as: Yemen, Somalia, Syria, DR Congo, Kenya, Turkey, Ethiopia, Iraq and Iran. In total 52 family members have safely arrived to Slovenia. At the request of the Ministry of Interior, IOM assisted with arranging their travel documents, assisted with flight bookings and implemented both transit and reception assistance.

Of the 9,965 separated people that IOM helped to reunite with their families in 2015, the vast majority (99.5 percent) were to countries in the EU, Norway and Switzerland.

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For many more up to date news and articles on migration, please visit [IOM website](#) (section: [Press Room](#), pages: particularly [News](#) and [Newsdesk](#)).

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## Situation Reports

### Europe/Mediterranean Migration Response Situation Report

On 17 March, European Union leaders reached a common position to present to Turkey for a joint agreement on migration, which was then accepted by Turkey on 18 March. The agreement went into effect on 20 March, and as a temporary and extraordinary measure, included the return of all new irregular migrants crossing from Turkey into the Greek islands back to Turkey.

After the closure of the Western Balkans route, Slovenia expects the number of asylum seekers to grow. On 10 March, the government approved to relocate 567 persons from Italy and Greece and resettle 20 from third countries. The relocation of asylum seekers is expected to begin in April and continue in regular intervals (approximately every three months) for the next year and a half, while permanent resettlement of 20 Syrian refugees will conclude within the year.





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Read more in the latest [Europe/Mediterranean Migration Response](#).

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### **WEEKLY Flows Compilation No.11**

This report contains the findings of IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) from surveys conducted between 08 October 2015 and 21 March 2016. This research is ongoing, and is being conducted within the framework of IOM's research on populations on the move through the Mediterranean and Western Balkan Routes to Europe.

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### **WEEKLY Flows Compilation No.12**

This week's focus is placed on the 46,186 migrants and refugees currently stranded in Western Balkans and Greece. Kindly check accommodation sections of Slovenia, Serbia, Croatia, fYROM and Greece for maps and additional details.

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### **Analysis - Flow Monitoring Surveys in the Mediterranean and Beyond**

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## Flow Monitoring Surveys in the Mediterranean and Beyond - 31 Mar 2016

This week's analysis focuses on **Moroccan and Algerian migrants** who represent **78% of African respondents** of the DTM/Flow Monitoring Survey conducted by IOM teams since 8 October 2016.

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## Other useful resources for migration news, data and analysis

- [United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees \(UNHCR\)](#)
  - [European Commission](#)
  - [Assessment Capacities Project \(ACAPS\)](#)
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