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## IOM Slovenia Newsletter

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### Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals in 2016: 190,973; Deaths 1,359

IOM reports an estimated 190,973 migrants and refugees have entered Europe by sea in 2016 through 18 May, arriving in Italy, Greece, Cyprus and Spain. Deaths through 18 May this year stand at 1,359 on all Mediterranean routes.

Meanwhile, over 1,600 migrants have been brought to Italy since Tuesday.

#### Total arrivals by sea and deaths in the Mediterranean 2015 and 2016

Country	1 Jan – 18 May 2016		1 Jan – 31 May 2015	
	Arrivals	Deaths	Arrivals	Deaths
Greece	155,975	376 (Eastern Med route)	40,297 (Jan-Dec 2015)	31 (Eastern Med Route)
Cyprus	28			
Italy	33,907	978 (Central Med route)	47,449	1,782 (Central Med route)
Spain	1,063*	5 (Western Med and Western African routes)	3,845 (Jan-Dec 2015)	15 (Western Med and Western African routes)
Estimated Total	<b>190,973</b>	<b>1,359</b>	<b>91,860</b>	<b>1,828</b>

\*As of 31 March 2016

#### Yearly comparison of arrivals by sea to Italy and Greece

Country	2014	2015	1 Jan – 18 May 2016
Greece	34,442	853,650	155,975
Italy	170,100	153,842	33,907

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[Read more.](#)

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





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## Global Crises Overwhelming Aid System, Says Migration Chief

The world's top official managing migration flows has warned that the global aid system is crumbling under an overwhelming number of crises, from wars across the Middle East and Asia to natural disasters and earthquakes, writes Emma Graham-Harrison in the Observer.

**William Lacy Swing**, veteran **head** of the **International Organization for Migration**, has spent more than five decades working across some of the world's worst troublespots, but believes the scale of current challenges dwarfs anything he has grappled with before. "The system as it stands now is pretty much overpowered, overwhelmed by the demand for assistance," Swing told the Observer. "I don't want to sound pessimistic, because I am really not, I'm sure there is a way out, but I just don't see it yet.

"I have not known any time in my half century in this business in which we have had this many simultaneous, complex and protracted crises, of no solution right now. And a lack of engagement in the resolution of them."

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## IOM, Economist Intelligence Unit Launch "Migration Governance Index"

As part of its contribution to supporting follow-up and review of the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted in September 2015, IOM and the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) have published a Migration Governance Index (MGI.)





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The index, the first of its kind, provides a framework for countries to measure their progress towards better migration governance. It comprises information that offers a means to compare migration policies in a systematic way. The aim is to raise awareness of what good migration governance might look like and it does not try to rank countries' migration policies.

The full report can be found [here](#).

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### **IOM Assisted 7,000 Victims of Human Trafficking Globally in 2015**

Nearly 7,000 victims of trafficking were assisted by IOM in 115 countries during 2015. The victim assistance caseload, which is the largest in the world, increased by approximately 9 percent compared to the previous year.

The majority of victims assisted by IOM in 2015 were trafficked for the purpose of labour exploitation (74 percent). Construction, domestic work and fishing were amongst the top sectors in which individuals were exploited. A fifth of all victims assisted by IOM in 2015 were trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation. A further 5 percent of all individuals assisted were trafficked for the purpose of both sexual and labour exploitation.

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### **Integrating migrants key to strengthening EU's 'social system,' says IOM's Eugenio Ambrosi**

Euronews' insiders programme spoke to Eugenio Ambrosi, who heads the European office of the International Organization for Migration, about the challenges of settling those who have fled their homes and arrived in the EU.

"Better integrated refugees and asylum seekers make them a better part of our society and therefore strengthen our own social system".

[Watch the interview.](#)





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## Data on Environmental Migration: How Much Do We Know?

The impact of climate change is a key concern for the international community. The links between environmental degradation and human mobility are becoming increasingly clear, leading to calls for more data on environmental migrants.

But meaningful data usually only exist on people newly displaced by disasters. The environment is often just one of several social and economic factors behind the decision to migrate, compounding the difficulty of quantifying such movements.

IOM's Global Migration Data Analysis Centre (GMDAC) has now produced a new Data Briefing to provide an overview of existing data sources on environmental migration.

[Read more.](#)

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## Let's Make Sure We Talk About Migrants at the World Humanitarian Summit

Words are the most precious things we have. We've been using them pretty appallingly of late, creating a world where people are castigated for trying to get their families out of the way of falling bombs. Where chasing your dream has become a nightmarish navigation of insults and abuse.

Any attempts to ameliorate, to placate and to try to find a more inclusive, tolerant world are met with disdain and distrust. "It's all been tried before," say the naysayers. "We need action, not words."

Yes, there is a lot of talk of walls and fences are going up again. The message to migrants is clear: You are not welcome.

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## **IDMC Launches Global Report on Internal Displacement 2016**

By Alexandra Bilak, IDMC Interim Director

This is a key week for us at the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC), as we publish our new Global Report on Internal Displacement (GRID 2016), marking a significant breakthrough for us as we synthesize all our reporting on global internal displacement into one report.

This will be supported by a new Global Data Platform which will continually update the figures online. By reporting on all situations of internal displacement, regardless of their cause, our intention is to provide an ever more holistic picture of what has truly become a global crisis.

The key findings of the report reveal that conflict, violence and disasters internally displaced 27.8 million people in 2015, subjecting a record number of men, women and children to the trauma and upheaval of being forcibly displaced within their own country.

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## Situation Reports

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### Europe/Mediterranean Migration Response Situation Report

As of 18 May 2016, 196,325 migrants and refugees have arrived to Europe by land and sea routes since the start of 2016, the majority of whom have entered through Greece (155,975) and Italy (33,907).

Based on data collected by IOM at the Greek islands, it is estimated that among the migrants and refugees arriving by sea to Greece, approximately 44 per cent are male, 22 percent are female, and 34 per cent are children, and their main country of departure is Turkey

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

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### Analysis - Flow Monitoring Surveys in the Mediterranean and beyond - 19 May 2016

This report contains the findings of IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) from surveys conducted between 08 October 2015 and 18 May 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. The survey has been carried out by IOM field staff in Croatia since October 2015, followed with the same survey interviews conducted by field staff in Greece, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia, Hungary, and Slovenia.

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## WEEKLY Flows Compilation No.16

- Since the implementation of the EU-Turkey agreement on the 16th of March, the number of migrants and refugees stranded in Greece increased by 28% while in Macedonia, Serbia, Croatia and Slovenia it decreased between 19% and 86%.
- As of 27 April, a total of 404 migrants and refugees were readmitted from Greece to Turkey as part of the EU Turkey Agreement. The majority of migrants and refugees were Pakistani, Bangladeshi and Sri Lankan nationals.
- The report includes sections on Greece and Italy for updates on the EU's Relocations Plan. IOM has released a new tab for relocation on the Migration Flows—Europe website.

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## **IOM provides reception assistance to persons arriving to Slovenia under the EU relocation agreement**

On May 12 2016 the first group of persons seeking international protection arrived from Greece to Slovenia under the EU relocation agreement. In total 28 people (5 families with 14 children and 4 single men) coming from Iraq and Syria arrived to Ljubljana Jože Pučnik Airport. The group was welcomed at the airport by representatives of IOM Slovenia and was further on taken by the Ministry of the Interior to the asylum center in Ljubljana where their applications for international protection were submitted.

In the pre-departure phase IOM Greece and Italy conduct health assessments to ensure that beneficiaries travel in safety. Furthermore, the missions organize one day pre-departure and cultural orientation sessions, providing information, in a language they understand, on their rights and obligations, on what to expect when they arrive as well as pre-embarkation information. IOM carries also out a pre-embarkation 'fitness for travel' few hours before the departure and provide assistance during boarding while often IOM representatives accompany individuals or groups of beneficiaries through their transit points and/or final destinations.

In total 567 persons will be relocated to Slovenia from Italy and Greece in 2016 and 2017, while 20 persons will be permanently resettled from Third Countries.

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