European Migrant and Refugee Snapshot, October 2016: European Mitigation Efforts

**European Response**
Since 2015, over 1,342,000 migrants and asylum seekers have arrived by sea, and over 2,237,000 have lodged asylum applications to European countries. The European Commission announced a Partnership Framework to deepen cooperation with countries of origin, transit, and destination, beginning with readmission to home countries of economic migrants and rejected asylum seekers from Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Mali, and Ethiopia.

The French government has officially closed the Calais settlement on humanitarian grounds, resettling many of the camp’s 7,000 residents into reception centers while their asylum requests are pending.

Relocation
As of October 18, 26 countries have made about 17,000 relocation places available for asylum seekers currently in Italy and Greece. Since September 2015, authorities have relocated nearly 1,400 asylum seekers from Italy and over 4,800 asylum seekers from Greece, less than 4% of the original 160,000 target. According to the European Commission, the pace of relocation of unaccompanied minors has so far been slow.

Resettlement
European countries have resettled at least 10,695 asylum seekers, including 1,614 Syrians from Turkey pursuant to the EU-Turkey Statement, which has also resulted in 668 returns to Turkey from Greece.

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**Eastern Mediterranean**

- 806 total reported fatalities in 2015
- 2016: 414 fatalities as of Oct. 17 in addition to hundreds rescued at sea

**Central Mediterranean**

- 2016: 3,173 fatalities as of Oct. 17 in addition to tens of thousands of migrants rescued at sea, and at least 11,000 migrants rescued/intercepted in Libyan waters so far in 2016
- 2016: 1,001 - 2,000
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- 2,001 - 5,911

**Balkans**

Migrant flows along the Balkans route are vastly reduced from 2015. Authorities continue to detect over a thousand irregular migrants — mostly Afghans, Pakistanis, and Iraqis — monthly. Nearly 13,000 migrants and asylum seekers are being accommodated, mostly in Bulgaria and Serbia, but others, including a hundred people in open “transit zones” at the Serbia-Hungary border, lack formal shelter.

**Italy**

- About 800 migrants and refugees arrive daily to Italy, surpassing 2015 levels and straining response capacity. An estimated 20,000 unaccompanied and separated children have crossed the Central Mediterranean in 2016, in addition to the 16,500 that arrived in 2015.
- To Italy: 144,679 total arrivals to Italy in 2016 (as of Oct. 12)
- Women: 33%
- Men: 67%
- Children: 16%
- Other: 32%

**Greece**

- Over one hundred migrants and asylum seekers arrive daily to Greece, which currently hosts over 60,000 persons of concern, including at least 2,200 unaccompanied children. Current arrivals, although only 1% of October 2015 arrivals, overcrowd several sites. A July pre-registration exercise identified nearly 30,000 people eligible for relocation and provided thousands with asylum seeker cards.
- To Greece: 168,630 total arrivals to Greece in 2016 (as of Oct. 15)
- Children: 37%
- Men: 63%
- Women: 4%

**New sea arrivals in 2016**

- To Italy: 144,679
- To Greece: 168,630

**Decisions on asylum applications to Europe 2015 - Sept. 2016**

- Rejected
- Positive

**Sources:** European Commission, IOM, UNHCR, press reporting