Europe: Displacement Snapshot

Asylum seekers and other migrants are arriving in Europe and encountering rapidly changing border controls as they seek transit through Europe. The EU has begun implementing its “hotspot” approach for new arrival registration in Italy and Greece, while efforts to increase reception and temporary shelter capacity in Balkan states continue. This is a snapshot of the situation based on available data as of December 14, 2015.

Some key points:
- Since the Nov. 13 Paris attacks, France has implemented temporary border controls.
- There have been almost 3,700 migrant fatalities in the Mediterranean in 2015.

**Demographic breakdown for top countries of origin by age and gender of first time asylum applicants, from Jan. through Sept. 2015**

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**Top countries of origin for first time asylum applications to EU from Jan. to Sept. 2015**

- **Albania**: 100,000
- **Kosovo**: 100,000
- **Iraq**: 150,000
- **Syria**: 200,000
- **Somalia**: 250,000

**Other migration route**

- Other European states over the period

**Predominant migration route**

- Schengen country
- Restrictions based on nationality
- Temporary Schengen border controls
- Enhanced border controls (non-Schengen)**
- Border fence built††
- Border fence under construction**

**EU recognition rate for first time asylum applicants, Q3 2015**

- **Albania**: 75%
- **Kosovo**: 65%
- **Syria**: 65%
- **Iraq**: 75%

**EU Member States’ support to emergency relocation mechanism**

In September 2015, the European Commission decided by majority vote to relocate 160,000 asylum seekers from Greece and Italy to other European states over the next two years. As of December 17, 2015, 154 of 39,600 asylum seekers have been relocated from Italy and 78% of 66,400 asylum seekers have been relocated from Greece.

- Relocation pledges remaining
- Relocation pledges made into available places

**EU Safe country of origin**

- EU Member States have published data for Oct. and Nov.