

# Migrant deaths in Mediterranean hit record

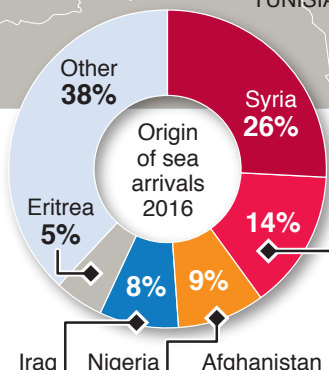
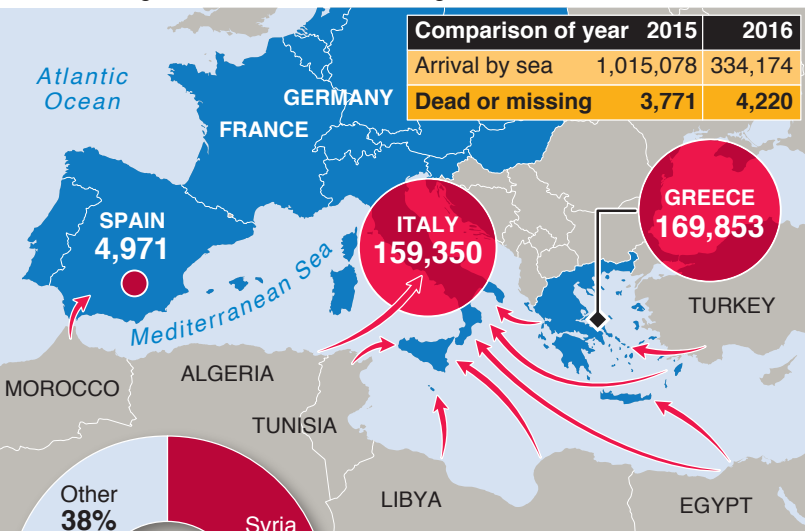
At least 4,220 migrants have died or gone missing in the Mediterranean Sea in 2016, the deadliest year on record. This is despite a significant decline in migrant crossings compared with 2015

**ARRIVAL OF REFUGEES / MIGRANTS BY SEA IN 2016: To November 3**

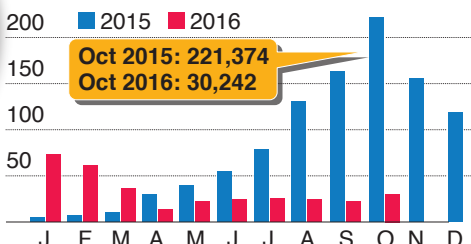
➔ Main migration routes

■ Schengen visa-free zone

Comparison of year	2015	2016
Arrival by sea	1,015,078	334,174
Dead or missing	3,771	4,220



**Comparison of monthly sea arrivals (000s)**



**Increase in use of flimsy boats and fact that refugees take hazardous route from Libya to Italy more often, contribute to rise in casualties**