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Recognised refugees are granted certain rights and obligations, as outlined by the Geneva Convention. The recast QD outlines the content of international protection to harmonise what a recognised beneficiary of international protection can expect under national policies. Its provisions shape the integration of beneficiaries of international protection through standards on residence permits, employment, education, social welfare and health care. Relevant articles of the directive also outline the criteria for the cessation and revocation of refugee status.

In 2022, integration policies were primarily geared at the rapid inclusion of persons in need of temporary protection from Ukraine. National forms of protection were often applied to displaced persons from Ukraine prior to the activation of the Temporary Protection Directive. In parallel, some EU+ countries continued with initiatives which offered a right to stay to former applicants who could not be returned and who had reached a certain level of integration.

The trend continued in 2022 to involve a range of stakeholders and improve collaboration for the integration of beneficiaries of international protection. The urgent, large-scale need to provide integration support for persons in need of temporary protection further catalysed this process, and EU+ countries piloted some new, innovative ways of working together in the integration of persons in need of protection.

The increase in asylum applications often impacted and caused delays in delivering residence and travel documents to beneficiaries of international protection, which risked delaying their access to other services and rights. As seen in previous years, courts retained an important role in shaping the interpretation of grounds and procedures for reviewing or withdrawing international protection.

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