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EUAA provides Situational Update on EU Rapid Response efforts to assist displaced Ukrainian nationals



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This Situational Update provides key information on immediate measures implemented to accommodate the arrival of displaced people from Ukraine because of the deteriorating security situation following the illegal invasion of Ukraine by Russia. It presents the main trends for the period 23 February to 3 March 2022.

The EUAA Information and Analysis Sector is closely following relevant developments as reported by individual EU Member States, the International Organization for Migration, UNHCR, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, and other relevant UN agencies, as well as other sources including press releases, official statements and announcements by competent authorities and organisations involved in the protection of displaced people.

This Situational Update is an initial assessment and will be updated as circumstances change in the period of the EUAA. Due to the rapidly changing situation, information may have been revised or updated. Please consult the original document.

The European Union Agency for Asylum (EUAA) has joined the global community in condemning the unprovoked armed invasion of Ukraine. The EUAA monitors the displacement of people from Ukraine and provides support to Member States with the reception, registration and processing of asylum seekers from Ukraine entering the EU.

On 2 March 2022, the European Commission proposed the activation of the [Temporary Protection Directive](#) to provide protection to people fleeing the conflict in Ukraine. Under this proposal, temporary protection would be granted to people whose lives they will be immediately given a residence permit and will have access to education and the labour market. The European Commission has also proposed a [Temporary Protection Directive](#) to provide guidance on efficiently managing arrivals at the borders with Ukraine. On 3 March 2022, the [European Council and the Ministers of the European Union](#) reached a political agreement on a temporary protection mechanism in response to the influx of displaced persons from Ukraine.

Today, the European Union Agency for Asylum has published a [Situational Update](#) on the war in Ukraine; and outlined the rapid response actions that the European Union and its Member States have taken to provide shelter and temporary protection to the so-far over 1 million displaced Ukrainian nationals.

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While mobilising resources to aid the forcibly displaced in Ukraine and neighbouring countries, UNHCR declared Ukraine a “Level 3 Emergency” – the highest level available – as it estimates that over 1 million refugees have fled to neighbouring countries since 24 February 2022.

The majority of EU+ countries have taken initiatives to accommodate the high number of displaced people from Ukraine and have implemented protection actions, including by:

- Taking urgent legislative action;
- Putting coordination platforms in place;
- Flexibilising entry requirements and border controls, in line with [European Commission Guidance](#);
- Establishing reception points and emergency structures;
- Providing psychological and social support as well as looking after unaccompanied minors.

The EUAA [joins the global community](#) in condemning in the harshest possible terms the actions of the Russian Government, which have resulted in this humanitarian emergency.

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