



Ukrainian Refugee Rules

On March 4, 2022, the European Council has activated Directive 2001/55/EC and introduced temporary protection of individuals fleeing Ukraine as a consequence of the Russian invasion.

Scope of protection

The Directive aims to provide immediate assistance and protection to the war refugees without the need to go through long and complex asylum procedures.

Individuals that are covered by the Directive will receive a protection status that includes residence inside an EU Member State (except Denmark), access to the labour market, education system, healthcare and housing.

Who can benefit?

Subject to protection will be displaced Ukrainians and other third country nationals who can prove that they were legally residing in Ukraine before 24 February 2022 and who are unable to return in safe and durable conditions to their country or region of origin. This would include:

- Ukrainian nationals
- Stateless persons or other third-country nationals who benefited from international protection or equivalent national protection in Ukraine before 24 February 2022
- Family members* of the individuals above

* Spouses, minor unmarried children and other close relatives who lived together as part of the family

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