

Tracking Social Protection Responses in Ukraine and Neighboring Countries

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About this tracker

This note provides an update of social protection and related measures in Ukraine and for displaced Ukrainian populations in a variety of countries. Data is preliminary and meant to elicit comments, additions, integration, and revisions to be incorporated in next living paper versions.

Measures include typical social protection programs (social assistance, insurance, and active labor market measures), while select services in the realm of housing, health, education, and other human development dimensions are also reported. This is because such measures are often part of an integrated package of interventions for refugees, asylum seekers and other displaced populations.

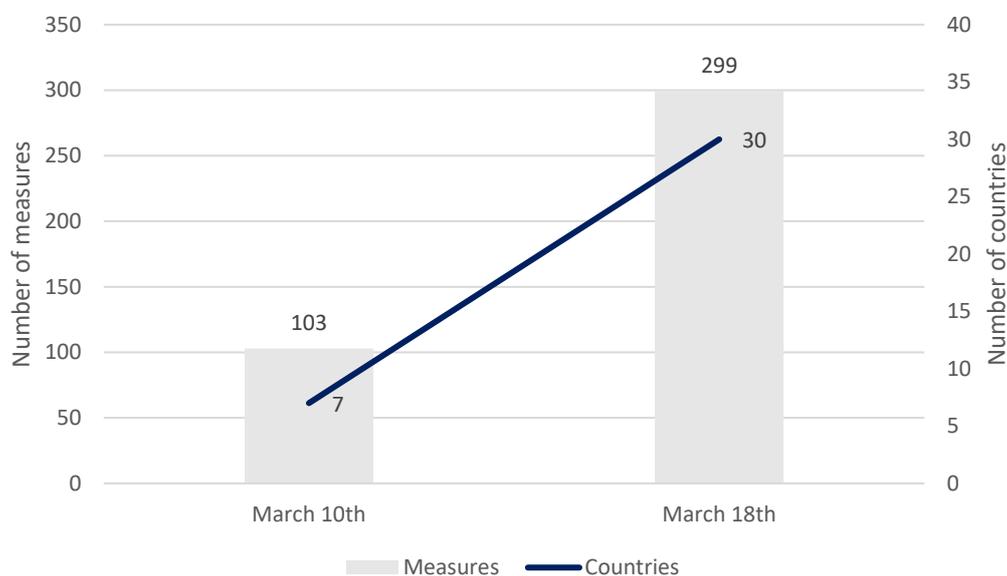
Specifically, the note tracks four broad measures, namely cash transfers; in-kind transfers; labor markets; and “other select measures”. The latter includes five subcategories, i.e., education, health, housing, transportation, and other services. For Ukraine only, we also include budget support as a core measure. Because of the nature of displacement support, humanitarian assistance in the form of programs similar to government-supported social protection (e.g., cash transfers, food assistance) is also recorded.

Details are still preliminary and incomplete. More information on specific measures will be provided as data becomes available. To this effect, continuous monitoring of institutional and government websites and announcements, as well as scanning of news outlets and programmatic materials by humanitarian organizations is ongoing. Data sources for reported measures are provided as weblinks. Suggestions on materials and measures to be included in future updates are welcome and could be signaled to the team directly.

Introduction

As of March 18, a total of 299 measures were identified in 30 countries (figure 1). This represents a threefold increase in measures relative to figures published on March 10.¹ While last week’s update only included information on Ukraine, five neighboring countries and Germany, this tracker v.2 expands the horizon of measures established across continents.

Figure 1. Number of countries and social protection-related measures (March 10-18, 2022)

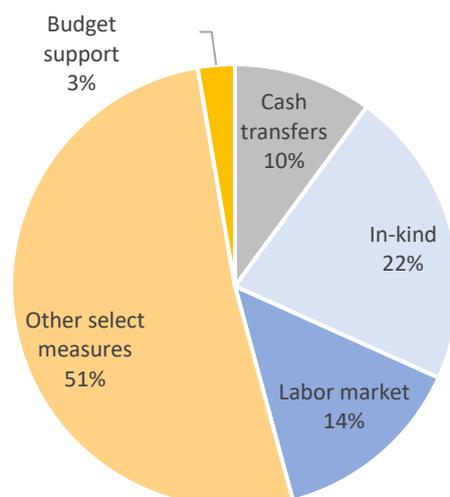


The growth in measures is occurring across programs components (table 1). Examined as an overall portfolio, most of interventions pertain to the sphere of “other selected measures” (education, health, and other key services). About 51% of measures belong to such category (figure 2). Cash transfers claim 10% of total measures, while in-kind transfers account for double that share (22%).

Table 1. Breakdown of overall measures by component (March 10-18, 2022)

Measures	March 10	March 18
Cash transfers	12	30
In-kind transfers	26	65
Labor markets	11	42
Other select measures	50	154
<i>Education</i>	8	27
<i>Health</i>	8	26
<i>Housing</i>	8	35
<i>Transportation</i>	2	8
<i>Other services</i>	24	58
Budget support (for Ukraine only)	4	8
Grand total	103	299

Figure 2. Share of measures out of total portfolio



In addition to direct measures for displaced populations, the war is sparking knock-on effects on, among others, energy and food prices. Mitigating measures to counter those increases are emerging. For example, France announced a rebate of €0.15 (\$0.16) per liter of gasoline. This is expected to be in place for four months (starting April 1) and would cost the government over €2 billion (\$2.2 billion).² Similarly, in Moldova a subsidy of 225 million Lei (\$12 million) will be provided to offset energy prices.³ Future tracker updates will attempt to record those price mitigation measures as well, although at the moment they seem limited.

Ukraine

Since March 10, a total of 38 new measures were introduced in the country bringing the overall tally to 75 programs (table 2). Out of the measures introduced over the past week, 7 involve cash transfers, including programs for martyred and alive servicemen; adaptation of cash transfers for newborn children; multi-purpose cash for Internally Displaced Populations (IDPs); and other transfers from the government for vulnerable groups (e.g., IDPs, people with disabilities, adaptation of cash for school aged children). Also, 14 new in-kind measures were recorded, such as the “Million Food Kits” scheme launched by the government and various in-kind transfers by humanitarian organizations providing food, medicine, and materials related to shelter.

Table 2. Breakdown of Ukraine measures by component (March 10-18, 2022)

Measures	March 10	March 18
Cash transfers	3	10
In-kind transfers	17	31
Labor markets	4	11
Other select measures	5	11
<i>Education</i>	-	-
<i>Health</i>	1	1
<i>Housing</i>	1	2
<i>Transportation</i>	-	-
<i>Other services</i>	3	8
Budget support	4	8
Grand total	33	71

Cash transfers

- Ukraine announced that it will continue to pay cash transfers and other social protection benefits⁴ to beneficiaries without the need for reapplications and recertification over the

entire period of martial law plus, an additional month after it.⁵ Payments will be made in accordance with existing lists of recipients in the unified social information system. Funds will be directed to JSC “Oschadbank” (i.e., JSC State Savings Bank of Ukraine), which will in turn transfer them to bank accounts and JSC “Ukrposhta” (i.e., JSC Ukrainian Postal Service; via MYTRANSFER).⁶ On March 12, 2022, the government announced that the transfer size or amount to recipients will not be reduced during martial law, that is, transfer size is provided irrespectively of beneficiaries’ income changes.⁷

- A transfer of UAH 6,500 (\$216) would be received by insured Ukrainians within the framework of President's program (*ePidtrymka*) starting from March 8, 2022. The payment is made to people who have lost their salary/income (partially or fully) or whose livelihood (economic activity) was temporarily suspended. It is provided to areas which are affected the most by war. The transfer is for people on wage employment, gig contracts, other formal contract, on other grounds provided by law, and individual entrepreneurs.⁸ In other words, employees whose Unified Social Contribution (USC) is paid, and individual entrepreneurs of all groups, are eligible for the one-off payment.⁹ As of 13 March, around 2 million Ukrainians had applied for such support and the government has sufficient funds for those payments.¹⁰
- Personnel directly involved in military action or provide measures of state security and defense, fight against military aggression, or located directly in the areas of hostilities during such activities, will receive an increase in remuneration to UAH 100,000 (about \$3,400) per month¹¹, depending on the proportion to the time spent in such actions and related activity.¹² Under martial law, members of armed forces, police, security, and others¹³ will be paid an additional monthly transfer of UAH 30,000 (roughly \$1,015). On 11 March 2022, UAH 12.5 billion (\$51 million) has been transferred to servicemen as an additional remuneration during martial law.¹⁴
- Families of servicemen who were martyred will be paid a one-time cash benefit of (budget of UAH 15 million, or about \$510,000), which will be equally shared among recipients.¹⁵
- On March 6, Ukraine announced that families participating in the “baby package” program wouldn’t face a previous restriction of using cash within 12 months. Hence, money will remain in the card even after the 12-month period expired. Also, cash can be transferred to any family account opened in JSC CB PrivatBank¹⁶ (i.e., there isn’t a requirement to open a new account for the program).
- On 11 March, the government announced the provision of housing assistance to IDPs, particularly those where social protection systems are highly affected by the war.¹⁷
- The government stipulated that the amount of cash transfers and other benefits would be disregarded for income-based eligibility in disability programs.¹⁸
- Ukraine will continue to pay certain types of social benefits without requiring any proof (in the form of certificate) from the school for children aged 18-23 years. This applies to cases where parents lost their lives and students attend full-time education or training institutions.¹⁹
- On March 10, UNHCR and WFP are preparing to pilot a multi-purpose cash assistance program through six registration centres to help Internally Displaced Populations (IDPs) meet their basic needs in Lviv. There are also plans to scale it up to other IDP-receiving regions.²⁰
- FAO will provide agricultural assistance combined with cash transfers for vulnerable smallholder farmer households (about 240,000 people). These would be located in key affected regions, e.g., Donetska, Luhanska, Kyivska, Kharkivska, Khersonska, Mykolaivska, Odeska, Sumska and Zhytomyrska oblasts, etc. The intervention will last for 3 months (March-May 2022), with households receiving unconditional cash transfers for an amount of UAH 2,220 (\$74) per person/month. In addition, households would be

provided with short-cycle vegetable and potato seeds, which can be harvested in less than two to three months, and animal fodder to increase their own food production, and prevent the loss of their valuable livestock assets.²¹

In-kind transfers

- On March 4, it was reported that the Ukrainian Red Cross distributed humanitarian assistance to more than 30,000 people via its emergency stockpiles, including hygiene and food kits, warm clothing, and medicine. It also distributed food and water to around 8,000 people seeking shelter in Kyiv's metro stations and 4,000 people staying in shelters in Mariupol.²²
- Ukraine's Red Cross along with Doctors Without Borders donated medical kits to two hospitals in Kyiv caring for injured people.²³
- The Donbass Development Centre, a national NGO, continues to provide assistance in non-Government controlled areas of Donetska oblast, including water, hygiene items, food, heating equipment, shelter materials and other non-food items. Donbas SOS expanded protection and legal counselling through its hotline, providing advice to around 400 people per day.²⁴
- UNHCR delivered non-food items to Vinnytsia to be distributed in various locations for around 5,000 people.²⁵
- Caritas, with the support from Cordaid, is providing emergency assistance to some 5,000 displaced families, including food, water and hygiene supplies. With the help from Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Caritas is also providing winter-proof tents, woolen blankets, sleeping mats, heaters and medicines to displaced people in border areas in western Ukraine.²⁶
- WFP transported 265,000 High Energy Biscuits from Dubai to the Ukraine-Poland border to affected families.²⁷
- WFP-contracted bakeries produced 4.8 mt of bread (equivalent to 10,000 loaves) and delivered it to hospitals in Kharkiv. When operating at full production, daily distribution of 15 mt of fresh bread is expected to support 60,000 crisis-affected people per day, for a duration of ten days.²⁸
- On March 5, 2022, food packages and water were provided for 500 people in Chop, Zakarpattia Oblast near Ukraine's border with Hungary and Slovakia; and on March 6, UNHCR partner NEEKA supported more than 1,000 displaced persons in Chop and Uzhhorod cities with shelter, food and clothing.²⁹
- On March 5, Ukraine supplied food packages from Ukrainian producers to be distributed among the people with disabilities and areas most affected by the war. The packages contain a variety of items, including ready-made breakfast cereals, canned meat and vegetables, pasta, sugar, condensed milk, oil, packaged cookies, etc.³⁰
- On March 6, Ukraine announced that 30 tons of humanitarian aid had arrived from Germany;³¹ similarly, the UAE sent a plane with 30 tons of medical and humanitarian aid;³² also, the UK has sent 300,000 items of essential medical supplies.³³
- An airlift with 26,000 thermal blankets arrived in Poland on 7 March. A four-truck convoy was immediately dispatched to Ukraine to support the response within the country and arrived on the morning of 8 March to Lviv.³⁴
- On March 9, medicines, medical equipment and food for long-term storage arrived from France. This includes 20 tons of in-kind aid, of which one-fifth is food. It is targeted for the needs of the National Police of Ukraine and residents of Kyiv region.³⁵
- Trucks carrying 400mt of dry rations from Turkey arrived in Poland and Romania, with goods planned for onward transport into Ukraine.³⁶
- 41 railway containers were delivered from Poland with fire and rescue equipment.³⁷

- Among planned activities, WFP intends to reach 3.15 million people with food assistance in the next 4 months, including both food and cash transfers.³⁸ Also, UNHCR plans to roll out a voucher system, coordinated through a network of local stores. The system is currently being piloted in Mariupol at a small scale.³⁹
- ICRC has provided over 200,000 medical items/kits to mobile clinics in Luhanske, Novoluhanske, Oleksandropil, Verkhnotoretske (Donetska oblast, GCA).⁴⁰
- In Romania, the Bucharest General Council approved, on March 7 an agreement between the city's hospitals administration ASSMB and the Romanian Red Cross by which about \$1.2 million will be spent on medicines and medical supplies to be sent to Ukraine.⁴¹
- On March 8, UNHCR delivered 8,600 thermal blankets and 3,000 mattresses to Lviv from Poland. It was used to scale up the capacity of reception centers for Internally Displaced People (IDPs). In addition, 200 mattresses and 400 blankets have been distributed to reception centers run by local authorities in Lviv.⁴²
- UNHCR distributed over 1,000 blankets, 230 mattresses and sleeping mats to three transit centers with the most urgent needs in Vinnytsia. In addition, they also conducted needs assessments in 13 transit centers for their upcoming support. On March 10, 2022, a humanitarian cargo departed for Dnipro to distribute in heavily affected areas of Mariupol upon securing safe passage.⁴³ (New)
- On March 10, it was reported that UNICEF has distributed hygiene kits to 80 social institutions. Around 5,000 family hygiene kits are stored at one of UNICEF's implementing partner's warehouses and it is ready to be distributed upon request.⁴⁴
- Ukrainian Red Cross along with NOVUS network has provided more than 3,000 meal kits to affected people in Kyiv during March 10-12. As of March 12, the Ukrainian Red Cross has delivered more than 400 meal kits in Chernihiv (Chernivetska oblast).⁴⁵
- In Odessa, UNHCR is assisting in the delivery of food, tea and blankets at transit points in the train station, where people from Mykolaiv arrive every day to further travel to western Ukraine.⁴⁶
- On March 10, it was reported a plane from Edmonton in Canada contained essential in-kind transfers like medicines, first aid, equipment, special clothes, etc.⁴⁷
- On March 12, it was reported that 15 large trucks containing in-kind assistance – such as medicines, medical equipment, ventilators, food, clothing, hygiene products, tents, respirators, etc. – have been sent to Ukraine from Switzerland.⁴⁸
- On March 13, about 25 trucks, 9 buses and 58 humanitarian aid cars left Poland for Ukraine.⁴⁹
- On 13 March, it was reported that International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC) has distributed food to Ocheretyne, Sloviansk, Svitlodarsk and Toretsk (Donetska oblast, GCA) and to Dokuchaevsk, Horlivka and Olenivka (Donetska oblast, NGCA) over the past week.⁵⁰
- On 14 March, it was announced that 6 humanitarian aid trucks from Vienna City Hall were sent to Ukraine, which included 150 hospital beds, 50 stretchers, blankets and ultrasound equipment.⁵¹
- On 14 March it was reported that the UK plans to donate portable generators to provide power for hospitals and shelters through the Ukraine Electricity Network Support Taskforce.⁵²
- Under the “Million Food Kits” program, more than 123,000 non-perishable food kits were delivered to vulnerable people from Donetsk, Luhansk, Kyiv and Kharkiv, Zaporizhia and Mykolaiv regions. The program is implemented by Ministry of Social Policy and the Ministry of Agriculture, along with Ivan Tchaikovsky Charitable Foundation Pokrova. Food kits are provided free of charge from food producers and businesses. As of March 15, the program collected more than 950 tons of various products, of which about 780 tons

have already been delivered. Products include cereals, pasta, canned meat and vegetables, oil, sugar, flour, cookies, jam, etc.⁵³

- On March 16, it was reported that Ukraine's Ministry of Social Policy sent 8.5 tons of humanitarian aid to residents of Kyiv, Zhytomyr and Zaporizhia regions. In the Kyiv region, vulnerable families with children, people with disabilities, the Armed Forces, and the Terrorist Defense Forces, who are directly involved in hostilities, received food, personal hygiene products, medicines and medical supplies. In Melitopol, mostly medicines, medical supplies, and personal hygiene products were provided to health care facilities, people with disabilities, vulnerable families with children, and other vulnerable populations. In the Zhytomyr region, families with children, people with disabilities and health care facilities received medicines, baby food, baby hygiene products, other foods, and blankets.⁵⁴
- The UK sent seven aircrafts to deliver more than 650,000 medical items, including wound care packs, equipment for intensive care and vital medicines.⁵⁵

Labor markets

- On March 6, it was reported that Ukraine will increase insurance benefits to 200,000 people, including victims who lost their ability to work due to an accident at work or occupational disease, and persons entitled to life insurance. The conversion factor, as for pensions, is 1.14, which is an increase of 14 percent. The monthly insurance payment will increase, on average, by UAH 647 (\$22). The budget of the Social Insurance Fund of Ukraine for 2022 will finance the initiative.⁵⁶
- On March 7, Ukraine imposed a moratorium on inspections of all types for business,⁵⁷ except for those related to safety and health of citizens.⁵⁸
- On March 7, the government announced that it will postpone the payment of taxes for all enterprises that are unable to pay.⁵⁹
- Ukraine has approved a measure to involve students of pharmacy (or industrial pharmacy) to work in pharmaceutical or other health care establishments for the period of martial law in order to close staffing gaps.⁶⁰
- On 7 March, Ukraine announced that the exemption for individual entrepreneurs of the first and second groups from paying the Unified Social Contribution (USC) during martial law and one year after it is lifted.⁶¹ Exemption for enterprises belonging to the third group would be granted for employees who were drafted into the Armed Forces and other armed formations (including territorial defense), for whom the contribution will be paid by the state.⁶² On 15 March 2022, Ukraine announced that individual entrepreneurs (sole proprietors) need not pay USC for their mobilized employees as the state will do it on their behalf.⁶³
- On 11 March, a total of UAH 38.3 billion (\$1.3 billion) has been allocated for pension payments, of which UAH 27.7 billion is directed to authorized banks and UAH 10.6 billion (\$360 million) to JSC "Ukrposhta" postal service.⁶⁴ On February 28, Ukraine announced that under martial law it is possible for people who receive social benefits/pensions through JSC Ukrposhta to temporarily change their place of residence due to hostilities, without opening a new account in Ukrposhta or JSC Oschadbank (i.e., State Savings Bank of Ukraine) and still receive a pension at their new address with some additional requirements.⁶⁵ To enable physical payments to the new address, a special procedure was developed, where people have to contact the Pension Fund of Ukraine (either in person, by phone or via e-office) or the hot-line of Ukrposhta and inform them about the change of residence and the desire to receive a pension by money transfer (via MYTRANSFER). Further, recipients are required to provide a valid ID (e.g., Passport) and RENGOKU (individual tax number).^{66, 67} As of 11 March 2022, 9.7 thousand people who receive pensions/ social benefits through Ukrposhta received payments at their new address.⁶⁸

However, recipients of pensions/social benefit through Ukrposhta, who haven't changed their place of residence and their area is not affected by war can expect their pension/social benefits to their home, or they can pick it up at the branch according to the usual schedule of payments.^{69,70} Similarly, people who receive a pension/social benefit via bank accounts will continue to receive it on the same accounts, irrespective of whether they have temporarily changed their place of residence due to war or not. In such cases, no special procedures are required.⁷¹

- On March 11, it is reported that Ukraine has increased pensions for 486,796 military retirees by an average of UAH 787 (\$26) from March 1. The amount of increase varies across the military retirees.⁷²
- On March 14, the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine declared that during martial law, employees whose employers were unable to submit or process sick leave and other benefits could resort to the Social Insurance Fund. People can receive direct payments for sick leave, temporary disability, maternity benefit, and funeral allowance.⁷³
- On 15 March, Ukraine announced that it is considering the option of a single tax for medium and large businesses. Enterprises with business volumes up to UAH 10 billion (\$340 million) will be able to switch to a single tax. In addition, other restrictions with respect to number of workers and kinds of activities, except for excisable goods and gambling, have been removed. Entrepreneurs will be required to pay only 2% of taxes instead of VAT and income tax.⁷⁴ On the same day, it was announced that individual entrepreneurs belonging to groups I and II will pay a single tax, on a voluntary basis.⁷⁵ Furthermore, sanctions for violating the "Payment Transaction Records" law will not be applied until the end of martial law.⁷⁶

Other select measures related to food, housing, subsidies, and social services

- Price control (on in-kind): on March 8, Ukraine announced that, during martial law, it would monitor the prices of basic necessities. It includes flour, pasta, bread, meat, milk, certain groups of medicines, fuel for cars, and more. Pricing for these products will be controlled by military administrations along with the National Police, the State Food and Consumer Service, and the State Medical Service.⁷⁷
- Export restrictions (on in-kind): under martial law, Ukraine has imposed export ban on goods like oats, millet, sugar, wheat, alive cattle, salt, among others; export under specified licensing occurs for meat (chicken), corn, sunflower oil, and others.⁷⁸
- Creating a food reserve: the state will purchase grain and other stocks to match the annual consumption of country through its state budget.⁷⁹
- Housing rent: Ukraine has adopted a resolution banning the accrual and collection of fines/penalties for late or incomplete payment for housing and communal services.⁸⁰
- Ukraine's Ministry of Veterans Affairs is partnering with FranklinCovey Co to provide psychological rehabilitation and the development of positive mental health of children, internally displaced persons, veterans, and their families.⁸¹ Also, Ukraine's Ministry of Education and Science prepared a series of information materials, "Psychological care from Svetlana Roiz." Video tutorials and infographics have been created to help parents and teachers providing practical advice for parents who currently are with children in shelters or bomb shelters; on a move to other cities; or stay at home. In addition, a separate page has been created for children on the official website of the Ministry of Education and Science, and on the YouTube channel of the Ministry of Education and Science.⁸²
- Extension of benefit for utilities: the period of payment of benefits for housing and communal services provided on the basis of income (large families, children of war, etc.) is automatically extended for the duration of martial law plus one month after its abolition. Recipients of such benefits during martial law do not need to apply to social security authorities for their extension.⁸³

- On March 13, Ukraine has announced that it is providing gas at a discounted price to Ukrainian thermal power plants.⁸⁴
- Taxpayers are exempted from paying land tax/property tax in areas of active hostilities from 24 February 2022 until the end of the year.⁸⁵
- On March 15, 2022, Ukraine announced that VAT need not be paid on goods which were destroyed during the war or handed over (transferred) for the defense needs.⁸⁶
- Excise tax on fuel will be abolished, while the VAT rate on it will be reduced from 20 to 7 percent.⁸⁷
- Ukrainian agricultural producers can get loans at 0 percent interest rate, with the state guaranteeing 80 percent of such loans to banks. It is estimated that such resources would be sufficient to support all small and medium-sized farmers who are planning to sow this year.^{88, 89}
- There are numerous fundraising initiatives by individuals, charities and private organizations unfolding across countries at various levels: for instance, a marathon “Nachbar in Not” (“Neighbor in Trouble”) has started in Austria. Donations worth EUR 25 million (\$27.5 million) have already been collected⁹⁰; New York’s Metropolitan Opera presented a charity program to support Ukraine⁹¹; a charitable exhibition – Artists Stand with Ukraine – has been opened at the Gallery of Ukrainian Canadian Art Foundation to feature original works by Canadian artists. Also, Airbnb users booked more than 60,000 nights at properties in Ukraine, hence leveraging such online booking service as a cash transfer platform.⁹²

Budget support

- As per March 7 press release, the World Bank announced a supplemental budget support package, namely the Financing of Recovery from Economic Emergency in Ukraine (FREE Ukraine) for \$489 million. The package consists of a supplemental loan for \$350 million and guarantees in the amount of \$139 million. It is also mobilizing grant financing of \$134 million and parallel financing of \$100 million, resulting in total mobilized support of \$723 million.⁹³ On March 14, the World Bank announced around \$200 million in additional financing to support essential social services.⁹⁴
- The European Investment Bank approved the first transfer worth EUR 668 million (\$734.8 million) within the framework of emergency measures for Ukraine.⁹⁵
- The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development announced a resilience package of EUR 2 billion (\$2.2 billion).⁹⁶
- On 7 March 2022, UK’s FCDO announced an additional £100 million (\$131 million) of humanitarian assistance, taking the total UK offer of support to the Ukraine crisis to £394 million (\$518 million).⁹⁷
- On March 9, 2022, the International Monetary Fund has approved a financing package of \$1.4 billion under the Rapid Financing Instrument to Ukraine.⁹⁸
- On March 3, 2022, Ukraine’s Central Bank has opened a current account (which also accepts foreign currency) for Ukraine’s Ministry of Social Policy for humanitarian purposes. The goal is to collect charity contributions from Ukraine and abroad; streamline the inflow of funds as humanitarian aid; to provide in-kind transfers; and to pay one-off financial aid.⁹⁹
- On March 14, 2022, the United Nations allocated an additional \$40 million from the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) for health services, food, shelter, and support flexible ways to get cash to people in need. This is the second following a \$20 million allocation on 24 February.¹⁰⁰
- On March 11, the European Commission disbursed €300 million (\$329.8 million) as part of the emergency Macro-Financial Assistance (MFA) to Ukraine. The disbursement of funds has been fast-tracked to help enhance Ukraine’s macroeconomic stability. This is

the initial part of a first €600 million (\$660.4 million) instalment under Ukraine’s new €1.2 billion (\$1.32 billion) emergency MFA program. A further disbursement of €300 million (\$329.8 million) is expected to take place within days. The remaining funds (\$660.4 million) will be disbursed later in the year, in line with the Memorandum of Understanding signed by the EU and Ukraine.^{101, 102}

Box 1. Summary examples of social protection adaptations in Ukraine

- Cash and other social protection benefits¹⁰³ were automatically extended to beneficiaries without any reapplication and recertification.
- Military personal who are serving/were martyred will receive additional and advance payments.¹⁰⁴
- Removal of time-bound use of “baby package” cash transfers.
- Suspension of supporting documents for certain types of social benefits.
- Direct delivery of benefits and pensions to new addresses without having to open new bank accounts at JSC Ukrainian Postal Service.
- Social Insurance Fund to step in for payment of insurance claims when employer cannot fulfill that function.
- Automatic extension of duration for housing and communal services.

Measures in 5 neighbouring countries

Hungary

Hungary has established a total of 13 measures, 3 of which are new this week (table 3). Among the ones introduced this week, Hungary passed new legislation which removes third country nationals who were residing in Ukraine from the ability to have temporary protection status under the European Council decision and the Hungarian Asylum Act from 2007. Additionally, Hungary has increased access to employment for refugees and incentivizing employers to hire Ukrainians through subsidies. Augmented help to border towns and major cities such as Budapest occurred, including coordination with NGOs and the establishment of a hotline providing key information.

Table 3. Breakdown of Hungary measures by component (March 10-18, 2022)

Measures	March 10	March 18
Cash transfers	-	-
In-kind transfers	3	3
Labor markets	1	2
Other select measures	6	8
<i>Education</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Health</i>	-	-
<i>Housing</i>	-	-
<i>Transportation</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Other services</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>6</i>
Grand total	10	13

In-kind transfers

- Centers are being set up for provisions of food and shelter.¹⁰⁵
- State-Owned Company for Hungarian Rail (MÁV) providing free train rides into Hungary from Ukraine as well as within Hungary.¹⁰⁶
- Ministry of Human Resources (EMMI) provides 24-hour health services to refugees coming from Ukraine.¹⁰⁷ This also includes a Covid-19 test for the unvaccinated.
- The government has delivered 800 tons of food and 200 tons of hygiene products worth a total of HUF 583 million.¹⁰⁸
- Tesco has been providing food, water, clothes and hygiene products through food banks.¹⁰⁹

Labor markets

- Asylum-seekers are entitled to participate in public works and work as public employees.¹¹⁰ Asylum-seekers are entitled to work without a permit if employed in certain occupation as outlined by the minister responsible for the employment of third-country nationals in Hungary.
- Employers who hire Ukrainian refugees for a minimum 20 hours a week will receive 60,000 forints (\$180) for each refugee and an additional 12,000 forints (\$35) for each child of the refugee.¹¹¹

Other select measures related to food, housing, subsidies, and social services

- Waiving of the tourist tax was enacted.¹¹²
- The government announced temporary protection in accordance with the Council of the European Union Regulation (update to Hungary's existing Asylum Act). This is set to last for one year with the possibility of extension up to three years in the EU.¹¹³ The measure allows access to welfare services (healthcare, education, work, etc.) for those who apply and are approved for temporary protection.¹¹⁴ This temporary protection now only applies to Ukrainian nationals and their families who are refugees who have left Ukraine and entered Hungary on or after February 24th. Third country nationals who were living in Ukraine (residents) are no longer eligible for the temporary protection status rule invoked by the European Council. However, they are eligible to apply for a 30-day temporary residence which has different rights and benefits.¹¹⁵
- A Humanitarian Council was created to help Ukrainian refugees (focusing in Transcarpathia) to coordinate between government services and charities providing services.¹¹⁶
- Hungary has offered students in Ukraine the chance to continue their studies.¹¹⁷
- Charities and NGOs are assisting and coordinating with local government authorities to provide services and humanitarian aid at the border and in main cities such as Budapest.¹¹⁸
- Tesco eliminated charges for Tesco Mobile customers in the UK trying to contact people in Ukraine.¹¹⁹
- Hungary established a hotline which provides critical asylum and refugee information in Ukrainian, Hungarian, and English.¹²⁰

Moldova

Moldova has introduced 12 measures, 6 of which are new (table 4). Among the latter, the government has expanded activities in education and health, while a refugee portal provides information and direct links to a multitude of services in different locations.

Table 4. Breakdown of Moldova measures by component (March 10-18, 2022)

Measures	March 10	March 18
Cash transfers	1	2
In-kind transfers	-	1
Labor markets	1	2
Other select measures	4	9
<i>Education</i>	-	1
<i>Health</i>	1	1
<i>Housing</i>	1	1
<i>Transportation</i>	-	-
<i>Other services</i>	2	6
Grand total	6	14

Cash transfers

- UNCHR will provide cash transfers to refugees, with government authorities arranging for payment implementation details with local banks.¹²¹
- Direct financial support to Ukrainian refugees is provided through cards to be collected at local banks.¹²²

In-kind transfers

- The government is working with NGOs and local government to distribute essential products such as food to critical areas as shown in Vatra.¹²³

Labor markets

- The Ministry of Internal Affairs has initiated a collaboration with private businesses and groups to coordinate aid and assistance to refugees, including a new webpage portal.¹²⁴
- On March 1, 2022, the Moldovan Government announced the decision to allow Ukrainian citizens to be hired based on an identity number and card given to them at the border crossing. Refugees can now be hired during the current state of emergency based on individual fixed-term employment contracts.¹²⁵ An identity number can now be acquired digitally through the main refugee portal and is critical in accessing social services.¹²⁶

Other select measures related to food, housing, subsidies, and social services

- A total of 78 temporary placement centers for refugees are being set-up.¹²⁷
- All visa requirements have been temporarily waived (passport not needed).¹²⁸
- The Ministry of Health of Moldova will provide Covid-19 vaccines and other vaccines of preventable disease for free to all refugees, as well as free access to healthcare.¹²⁹
- The State Chancellery, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection and local authorities will receive 12 million Moldovan Leu (about \$650,000) to manage the refugee crisis (budget support).¹³⁰
- Moldova's largest mobile phone operators are providing free prepaid cell phone cards to Ukrainian refugees and have reduced prices for calls to Ukraine.¹³¹
- Small and medium businesses are providing shelter and food for refugees.¹³²
- A private hospital in Chisinau has announced free medical services to refugees.¹³³
- Private education institutions began offering free education services for Ukrainian children.¹³⁴
- Romania has sent resources, fuel, and basic necessities to Moldova to assist in the humanitarian efforts and in the movement of refugees from Ukraine to Moldova and then again to Romania.¹³⁵
- The portal which contained information and connection to resources has been expanded to include information on asylum seeking; access to connections to hotels, free places to stay; access to medicine and health services; access to food and nutrition; transport information; education services information; information about animals and pets; psychological help; paid services; and work opportunities and job assistance.¹³⁶
- Local public authorities will receive 21.3 million Lei (\$1.1 million) to help refugees.¹³⁷
- All refugee children from Ukraine will be enrolled in general education systems in accordance with the status of asylum seekers.¹³⁸

Poland

Since March 10, Poland established 56 measures, more than half of which were introduced over the past week (table 5). Among key news are a special act of assistance to refugees, which was approved by Parliament on March 12. Legal stay and work were granted for 18 months to displaced Ukrainians. There were also investments for increased school capacity and ensuring continuity in tertiary education, as well as free health coverage for all Ukrainians.

Table 5. Breakdown of Poland measures by component (March 10-18, 2022)

Measures	March 10	March 18
Cash transfers	6	9
In-kind transfers	3	12
Labor markets	2	7
Other select measures	12	28
<i>Education</i>	3	7
<i>Health</i>	1	2
<i>Housing</i>	2	8
<i>Transportation</i>	-	2
<i>Other services</i>	6	9
Grand total	23	56

Cash transfers

- The Social Insurance Institution (ZUS) will grant and pay family benefits to Ukrainian citizens. This would include, for instance, receiving access to (i) the flagship “500+” child benefit program; (ii) the Family Care Capital “RKO”; (iii) the Good Start program; (iv) up to PLN 400 (\$93) a month to subsidize the fee for a child's stay in a day nursery, children's club or with a day care provider (subsidized stay in the nursery).¹³⁹
- A family hosting refugees will receive a monthly transfer of PLN 1,200 (\$280/month) for a period of two months.¹⁴⁰
- Refugees who declare their willingness to stay in Poland would receive a one-off allowance of PLN 300 (\$70). The allowance would be granted upon a declaration of the applicant, without issuing an administrative decision¹⁴¹. The transfer would be financed from the state budget¹⁴² and it is expected to cost about PLN 291.6 million (\$67 million).¹⁴³
- Among planned interventions, UNHCR is working to set up a multi-purpose cash assistance program. A pilot will be rolled out in the coming days targeting 100,000 households.¹⁴⁴
- Professional soldiers assigned to serve in border protection after 60 days of service will receive an additional payment of PLN 2,000 (\$467) under the “Cheap Holidays” program.¹⁴⁵
- Police, border guards, state fire service, customs and treasury service, state protection service and the internal security agency are entitled to a cash compensation in return for the service time exceeding the statutory service time. The cash compensation is paid from the state budget.¹⁴⁶
- Among the calls for donations, the government has set up portals encouraging donations under the slogan that “cash is best”.¹⁴⁷

In-kind transfers

- A large area offering free clothes for people forced to flee the war in Ukraine has opened in the disused Plaza shopping mall in Kraków. The organisation has launched the free clothes store in collaboration with IKEA, construction firm Strabag and clothing company Diverse.¹⁴⁸
- A makeshift system of supplies and volunteer aid has sprung up in the Przemyśl train station, including food and kiosks offering free SIM cards with unlimited calls and data.¹⁴⁹
- Humanity First sent a first responder team from Germany to the Polish-Ukrainian border on 27 February, and since then they have been providing medical and food assistance to Ukrainian refugees with volunteers on rotation.¹⁵⁰
- Caritas Polska donated nearly 600,000 to Caritas Ukraine and Caritas Spes. Caritas volunteers distribute hot meals, drinks and, for example, blankets. In Przemyśl alone, they

gave out approximately 30,000 sandwiches a day and so far over 60 thousand people have had a hot meal at the railway station.¹⁵¹

- Caritas Polska will officially inaugurate the campaign under the slogan “Package for Ukraine”. Polish donors will be able to pack a package with produces from the list on the Caritas.pl/Ukraina website.¹⁵²
- Over PLN 10 million (\$2.3 million) was collected on the official fundraiser of the crowdfunding portal Pomagam.pl. All funds from the collection are transferred to the “Our Choice” Foundation, which has been working for over 10 years for Ukrainian migrants in Poland. So far, the funds have been allocated to the purchase of drugs and medical supplies for the Hospital of War Veterans in Berdyczów. In the coming days, Our Choice will send 1,500 tactical first aid kits to Ukraine, and in cooperation with the Foundation of the Szeptyckich Family, it will purchase 4 fully equipped ambulances.¹⁵³
- Last week, a convenience grocery store in Przemysl, a town about 15 km away from the border, was offering free food and drink to refugees who came to the shop.¹⁵⁴
- Polish Oil and Gas Mining, together with the PGNiG Foundation, provided water and packed food to reception points in the Lubelskie Voivodeship. In addition, they will donate PLN 2 million to help Ukrainian citizens. The funds will be donated, among others, to the Polish Red Cross, Caritas and the SOS Children's Villages Association.¹⁵⁵
- As part of the assistance program, senators granted Ukrainian refugees the right to use the Large Family Card,¹⁵⁶ which provides discounts on sports accessories, electricity charges, telecommunication services, purchase of food and easier access to recreation.¹⁵⁷
- Food parcels and meals under the Food Aid Operational Programme 2014-2020 will be provided, including being co-financed by the European Fund for Aid to the Most Deprived.¹⁵⁸
- WHO shipped 36 tons of life-saving medical supplies to Warsaw to meet the needs of 1,000 patients requiring surgical care and other medical supplies to address the needs of around 150,000 people.¹⁵⁹
- 27 border points providing meals and temporary accommodation were set up.¹⁶⁰

Labor markets

- The act law approved on March 12 will grant Ukrainian citizens the right to work in Poland and receive employment benefits.¹⁶¹ Those Ukrainians who cannot find employment are eligible to apply for unemployment benefits according to the same rules which apply to Polish citizens.¹⁶²
- Ukrainians whose stay is considered legal may undertake and conduct economic activity in the country on the same terms as Polish citizens.¹⁶³
- The new law will streamline the process of employing Ukrainian teachers in Polish schools. Currently, there are already 11,000 Russian- and Ukrainian-speaking teachers registered in Poland.¹⁶⁴
- The special act creates the possibility of employing didactic or research and teaching staff working in Ukraine on a non-competitive basis. A program is being prepared by the National Science Center, which would finance activities related to the employment of scientific, research and teaching staff in Ukraine¹⁶⁵.
- The Ministry of Health presented the rules for applying for permission to work in Poland by doctors, dentists, nurses, midwives and paramedics from Ukraine.¹⁶⁶
- The private company Biedronka announced that each of its Ukrainian staff will receive a payment of PLN 1,000 (\$230).¹⁶⁷
- The Smyk toy chain has given staff time off work to volunteer.¹⁶⁸

Other select measures related to food, housing, subsidies, and social services

- On March 12, the new legislation on assistance to displaced populations was approved by the Parliament and signed by Poland's president Andrzej Duda.¹⁶⁹
- Ukrainians who have arrived in Poland are granted legal stay in the territory for 18 months¹⁷⁰. After nine months, those whose stay has been recognized as legal can apply for a three-year temporary residence permit.¹⁷¹
- For the more than one million Ukrainians who were already living in Poland before the war, visas and residence permits that would have expired while the war is ongoing will be extended until the end of this year.¹⁷²
- The government has announced the use of an electronic system for registering refugees and assigning them a PESEL number. This will allow for a quick implementation of the benefits from social or health services. The senators approved the use of transliteration of Ukrainian names, surnames and names provided in the application for granting a PESEL number.¹⁷³ PESEL applications can be submitted to any commune office from Wednesday March 16, 2022.¹⁷⁴
- Ukrainians have guaranteed food, accommodation, public transportation, and cleaning/personal hygiene products for two months from the date of entry in the country. The voivode coordinates the activities of public authorities as well as non-governmental organizations and entrepreneurs in the field of providing assistance to Ukrainian citizens.¹⁷⁵
- An Aid Fund is established in Bank Gospodarstwa Krajowego in order to finance or co-finance the implementation of tasks to aid Ukraine¹⁷⁶, with an initial allocation of nearly PLN 8 billion (\$1.9 billion).¹⁷⁷
- The "special law" is a basis for insurance in the National Health Fund (NFZ). In addition, every citizen of Ukraine legally residing in Poland will have guaranteed access to the public health care system on a par with Polish citizens. The National Health Fund will pay for each medical service for a Ukrainian citizen in the public health service. The financing of these services will be guaranteed from the state budget.¹⁷⁸
- Ukrainians also have the right to medicinal products under the health programs of the Ministry of Health and the right to vaccination against COVID-19, coronavirus testing (antigen and PCR) and treatment related to COVID-19. Children are entitled to immunization under the immunization calendar (Immunization Program – PSO 2022). All these benefits are provided to the entitled persons free of charge. They are financed by the state budget through the National Health Fund.¹⁷⁹
- A citizen of Ukraine will lose the entitlement to medical benefits under the special act if he or she leaves Poland for more than a month.¹⁸⁰
- Local governments can create additional places for nurseries and daycare. They will also accommodate additional support for foster care, family foster homes, as well as institutional care.¹⁸¹
- Accommodation centers with capacity for around 280,000 people have been arranged by local authorities. The government launched an official website for NGOs to coordinate and appeal for funding, while volunteers continue to mobilize assistance for arrivals.¹⁸²
- UNHCR is supporting access to social workers and specialist guidance, including finding housing, institutions and activities focused on integration.¹⁸³
- 0% VAT on supplies of goods/services for displaced population.¹⁸⁴
- Ukrainian citizens will not pay personal income taxes on assistance related to housing, food or financing medical treatment. The preference will apply from 24 February to 31 December 2022.¹⁸⁵
- Deduction of expenses incurred for the production/purchase of certain donations made both in cash and in kind, including being up to 6% of personal income or 10% for firms.¹⁸⁶

- Children aged 7-18 that relocate to Poland will have the right to free education in a Polish school.¹⁸⁷
- Ukrainian students will be able to continue their education at Polish universities¹⁸⁸.
- As of 15 March, 42,500 Ukrainian pupils had been registered in Polish schools since the beginning of the conflict.¹⁸⁹
- To accommodate the new pupils, the ministry has issued a special ordinance extending the number of students allowed in a single class of grades 1-3 up to 29 children (the previous limit was 25) and in preschools up to 28 children (also up from 25).¹⁹⁰
- In order to support teachers and schools, the education ministry has prepared a set of over 11,000 e-materials for various subjects that are available for free online.¹⁹¹
- The project "Solidarni with Ukraine " will be implemented by the National Agency for Academic Exchange. It is primarily a scholarship program. Funds will be allocated to universities for each student from Ukraine, for an academic and pocket money.¹⁹²
- On Friday, March 11 a free Ukrainian language course for teachers started on the social media of the Teachers' Training Center of the Polish Community Association. A dictionary of basic phrases in this language has already been developed for teachers.¹⁹³
- Ukrainian students may apply for the social scholarship or student loan¹⁹⁴. Ukrainian citizens studying in Poland will be able to obtain assistance analogous to that for students who came to Poland after February 24.¹⁹⁵
- Railways from Poland, Germany and the Czech Republic cooperate in the transport of refugees from Ukraine. Polish and German railwaymen are launching an additional train to travel from Przemyśl, Warsaw, Kraków and Katowice to Berlin, Munich, Hanover and Frankfurt. Deputy Minister of the Interior and Administration, Paweł Bossernaker, announced that nine special trains run to Germany and the Czech Republic on Saturday and Sunday, adding to 17 daily trains to Germany, and 12 to the Czech Republic¹⁹⁶. 27,000 refugees fleeing the war in Ukraine to the West took advantage of the rail transport offered to them over the past weekend.¹⁹⁷
- FlixBus has been offering free rides for refugees arriving at the Polish-Ukrainian border.¹⁹⁸
- On 14 March, the Plaza mall itself is opening a temporary shelter for 390 refugees.¹⁹⁹
- The NGO Grupa Zasoby matches refugees at Warsaw's Western Station with Poles offering somewhere to stay. So far, the organisation had 4,500 offers of accommodation amounting to between 15,000 and 20,000 beds, and had already housed 3,500 refugees.²⁰⁰
- Caritas Polska and the Church have already accepted nearly 900 children in Caritas centers as well as religious orders and declared that they will accept two thousand orphans from Ukrainian orphanages.²⁰¹
- Arche Hotels, a Polish hotel chain, has pledged more than \$1 million to provide free temporary housing for Ukrainian refugees across its 16 locations in Poland,²⁰² offering to put up 5,000 people for free in his hotels.²⁰³
- Airbnb, in partnership with its non-profit arm Airbnb.org, has been working with hosts to supply free temporary housing for up to 100,000 refugees fleeing Ukraine to neighboring countries like Poland, Hungary and Romania.²⁰⁴
- The sports arena Torwar in central Warsaw is being used as temporary accommodation for around 500 refugees.²⁰⁵

Box 1. Summary examples of social protection adaptations in Poland

- **Horizontal expansion of the flagship “500+” child benefit program.** Launched in 2016, the scheme initially gave a monthly payment of PLN 500 (\$118) (tax-free) to every family from the second child under 18 years old onwards. Poorest families received the money for their first child as well, and in 2017 the programme was expanded to also cover the first child in every family.^{206 207} The scheme has horizontally expanded to cover each Ukrainian child who resides in Poland.²⁰⁸ While applications could previously be sent in paper format as well²⁰⁹, Ukrainians are asked to apply electronically through the Platform for Electronic Services (PUE) of ZUS²¹⁰, to fast-track the procedure²¹¹. Application forms will be written in Ukrainian and ZUS staff will help refugees fill them out.²¹²
- **Horizontal expansion of the Family Care Capital “RKO”.** The government program was started in January 2022. It is a benefit in the amount of PLN 12,000 (\$2,830) for the second and subsequent children aged 12-35 months, and it provides financial support for the care in nurseries in the case of parents of children not receiving the benefit.²¹³ The benefit can be obtained in the amount of PLN 500 (\$118) for 24 months or PLN 1000 (\$236) for 12 months. The program extends horizontally to Ukrainian parents who decide to remain in the country, temporary custodians or persons exercising foster care over a Ukrainian child. Applications should be sent electronically through the ZUS’ platform PUE.²¹⁴
- **Horizontal expansion of the Good Start program.** The program provides PLN 300 (\$70) to all students starting a school year. Families shall receive the benefit irrespectively of the income. The good start benefit is granted once a year per child learning at a school until 20 years of age. Disabled children learning at a school shall receive the benefit until 24 years of age.²¹⁵ The program extends to Ukrainian parents who decide to remain in the territory, temporary custodians or persons exercising foster care over a Ukrainian child.²¹⁶ While applications could previously be sent in paper format as well²¹⁷, Ukrainians are asked to apply electronically through the Platform for Electronic Services (PUE) of ZUS.²¹⁸ Note: to apply for 500+, RKO and Good Start program, the Social Insurance Institution (ZUS) requires Ukrainians to obtain the following: polish PESEL identification number of the person filing the application and the child; e-mail address of the person; polish telephone number; bank account in Poland. Registration of Ukrainian citizens for a Polish PESEL ID started in the municipal, city or district offices in Poland from March 16, 2022.²¹⁹
- **Horizontal expansion of the Large Family Card.** Discounts on sports accessories, electricity charges, telecommunication services, purchase of food and easier access to recreation. The Large Family Card is granted to every member of the family, including foster families and children's homes of family type. The card for parents is issued for life and for children up to the age of 18 or 25 in the case of continuing education. The card is granted for free and regardless of income.²²⁰ Senators granted Ukrainian refugees the right to use the Large Family Card.²²¹

Romania

Over the past week, 9 measures were added to the preexisting 9 recorded on March 10 (table 6). Among the news, the government passed a bill providing cash transfers to Romanian individuals and businesses who are willing to host the refugees. Some of the existing measures which were in place for Romanian nationals, specifically in health and education, were adapted to include Ukrainian nationals.

Table 6. Breakdown of Poland measures by component (March 10-18, 2022)

Measures	March 10	March 18
Cash transfers	-	1
In-kind transfers	1	1
Labor markets	2	4
Other select measures	6	12
<i>Education</i>	2	3
<i>Health</i>	3	5
<i>Housing</i>	1	2
<i>Transportation</i>	-	-
<i>Other services</i>	-	2
Grand total	9	18

Cash transfers

- Hotels, boarding houses, and other private and public accommodation which host refugees will receive money from the state for these expenses. More than 200 million lei (\$45 million) have already been allocated for the accommodation of 70,000 Ukrainian. The amount that will be granted is 100 lei (\$22) per night for each person. In the case of state institutions, the amount is 50 lei (\$11) per night. People who host refugees in their own homes will receive 20 lei a day (\$4.5) per Ukrainian guest.²²² Request for reimbursement of expenses should be made at the County Inspectorates for Emergency Situations based on supporting documents.

In-kind transfers

- Ukrainian children are entitled to a food allowance, free accommodation at boarding schools, and have a right for school supplies, clothing, shoes, and textbooks.²²³

Labor markets

- Ukrainian citizens who legally enter the country, and who do not request a form of protection according to Law no. 122/2006 on asylum in Romania, may be employed without the employment permit provided by Government Ordinance no. 25/2014 on employment and secondment of aliens in Romania.²²⁴
- Ukrainian citizens can also benefit from employment measures as well as protection under the unemployment insurance system under the conditions provided by law for Romanian citizens.²²⁵
- Ukrainian citizens can work in Romania on the basis of a full-time individual work agreement without the need for a work permit
- Ukrainian citizens from the armed conflict zone of Ukraine who do not have documents proving their professional qualifications or work experience required for a job may be hired for a period of 12 months with the possibility of extending that by six-month periods for up to one year.

Other select measures related to food, housing, subsidies, and social services

- The government developed a platform in partnership with civil society. This also includes a donation section, “Ukraine – Together we help more”, under the rubric of “Emergency Support”²²⁶. Another resource provides information to Ukrainian refugees arriving in the country.²²⁷
- The government issued the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 22/2022 (“GEO 22”), which was published in the Official Gazette on March 8, 2022. The Ordinance became effective on March 11.²²⁸ GEO 22 also includes measures to facilitate and encourage civil society, the private sector, and individuals to continue to make donations and for international organizations to have a simpler mechanism for cooperation²²⁹.
- Ukrainian citizens and stateless persons from the armed conflict zone of Ukraine have the right to receive free emergency medical care and qualified first aid treatment through the national healthcare system. They further have the right to be included in national public health programs.
- About 5,000 refugee women and children have so far received at least one support service in Blue Dots.²³⁰
- Free medical assistance and care services similar to those available to Romanian citizens will be available for a period of 90 days. Particular provisions are established based on status, including asylum seekers, Ukrainian citizens who are not beneficiaries of a form of international protection, but have a right of legal residence.²³¹
- Persons with disabilities, accompanied or unaccompanied, can benefit, upon request, from social services provided in all types of residential centers for adults with disabilities,

including sheltered housing, centers for independent living, rehabilitation and rehabilitation centers, care, and other assistance centers.²³²

- Shelters include over 13,000 places for refugee placement, of which 8,200 are occupied.²³³
- The right of free transportation is being granted as provided by law for orphans, students with special educational needs, as well as those for whom a special protection measure has been established. Also, the right to allow basic food for all children in primary and secondary education through ongoing social programs²³⁴.
- Ukrainian children will benefit from the examination of their state of health in schools, and if they are not vaccinated, they can benefit from the vaccination scheme according to the National Vaccination Program carried out by the Ministry of Health.²³⁵
- Code4Romania, an NGO established in response to the COVID-19 crisis, offered digital solutions for people in need, quickly set up a new database, listing services available to refugees. It's available in Ukrainian, Russian, Romanian, and English²³⁶.
- Since March 7, a total of 3,288 Ukrainian citizens have applied for asylum in Romania²³⁷. Applicants can benefit from accommodation in the centers of the General Inspectorate for Immigration, as well as measures of material, financial, medical assistance, specialized psychological and legal counseling, access to the labor market, and cultural adaptation activities.²³⁸

Slovakia

There have been at least 23 measures put in place in Slovakia, a level doubling that of last week. Among the new measures are the “assistance for material needs”, free-of-charge public health insurance; and children under 16 allowed to attend public schools. There is coordination of efforts through at least 6 websites and platforms consolidating information for Ukrainian refugees in Slovakia.

Table 7. Breakdown of Slovakia measures by component (March 10-18, 2022)

Measures	March 10	March 18
Cash transfers	1	2
In-kind	2	3
Labor	-	1
Other select measures	9	17
<i>Education</i>	2	2
<i>Health</i>	1	3
<i>Housing</i>	1	1
<i>Transportation</i>	1	1
<i>Other services</i>	4	10
Grand total	12	23

Cash transfers

- Slovakia will support people who shelter refugees from Ukraine with financial assistance²³⁹
- Persons fleeing the war in Ukraine can be considered for assistance in material need. This includes financial help for those who are unable to secure basic living conditions. It can be requested at the Labour, Social Affairs and Family Office. It is also possible to apply for a subsidy for food for a child. In order to get a subsidy for food, it is necessary to apply when enrolling a child in kindergarten or primary school. The school will guide the parent on how to proceed.²⁴⁰

In-kind transfers

- “People in Need Slovakia” is supplying mobile toilets, building insulated tents for children, and preparing food distribution for people who are forced to wait in long queues²⁴¹
- Temporary accommodation, meals and information from customs, police, and volunteers is being provided²⁴². Buses wait at the Slovak border to take people to government and hotel facilities.²⁴³
- TESCO has made donations to the Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Appeal and shipped food aid, clothing and hygiene items from its warehouses in Slovakia to food banks²⁴⁴.

Other select measures related to food, housing, subsidies, and social services

- Among key websites are, for example, an official website of the public authority of the Slovak Republic providing Information for Ukrainians entering the country²⁴⁵; an initiative of the Human Rights League and Mareena and is regularly updated according to information by Slovak state institutions²⁴⁶; and Ukrainian people may register themselves on the website of the Ministry of Transport and Construction for accommodation.²⁴⁷
- UNHCR created a website to give information to asylum-seekers and refugees in Slovakia about a wide range of topics, such as the asylum procedure, living in Slovakia and the rights and duties of asylum-seekers and refugees in Slovakia.²⁴⁸
- Some Slovak mobile operators provide SIM cards and internet free of charge at the border²⁴⁹. Tesco mobile in Slovakia has benefited from the use of mobile services for international calls and roaming and has included Ukraine among the countries of the European zone and will bring additional assistance to people coming from Ukraine.²⁵⁰
- The Education Ministry is organizing webinars and lectures for teachers who will teach to Ukrainian students; prepared documents to support pupils’ admission to schools (in Slovak and Ukrainian language)²⁵¹. The children of asylum seekers and temporary refuge seekers are entitled to attend public schools in Slovakia.) The Ministry of Education has urged school directors to act without further delay so that the children of asylum seekers and temporary refuge seekers may start attending schools in Slovakia as soon as possible.²⁵²
- Healthcare assistance is provided on the basis of their status, including in-transit populations, asylum seekers, temporary refuge status, etc. In case of Covid-19 related care, in the absence of insurance the cost will be covered by state budget²⁵³. Dentists in Slovakia//The Slovak Chamber of Dentists, help Ukrainian refugees with free emergency health care.²⁵⁴
- The government has enacted new legislation under which the tolerated residency granted on the grounds of temporary refuge will automatically be associated with free-of-charge public health insurance. The government has also promised that the tolerated residency granted on the grounds of temporary refuge would automatically be associated with the right to receive allowance in material emergency (for those who find themselves in such dire circumstances).²⁵⁵
- The Slovak railway company (Železničná spoločnosť Slovensko) has introduced free travel in InterCity trains for the citizens of Ukraine carrying a valid passport²⁵⁶. Free train transport is available for all residents of Ukraine who want to get to another EU country upon presentation of a passport²⁵⁷
- Financial and material support is also being provided by local communities, who are supporting refugees with food and hygiene items, offers of free transport, and accommodation. Local municipalities and villages are also creating temporary shelters for refugees²⁵⁸.
- The Slovak University of Technology has offered the use of its facilities to house “war-torn Ukrainian citizens, including families with children” and that it will simplify the conditions of admission to study for students from war-affected areas.²⁵⁹

- Withdrawals by Ukrainian ATM cards at newly located ATMs near the border crossings (Vyšné Nemecké) are free of charge (this applies to some banks throughout Slovakia); accounts opening is free, including issuing payment cards and access to internet banking; and fees for transfers to Ukraine are waived.²⁶⁰
- The European Commission has established logistical civil protection hubs. These hubs are channelling the assistance delivered from European countries via the EU Civil Protection Mechanism in response to the requests for assistance by Ukraine and neighboring countries.²⁶¹
- Doctors without Borders/MSF's first emergency team arrived in Slovakia at the beginning of March, negotiating a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Health to be able to import medical supplies. MSF plans to have a mobile team monitoring regularly at the border, offering mental health support, facilitating emergency referrals and taking care of the most vulnerable people²⁶².

Labor Markets

- The tolerated residency granted on the grounds of temporary refuge automatically gives foreigners permission to work for a company based in Slovakia. There is no need to apply for any other permit in such a case. Ukrainian people who enter Slovakia may work remotely for a company based in Ukraine without any specific permit (even the tolerated residency is not required in such a case).²⁶³

Measures in 24 non-neighbouring countries

Australia

Table 8. Breakdown of Australia measures by component (March 10-18, 2022)

Measures	March 10	March 18
Cash transfers	-	-
In-kind	-	-
Labor	-	-
Other select measures	-	1
<i>Education</i>	-	-
<i>Health</i>	-	1
<i>Housing</i>	-	-
<i>Transportation</i>	-	-
<i>Other services</i>	-	-
Grand total	-	1

Other select measures related to food, housing, subsidies, and social services

- The Type 1 Foundation, which supports Australians living with the diabetes, has begun collecting diabetic and other supplies to send to Poland where a partner organisation will give them to refugees in need.²⁶⁴

Austria

Table 9. Breakdown of Austria measures by component (March 10-18, 2022)

Measures	March 10	March 18
Cash transfers	-	-
In-kind	-	-
Labor market	-	-
Other select measures	-	4
<i>Education</i>	-	-
<i>Health</i>	-	-
<i>Housing</i>	-	1
<i>Transportation</i>	-	1
<i>Other services</i>	-	2
Grand total	-	4

Other select measures related to food, housing, subsidies, and social services

- Some 27,000 private places have been offered accommodation on the Federal Care Agency platform so far. Among the offers, 100 hotels are prepared to host the Ukrainian refugees for free²⁶⁵.
- Both local and long-distance public transport has been made free for all Ukrainians between March 1st and March 15th to allow them to travel through or within Austria to their final destination.^{266 267}
- Federally, 3,000 fully subsidized childcare places have been made available.²⁶⁸
- Starting this March 14, refugees wishing to stay in Austria will be formally registered. They will receive an identity card and basic care²⁶⁹.

Belgium

Table 10. Breakdown of Belgium measures by component (March 10-18, 2022)

Measures	March 10	March 18
Cash transfers	-	-
In-kind	-	-
Labor market	-	1
Other select measures	-	1
<i>Education</i>	-	-
<i>Health</i>	-	-
<i>Housing</i>	-	1
<i>Transportation</i>	-	-
<i>Other services</i>	-	-
Grand total	-	2

Labor markets

- **On** March 14, Belgium set up a new, much larger registration center that is designed to help people fleeing the Russian invasion register for government support, including access to accommodation and employment²⁷⁰.

Other select measures related to food, housing, subsidies, and social services

- The State Secretary for Migration launched an initiative allowing people to voluntarily register to host refugees and communes to make municipal buildings and sports halls available for those waiting for a permanent place of residence, mapping these per

municipality. More than 10,000 housing spaces have been made available to Ukrainian refugees in following the request from State Secretary for Migration Sammy Mahdi for residents and municipalities to offer temporary shelter. Some 8,000 spaces were registered as of Wednesday, and 499 of the 581 municipalities responded.²⁷¹

Bulgaria

Bulgaria has launched a website that contains all information to support the Ukrainian refugee. The website has guidance on how to evacuate, what to expect on arrival, and how refugees can settle in the country.²⁷²

Table 11. Breakdown of Bulgaria measures by component (March 10-18, 2022)

Measures	March 10	March 18
Cash transfers	-	1
In-kind	-	-
Labor market	-	1
Other select measures	-	4
<i>Education</i>	-	2
<i>Health</i>	-	1
<i>Housing</i>	-	1
<i>Transportation</i>	-	-
<i>Other services</i>	-	-
Grand total	-	6

Cash transfers

- The government announced that from March 7, 2022 it will provide a fixed amount of money per day for each Ukrainian citizen accommodated in private hotels, as well as in holiday resorts and bases of municipalities and government agencies²⁷³.

Labor markets

- Ukrainians and their family members who have received temporary protection, asylum or international protection in Bulgaria have the right to work in the country without a permit. Persons with refugee or humanitarian status can register as jobseekers with the Labor Office at their permanent or current address²⁷⁴

Other select measures related to food, housing, subsidies, and social services

- People from vulnerable groups – children under the age of 18, unaccompanied children, pregnant women, single parents with minors, the elderly and people with disabilities, serious health problems, mental disorders victims of trafficking or suffering torture, rape or other severe forms of violence – have the right to full medical care as Bulgarian citizens²⁷⁵.
- Bulgaria offers free education for children under 18²⁷⁶. Refugees can find more information on where and how to apply for school enrolment in the Government website²⁷⁷
- Free kindergarten is provided for children up to 6 years²⁷⁸. Refugees can find more information on where and how to apply for enrolment in kindergarten in the government website²⁷⁹
- Bulgaria offers temporary free accommodation²⁸⁰. In addition, Bulgarian hotels along the Black Sea coast have opened their doors to Ukrainian refugees coming to the country. But hotel owners are starting to experience financial difficulties as they are running out of money to support the refugees. By a decision of the Bulgarian Council of Ministers,

hoteliers who allow Ukrainian refugees to be accommodated in their facilities will receive financial support from the state.²⁸¹

Canada

Table 12. Breakdown of Canada measures by component (March 10-18, 2022)

Measures	March 10	March 18
Cash Transfer	-	-
In-kind	-	-
Labor Market	-	-
Other select measures	-	1
<i>Education</i>	-	1
<i>Health</i>	-	-
<i>Housing</i>	-	-
<i>Transportation</i>	-	-
<i>Other services</i>	-	-
Grand total	-	1

Other select measures related to food, housing, subsidies, and social services

- Tuition fee waiver: On 15 March 2022, it was published that the University of Alberta in Canada will waive off the tuition fees for Ukrainian students affected by the war. In addition, the university will provide funding to support living expenses for new and current Ukrainian students for the academic year 2022-23.²⁸²

Croatia

Table 13. Breakdown of Croatia measures by component (March 10-18, 2022)

Measures	March 10	March 18
Cash transfers	-	-
In-kind	-	-
Labor market	-	-
Other select measures	-	3
<i>Education</i>	-	-
<i>Health</i>	-	1
<i>Housing</i>	-	1
<i>Transportation</i>	-	-
<i>Other services</i>	-	1
Grand total	-	3

Other select measures related to food, housing, subsidies, and social services

- Persons who have not made accommodation arrangements on their own will be provided, upon their entry, with information on the nearest reception centers in Osijek, Varaždinske Toplice, and as of 7 March in Gospić. Their stay in the reception centers will be short, up to 48 hours, after which they will be provided with permanent accommodation²⁸³
- On March 8, the Croatian Bar Association (HOK) stated that it had joined in a campaign by the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE) to offer free legal aid to Ukrainian refugees.²⁸⁴
- On February 28, the government announced that Croatia would provide health care for refugees from Ukraine.²⁸⁵

Denmark

Table 14. Breakdown of Denmark measures by component (March 10-18, 2022)

Measures	March 10	March 18
Cash transfers	-	1
In-kind	-	-
Labor market	-	1
Other select measures	-	1
<i>Education</i>	-	1
<i>Health</i>	-	-
<i>Housing</i>	-	-
<i>Transportation</i>	-	-
<i>Other services</i>	-	-
Grand total	-	3

Cash transfers

- On March 16, the country passed legislation allowing Ukrainians fleeing the war in Ukraine to start receiving social benefits (as well as working and going to school).²⁸⁶

Labor markets

- The same legislation of March 16 allows Ukrainians to work (and accessing schools).²⁸⁷

Other select measures related to food, housing, subsidies, and social services

- Denmark has launched a website that contains all information to support the Ukrainian refugee. The Danish Immigration Service has gathered all relevant information for Ukrainian citizens who are either in Denmark or want to come to Denmark in this website.²⁸⁸

Estonia

Table 15. Breakdown of Estonia measures by component (March 10-18, 2022)

Measures	March 10	March 18
Cash transfers	-	-
In-kind	-	-
Labor market	-	2
Other select measures	-	5
<i>Education</i>	-	2
<i>Health</i>	-	2
<i>Housing</i>	-	1
<i>Transportation</i>	-	-
<i>Other services</i>	-	-
Grand total	-	7

Labor markets

- Ukrainian citizens who have arrived in Estonia with or without a visa also get the right to work in Estonia if the employer registers their short-term employment at the Police and Border Guard Board (PPA). At this moment all Ukrainians arriving to Estonia can start working if they have found an employer and the employer registers the short-term employment with the Police and Border Guard. If the person is given a status of

international protection, then he/she will get a residence permit and can work under the exact same conditions as Estonian citizens.²⁸⁹

- To assist Ukrainians in getting access to the labour market, the Estonian Unemployment Insurance Fund opened an online environment²⁹⁰ where people who have arrived from Ukraine can find job offers or the contact information of employers who are ready to offer work opportunities to people who have arrived in the country. The web page is in Estonian, English, as well as Russian.²⁹¹

Other select measures related to food, housing, subsidies, and social services

- Estonia has launched a website that contains all information to support the Ukrainian refugee. The website gathered a list of frequently asked questions for Ukrainians on arriving to and staying in Estonia and finding ways to relocate a business if unavoidable due to the situation in Ukraine.²⁹²
- The Estonian Refugee Council²⁹³ has mapped short- and long-term housing options for Ukrainian refugees containing accommodation possibilities free of charge or with minimal costs. The accommodation is organized mostly in Estonian cities, including polite hotels, apartments, detached houses, and dormitory places if needed additionally.²⁹⁴
- Basic medical assistance is available at the reception center for refugees of Ukraine that has been set up in Tallinn.²⁹⁵
- Private initiatives like Viveo Health offer their services to Ukrainians. For example, people affected by the war in Ukraine can get a FREE medical consultation with a licensed doctor online via audio or video link, wherever they are.²⁹⁶
- In order to ensure that Ukrainian mothers in Estonia can go to work and the education of children doesn't stop here, Estonia offers continuing education for all Ukrainian children arriving in Estonia. Children and young people who have arrived in Estonia can participate in formal or non-formal education as follows:
 - Pre-school education, in kindergartens, and childcare for pre-school children (aged 1,5-7).
 - Basic education, in general, compulsory education schools for children and young people (aged 7-17).
 - Secondary, vocational, and higher education, in upper secondary schools, vocational schools, universities of applied sciences, and universities.
- The city of Tallinn plans to create a special project-based school for Ukrainian children, where they can study, regardless of age.²⁹⁷

France

Table 16. Breakdown of France measures by component (March 10-18, 2022)

Measures	March 10	March 18
Cash Transfer	-	-
In-kind	-	-
Labor Market	-	-
Other select measures	-	2
<i>Education</i>	-	-
<i>Health</i>	-	-
<i>Housing</i>	-	1
<i>Transportation</i>	-	-
<i>Other services</i>	-	1
Grand total	-	2

Other select measures related to food, housing, subsidies, and social services

- On March 14, 2022, French Minister Delegate for Housing announced that French people wish to help Ukrainian refugees. There is an availability of 30,000 housing units – 11,000 places offered by local authorities, public or private, and 20,000 seats by individuals.²⁹⁸ (New)

Germany

Table 17. Breakdown of Germany measures by component (March 10-18, 2022)

Measures	March 10	March 18
Cash transfers	1	1
In-kind	-	-
Labor market	1	1
Other select measures	2	2
<i>Education</i>	-	-
<i>Health</i>	1	1
<i>Housing</i>	1	1
<i>Transportation</i>	-	-
<i>Other services</i>	-	-
Grand total	4	4

Cash transfers

- Germany is providing cash benefit to Ukrainian refugees by expanding horizontally the Asylum Seekers' Benefits Act (Asylbewerberleistungsgesetz)), which is mainly funded by states. The cash benefit is currently set at 362 Euro for single adults and 247 Euro for children age 7-14²⁹⁹.

Labor markets

- The government announced that refugees will have access to the labor market; approval would be required by the foreign office (Auslaenderbehoerde).³⁰⁰

Other select measures related to food, housing, subsidies, and social services

- Germans have offered up 300,000 private homes to house refugees from Ukraine following Russia's invasion of the country. The ministry of interior is cooperating with the non-profit gut.org AG and home rental company Airbnb Inc's non-profit arm Airbnb.org to assign refugees to housing offers.³⁰¹
- As per the Asylum Seekers Benefits Act (Asylbewerberleistungsgesetz), Ukrainian refugees receive medical assistance.³⁰²

Greece

Table 18. Breakdown of Greece measures by component (March 10-18, 2022)

Measures	March 10	March 18
Cash transfers	-	-
In-kind	-	-
Labor market	-	1
Other select measures	-	3
<i>Education</i>	-	-
<i>Health</i>	-	-
<i>Housing</i>	-	3
<i>Transportation</i>	-	-
<i>Other services</i>	-	-
Grand total	-	4

Labor markets

- Greece offers jobs in the tourism sector. The country decided to show its solidarity with Ukrainian refugees who are streaming out of their country by opening up 50,000 jobs in the tourism sector to Greek expatriates and refugees.³⁰³

Other select measures related to food, housing, subsidies, and social services

- Greek authorities have prepared a shipping-style container camp for those arriving from Ukraine near the Bulgarian border, mirroring the sprawl of temporary housing facilities that emerged across parts of Europe during the last large-scale refugee crisis in 2015. The container camp is about 5 kilometres from the border and can accommodate arrivals for a few days before applying for longer-term housing via this email address (ukraine@migration.gov.gr)³⁰⁴. Camp employees said a few dozen people had stayed there so far, before moving on to stay with people they knew.³⁰⁵
- Athens offers accommodation to Ukrainian refugees: The Athens municipality can host Ukrainian refugees at its summer camp facilities at Agios Andreas, on the eastern coast of Attica³⁰⁶
- Hoteliers in Greece said this week (March 4th) that they would be opening their hotels to host and provide employment to displaced Ukrainians following Russia's invasion of the country. Speaking on Open TV, Hellenic Hoteliers Federation (POX) President said the country's hotel owners had offered to provide humanitarian aid to the Ukrainian people and that in collaboration with the Ukrainian Consulate in Thessaloniki and hotel associations in Thessaloniki, Pieria and Kavala, efforts were being made to assess the needs in order to provide shelter and accommodation to displaced civilians from Ukraine, mainly women and children who have fled after Russian raids.³⁰⁷

Italy

Table 19. Breakdown of Italy measures by component (March 10-18, 2022)

Measures	March 10	March 18
Cash transfers	-	1
In-kind	-	7
Labor market	-	1
Other select measures	-	5
<i>Education</i>	-	1
<i>Health</i>	-	2
<i>Housing</i>	-	1
<i>Transportation</i>	-	1
<i>Other services</i>	-	-
Grand total	-	14

Cash transfers

- The state currently provides €25/day per person to the managers of the hosting centers.³⁰⁸
- The Civil Protection agency is considering financial support for families hosting Ukrainian refugees.³⁰⁹

In-kind transfers

- Misericordie of Tuscany in collaboration with the Ukrainian Consulate of Florence have collected 24 quintals of medicines and non-perishable food, transported with their own transportation to the borders of Poland and Romania.³¹⁰
- Caritas Italiana has also opened a fundraiser, making available 100 thousand euros for immediate needs, to meet the needs of the Ukrainian populations.³¹¹
- Italian Red Cross, together with UNHCR and UNICEF, has launched the largest fundraiser.³¹² The effort has been promoted by Italian tv network Rai, and it collected over €6 million in two weeks.³¹³
- NGO Cevsi sent the first convoy of truckloads of canned food, hygiene kits, diapers, medical supplies, sleeping bags, mattresses, and other necessities, and a team to the Slovak border to provide support to those waiting to cross the border.³¹⁴
- Pwc supports the project of Sole Terre and involves employees in fundraising. In one week, they have collected almost €50 thousand for 361 donations. As of March 8, the total fundraising on has exceeded €120 thousand.³¹⁵
- Minister of External Affairs states a first load of 8 tons of humanitarian aid (of the total 20 planned) and a €10 million agreement to support Moldova in its effort to welcome people fleeing Ukraine.³¹⁶
- Save the Children in collaboration with the Italian Council for Refugees sent to the Polish border two buses equipped with basic necessities to allow children and families to face the journey. On board of the two coaches there were our team specialized in child protection, as well as a paediatrician and two Ukrainian volunteer interpreters.³¹⁷
- Coldiretti has launched the initiative “la spesa sospesa” (suspended shopping), with the possibility to make donations to buy products from Campagna Amica farmers' markets, to be sent to Ukrainian civilians, or to be donated to the thousands of refugees who are arriving in Italy. It will involve farmers' markets in all regions of Italy.³¹⁸

Labor markets

- The residence permit grants to Ukrainians access to the Italian labor market.³¹⁹

Other select measures related to food, housing, subsidies, and social services

- A social assistance decree will be discussed on Thursday 17 March.
- Refugees who had to leave Ukraine after February 24 will be able to stay in Italy until March 4, 2023. Legal stay will be automatically extended every six months, for a maximum period of one year, unless the temporary protection ceases by decision of the EU.³²⁰ The residence permit allows the holder access to education in Italy.³²¹
- Refugees are guaranteed health care in the national territory, with equal treatment of Italian citizens, after registration at the local health center for the allocation of a doctor or a pediatrician. While waiting for the issuing of the residence permit, health assistance is guaranteed by registration in the “Foreigner Temporarily Present” register.³²²
- At the point of entry into national territory or in any case within 5 days from the entry, the following will be guaranteed:³²³
 - administration of Covid-19, Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis and Polio vaccines;
 - optional administration of measles vaccine, mumps, rubella vaccines and tuberculosis screening test, as well as other vaccinations, following an evaluation of health authorities.
- Assistance is guaranteed through the network of Extraordinary Reception Centers (Cas) and the Reception and Integration System (Sai). These are two networks managed by the Ministry of the Interior, which have recently been increased respectively by 5 thousand and 3 thousand units.³²⁴
- Further 470 places in the Sai network have been funded.³²⁵
- The civil protection ordinance provides that citizens from Ukraine can travel free of charge on our territory, within 5 days maximum from the entry in Italy, to reach the first place of destination or reception. The measure includes free travel on Trenitalia (FS Group) trains operating Intercity, Eurocity and Regional services, on maritime services and on the freeway network.³²⁶

Japan

Table 20. Breakdown of Japan measures by component (March 10-18, 2022)

Measures	March 10	March 18
Cash transfers	-	-
In-kind	-	-
Labor	-	1
Other select measures		
<i>Education</i>	-	-
<i>Health</i>	-	-
<i>Housing</i>	-	-
<i>Transportation</i>	-	-
<i>Other services</i>	-	-
Grand total	-	1

Labor markets

- Japan announced that Ukrainian evacuees will be able to convert short-term entry visas into longer-term ones allowing them to work, the latest move by Tokyo, to welcome Ukrainians fleeing their war-torn land.³²⁷

Latvia

Table 21. Breakdown of Latvia measures by component (March 10-18, 2022)

Measures	March 10	March 18
Cash transfers	-	-
In-kind	-	-
Labor market	-	2
Other select measures	-	3
<i>Education</i>	-	-
<i>Health</i>	-	1
<i>Housing</i>	-	2
<i>Transportation</i>	-	-
<i>Other services</i>	-	-
Grand total	-	5

Labor markets

- The Government has launched a website linking Latvian employers with Ukrainian refugees. Information on job opportunities as well as practical information is available on the crowdsourced job opportunities platform³²⁸. This platform will regularly collect information only on those vacancies that companies offer to residents of Ukraine for work in Latvia or remotely, both full time and part-time. All the jobs listed in this platform do not require you to speak Latvian. The main communication language will be English or Russian. The state and municipalities are working to speed up and facilitate the process of obtaining a visa for Ukrainian citizens. The visas will include rights to employment in Latvia.³²⁹
- The Latvian startup community is welcoming “techfugees”, startups and their families in Latvia. Below are some of the major resources for tech entrepreneurs seeking practical information and assistance with relocation, setting up business in Latvia, as well as integrating into the local startup community³³⁰:
 - While Ukrainians don't need a visa to enter Latvia, a long-term visa or residence permit will be needed in order to stay. The Startup Residence Permit program (aka startup visa) provides non-EU entrepreneurs, their spouses, and their children a temporary residency permit for a maximum period of 3 years. Other visas and residence permit types are also available.
 - The Latvian Startup Guide - spotlights benefits and opportunities of the Latvian startup welcome pack. It also contains useful information at a glance regarding moving to Latvia and everyday living.
 - Latvian Startup Association Startin.LV - a leading ecosystem in Latvia uniting startups and ecosystem players. Services and support Startin.LV provides:
 - Consultations about the local startup ecosystem and its stakeholders
 - Legal services for startup founders
 - Integration assistance into the local tech community
 - Consultations about government support programs
 - Startup Support Division of Investment and Development Agency of Latvia - a state body that provides information, support, and guidance on Startup Visa and Aid programs available to startups.

Other select measures related to food, housing, subsidies, and social services

- All the state funded healthcare services are available for free to every Ukrainian citizen who arrives in Latvia or is already here and cannot return home due to war³³¹.

- On 13 March 2022, it is reported that Lithuania has allocated 3.94 million euros from the state budget for the housing of Ukrainians and simplified the employment procedure³³².
- There are many locals ready to offer accommodation to Ukrainian citizens for free or a lower fee, both for short and long term accommodation. Refugee can use Government provided link³³³ to ask for accommodation options³³⁴.

Lithuania

Table 22. Breakdown of Lithuania measures by component (March 10-18, 2022)

Measures	March 10	March 18
Cash transfers	-	-
In-kind	-	-
Labor market	-	1
Other select measures	-	3
<i>Education</i>	-	1
<i>Health</i>	-	-
<i>Housing</i>	-	1
<i>Transportation</i>	-	1
<i>Other services</i>	-	-
Grand total	-	4

Labor markets

- Lithuanian company offers employment to Ukrainians and will reimburse accommodation. Lithuanian outsourcing company Baltic Virtual Assistants offers jobs to the people of war-torn Ukraine. The company currently has thirty openings, but this number is likely to grow in the future the head of the company says³³⁵.

Other select measures related to food, housing, subsidies, and social services

- Educational institutions offer free education to Ukrainians. Lithuanian academia has come as one to take care of Ukrainian students who have lost contact with their families left in the war zone. LCC International University, a liberal arts school, is currently providing food, shelter, essential items, financial as well as psychological support to almost 200 students from Ukraine. Similarly, Vilnius University, the globally recognized institution and the country's largest university, has offered free education and financial assistance to Ukrainian students, in addition to setting up a donations fund³³⁶.
- Strong Together (Stiprūs Kartu), an organisation that is helping Ukrainian refugees to find accommodation in Lithuania, currently has enough housing for 10,000 people. The number of people wanting to move in is currently half that³³⁷
- Some bus companies are also providing free transportation to Ukrainian citizens – all they have to do is present a passport. ³³⁸

Netherlands

Table 23. Breakdown of Netherlands measures by component (March 10-18, 2022)

Measures	March 10	March 18
Cash transfers	-	-
In-kind	-	-
Labor market	-	-
Other select measures	-	3
<i>Education</i>	-	-
<i>Health</i>	-	1
<i>Housing</i>	-	2
<i>Transportation</i>	-	-
<i>Other services</i>	-	-
Grand total	-	3

Other select measures related to food, housing, subsidies, and social services

- Ukrainians can have access to medical care in the Netherlands if they do not (yet) have insurance. The costs are compensated if it concerns medical care that cannot be postponed. For example, in case of a life-threatening illness. The compensation comes from a special arrangement for people without insurance. The doctor or practitioner will request compensation for the costs. With the new scheme more will become clear about arranging health insurance.³³⁹
- Several organizations in the Netherlands are already matching Ukrainian nationals with Dutch families and thousands of families have signed up to take in people.³⁴⁰
- Amsterdam local council has arranged 1,000 hotel beds for Ukrainian refugees, taking the total number of places in the city to 1,500.³⁴¹

New Zealand:

Table 24. Breakdown of New Zealand measures by component (March 10-18, 2022)

Measures	March 10	March 18
Cash transfers	-	-
In-kind	-	-
Labor	-	1
Other selected measures	-	1
<i>Education</i>	-	1
<i>Health</i>	-	-
<i>Housing</i>	-	-
<i>Transportation</i>	-	-
<i>Other services</i>	-	-
Grand total	-	2

Labor market and Other select measures

- New Zealand will offer visas to the parents and wider family of New Zealand Ukrainians, in an effort to help as many as 4000 people escape war. It is a two-year visa that will allow applicants to work, and their children to attend school.³⁴²

Portugal

Table 25. Breakdown of Portugal measures by component (March 10-18, 2022)

Measures	March 10	March 18
Cash transfers	-	-
In-kind	-	-
Labor market	-	-
Other select measures	2	3
<i>Education</i>	-	-
<i>Health</i>	-	-
<i>Housing</i>	-	-
<i>Transportation</i>	-	-
<i>Other services</i>	2	3
Grand total	2	3

Other select measures related to food, housing, subsidies, and social services

- Portugal has created an online portal with information for refugees in three languages.³⁴³
- Through the portal, refugees can apply for temporary protection status under the ruling of the European Council.³⁴⁴
- Refugees in Portugal who apply for temporary protection will receive a tax id, social security number, and national health service number which will give them access to employment, health services, education services, and other social services.³⁴⁵
- Portugal has simplified the application process for temporary protection status. This is set to last for one year and can be extended twice for 6 months each time.³⁴⁶

Slovenia

Table 26. Breakdown of Slovenia measures by component (March 10-18, 2022)

Measures	March 10	March 18
Cash transfers	-	1
In-kind	-	-
Labor market	-	1
Other select measures	-	5
<i>Education</i>	-	1
<i>Health</i>	-	1
<i>Housing</i>	-	1
<i>Transportation</i>	-	-
<i>Other services</i>	-	2
Grand total	-	7

Cash transfers

As of March 10, temporary protection is introduced in Slovenia for displaced Ukrainians. In addition to the right to temporary residence in the Republic of Slovenia, a person granted temporary protection shall also have the right to cash transfers, as well as the following: accommodation and meals in accommodation centers or financial assistance for private accommodation; healthcare; work; education; family reunification; free legal assistance³⁴⁷. Given the “package” nature of the measures, such interventions are recorded in table 24, but may not necessitate specific sections until further information may emerge.

South Korea

Table 27. Breakdown of South Korea measures by component (March 10-18, 2022)

Measures	March 10	March 18
Cash transfers	-	-
In-kind	-	-
Labor	-	-
Other select measures	-	1
<i>Education</i>	-	-
<i>Health</i>	-	-
<i>Housing</i>	-	-
<i>Transportation</i>	-	-
<i>Other services</i>	-	1
Grand total	-	1

Other select measures related to food, housing, subsidies, and social services

- The South Korean government will grant special stay permits to Ukrainians living there, allowing them to overstay their visa until the situation in their home country stabilizes.³⁴⁸

Spain

Table 28. Breakdown of Spain measures by component (March 10-18, 2022)

Measures	March 10	March 18
Cash transfers	-	-
In-kind	-	-
Labor market	-	-
Other select measures	4	5
<i>Education</i>	-	-
<i>Health</i>	-	-
<i>Housing</i>	1	1
<i>Transportation</i>	-	-
<i>Other services</i>	3	4
Grand total	4	5

Other select measures related to food, housing, subsidies, and social services

- Spain agreed to take in refugees from Moldova and offer assistance in multiple projects.³⁴⁹
- The government has updated its asylum and protected status to expedite the application and acceptance process for Ukrainians and third country residents coming from Ukraine, as well as Ukrainians who were already in Spain at the start of the crisis.³⁵⁰
- The country is allocating funds for local municipalities and autonomous states to prepare for the arrival of Ukrainian refugees. This includes the opening of a fourth major refugee center in Malaga to join the existing ones in Madrid, Barcelona, and Alicante. Additionally, Spain is sending 23 million euros in aid to Ukraine.³⁵¹
- Municipalities and autonomous states are providing hospital beds, housing, and other resources using local government resources and coordination with private citizens and businesses and NGOs. Such as 1000 hospital beds for health services in Madrid at Hospital Isabel Zenda.³⁵²

- Spain has indicated that it will align itself with the European Council’s decision to allow temporary protection status and therefore extend social services to Ukrainians who have this status. This includes the ability to work, receive education, health services, etc. ³⁵³

Switzerland

Table 29. Breakdown of Switzerland measures by component (March 10-18, 2022)

Measures	March 10	March 18
Cash transfers	-	-
In-kind	-	7
Labor market	-	1
Other select measures	-	8
<i>Education</i>	-	1
<i>Health</i>	-	1
<i>Housing</i>	-	3
<i>Transportation</i>	-	1
<i>Other services</i>	-	2
Grand total	-	16

In-kind transfers

- The Alpine nation has already sent over 500 tons of aid to Ukraine, Poland and Moldova. ³⁵⁴
- A fourth consignment of relief supplies departed from Switzerland Monday 7 by rail for Poland and the Ukrainian border, containing hygiene articles for daily use such as nappies, wet wipes, sanitary towels, tampons, toothpaste and baby food. These supplies, worth CHF 1 million (\$1.6 million), were donated by the Swiss supermarket chains Migros and Coop. SBB Cargo has agreed to bear the rail transport costs. ³⁵⁵
- Swiss Humanitarian Aid has set up a hub for relief supplies in the Polish city of Lublin in order to coordinate its support, and an additional rapid response team has been dispatched to Moldova. During this first phase of the relief operation, Swiss Humanitarian Aid's support package is initially set at CHF 8 million (\$8.6 million). ³⁵⁶
- A further convoy of ten lorries left Switzerland on Friday March 11. The lorries are delivering 90 tons of supplies, including hospital beds, medical protective suits, disinfectants, burn dressings, sleeping bags, mattresses and woollen blankets to the Ukrainian border, from where they will be transported inland in cooperation with partner organisations. The supplies for this consignment and for the convoy of lorries that left Switzerland last Wednesday were provided by the Armed Forces Pharmacy of the Federal Department of Defence, Civil Protection and Sport. ³⁵⁷

Labor market

- The Temporary Protection Directive proposed by the European Commission grants Ukrainians access to the labor market in Switzerland. ³⁵⁸

Other select measures related to food, housing, subsidies, and social services

- Switzerland has registered 1,624 Ukrainians, of whom 1,145 are staying in federal asylum centres (where there are around 5,000 available spaces ³⁵⁹) and 479 are with relatives and acquaintances. ³⁶⁰
- RTS news reported that there were more than 16,000 Swiss households extending offers of accommodation to Ukrainian refugees. The number equates to around 40,000 beds. ³⁶¹
- On 11th March, Swiss authorities activated the so-called temporary Protection “Status S”. Refugees from Ukraine will obtain a 1-year long right of residence in Switzerland

(renewable), without having to go through the standard asylum procedure, by reporting to one of the Federal Asylum Centers.³⁶²

- After obtaining the Protection “Status S”, the person is assigned to a canton and accommodated free of charge in a cantonal center or with private hosts organized by the Swiss Refugee Council.³⁶³
- The temporary Protection “Status S” gives Ukrainians the right to social assistance and medical care.³⁶⁴
- Swiss transit networks announced anyone fleeing the conflict could travel free on long or short-distance trains.³⁶⁵
- On March 9th, Switzerland announced anyone transporting refugees would not need to comply with the vignette rules.³⁶⁶
- A number of other Swiss companies, including mobile phone networks, have announced a range of changes to help those fleeing conflict.³⁶⁷ Telecommunications companies Salt, Swisscom and Sunrise UPC each announced they are waiving the costs of calls to and from Ukraine on its network.³⁶⁸
- The Swiss National Science Foundation is making available CHF 1 million (\$1.6 million) to host researchers from Ukraine at universities in Switzerland as part of a support package for the international Scholars at Risk organization.³⁶⁹
- Three refugee children started in a school in Eschlikon, canton Thurgau, on Monday March 7.³⁷⁰
- Special German classes have been organized for the children.³⁷¹

United Kingdom

Table 30. Breakdown of United Kingdom measures by component (March 10-18, 2022)

Measures	March 10	March 18
Cash transfers	-	1
In-kind	-	-
Labor market	-	-
Other select measures	-	3
<i>Education</i>	-	1
<i>Health</i>	-	2
<i>Housing</i>	-	-
<i>Transportation</i>	-	-
<i>Other services</i>	-	-
Grand total	-	4

Cash transfers

- The government has launched its Homes for Ukraine scheme³⁷² for those wanting to host a refugee, with 100,000 signing up within the first day. Individual sponsors will be asked to provide homes or a spare room rent-free for as long as they are able, with a minimum stay of 6 months. In return, they will receive £350 per month.^{373 374}

Other select measures related to food, housing, subsidies, and social services

- Ukrainians arriving in the UK under this scheme will be granted 3 years leave to remain, with entitlement to work, and access benefits and public services.³⁷⁵
- As part of the Homes for Ukraine scheme, refugees will have access to the National Health Services (NHS) and other public services.³⁷⁶
- As part of the Homes for Ukraine scheme, refugee children will be able to attend local schools. Local authorities will also receive £10,500 in extra funding per refugee for

support services - with more for children of school age. The government was planning for a capacity of around 100,000 school-age Ukrainian children to be placed in UK schools and said they were confident the school system could cope.³⁷⁷

- Twenty-one Ukrainian children will receive life-saving cancer treatment in England after being brought over by the UK government with the support of Polish authorities and clinicians. The vital and in many cases lifesaving cancer treatment will be provided free of charge by the health service across hospitals in England.³⁷⁸

United States

Table 31. Breakdown of United States measures by component (March 10-18, 2022)

Measures	March 10	March 18
Cash transfers	-	-
In-kind	-	-
Labor	-	-
Other selected measures	-	2
<i>Education</i>	-	1
<i>Housing</i>	-	-
<i>Transportation</i>	-	-
<i>Other services</i>	-	1
Grand total	-	2

Other select measures related to food, housing, subsidies, and social services

- The Biden administration will grant temporary protection from deportation to tens of thousands of Ukrainians who are already living in the U.S.³⁷⁹
- A new scholarship program in support of graduates of Ukrainian law schools has been announced by the University of Miami School of Law, offering one full-tuition scholarship for the academic year 2022-23 (current value \$55,850) to attend one of the international LL.M. programs at Miami Law.³⁸⁰

Box 3. Temporary Protections Policy for Ukrainian Refugees

EU countries

The European Commission is granting Temporary Protection Directive (TPD) to Ukrainian refugees that will allow them to stay in European countries and to work without immigration papers but they must not have fled Ukraine prior to Feb. 24 in order to qualify for the humanitarian status in Europe. Refugees will be allowed to stay in European countries and work for one year until March 4, 2023, under this designation. Ukrainian refugees seeking to live in European countries are not required to apply for temporary protective status but simply must ask for a residence permit. Member states can then decide to prolong the exceptional measure by one more year if the war continues to ravage the country. Although Ukraine is not part of the passport-free Schengen Area, its nationals are entitled to visa-free travel for up to 90 days. The EU's scheme intends to offer a lasting solution once the 90-day limit is exhausted.³⁸¹ Basically the Directive offers the following facilities:

- Possibility to work as an employee or self-employed
- Access to education, vocational training and work experience
- Possibility to obtain decent accommodation or means to find housing
- Possibility to obtain social assistance, financial support and medical care in the event of insufficient own resources
- Young people under the age of 18 must have access to at least public education.³⁸²

Some examples of countries implementation of the directive

- **Bulgaria:** Ukrainians and their family members who have received temporary protection, asylum or international protection in Bulgaria have the right to work in the country without a permit. Persons with refugee or humanitarian status can register as jobseekers with the Labor Office at their permanent or

current address³⁸³. After the applying for international protection at the State Agency for Refugees, refugees will have the following rights during the procedure for international protection³⁸⁴:

- to shelter and food;
 - to work and vocational training;
 - to health insurance, accessible medical care and free medical service under the conditions and pursuant to the procedure applicable to the Bulgarian citizens.
- **Germany:** The Federal Ministry of the Interior and Homeland has issued an ordinance temporarily exempting people displaced from Ukraine from the requirement for a residence permit in Germany. It came into force on March 9, 2022 and is applicable retroactively to February 24, 2022. The purpose of the ordinance is to make it easier for those affected to enter and stay in Germany and to give the expellees the opportunity and the necessary time to obtain a residence permit in Germany, thus protecting them from growing into an illegal stay. When the residence permit is issued, the immigration authorities will enter in the residence permit that employment is permitted, even if no concrete employment relationship is yet in prospect. This means that no further work permit from another authority is required.³⁸⁵
 - **Greece:** Within 90 days Ukrainian refugees will be provided by the Asylum Service of the Ministry of Immigration and Asylum with temporary protection of one (1) year with the right of access to the labor market and medical care in accordance with Directive 2001/55 of the Council of the European Union.³⁸⁶ Greece will provide one-year protection status along with rights to work and medical care to Ukrainian refugees entering Greece, the Migration & Asylum Ministry announced on March 3th.³⁸⁷
 - **Denmark:** on Wednesday (March 16th) passed legislation allowing Ukrainians fleeing the war in Ukraine to start working, going to school and receiving social benefits soon after arrival in the Nordic welfare state. The law, which was fast-tracked in parliament, allows Ukrainian refugees to apply for temporary residency in Denmark for up to two years, effectively bypassing the slower process of applying for asylum³⁸⁸.
 - **Estonia:** The EU adoption of the Directive for International Protection has been approved by the Estonian government and will enter into force on the 9th of March 2022. This means that starting from March 9th, Ukrainians who fled on or after February 24th, 2022, from Ukraine will be able to apply for a temporary residence permit for the purposes of International Protection, which at the beginning will be granted for a year. The holders of this temporary residence permit will be able to participate in the labour market under the same conditions as Estonians.³⁸⁹ People who have received protection have an opportunity to work, study, receive a state pension, social benefits (including family benefits and unemployment support), and other assistance in Estonia on an equal basis with other residents of Estonia. Additionally, the recipients of protection have a right to state support in renting housing, learning Estonian, and using translation services.³⁹⁰
 - **Slovenia:** As of 10 March 2022, temporary protection is introduced in the Republic of Slovenia for persons displaced from Ukraine. In addition to the right to temporary residence in the Republic of Slovenia, a person granted temporary protection shall also have the right to:
 - accommodation and meals in accommodation centers or financial assistance for private accommodation
 - healthcare
 - work
 - education
 - financial assistance or pocket money
 - family reunification
 - free legal assistance³⁹¹.

Non-EU countries

- UK visa support for Ukrainian nationals³⁹²
 - If the refugee Ukrainian and have family in the UK: The Ukraine Family Scheme allows family members of British nationals, UK settled persons and certain others to come to or stay in the UK.
 - If the refugee Ukrainian and don't have family in the UK: The government has announced plans for a new sponsorship scheme for Ukrainians without any family ties to the UK. The scheme will allow sponsors, such as communities, private sponsors or local authorities, to bring those forced to flee Ukraine to the UK.
 - If the refugee Ukrainian and are already in the UK: Ukrainians already in the UK with a visa will be able to extend their stay by extending their visa or switching to another immigration route, where eligible, even if their visa does not normally allow them to do so.
- **United States:** Ukrainian refugees have been granted Temporary Protected Status (TPS) that allows them to remain in the United States for 18 months. The Biden administration last week announced TPS designation for Ukrainian nationals but that is only for Ukrainians who were already in the United States prior to March 1.³⁹³

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