

What you need to know about temporary protection



My Rights

Temporary protection offers immediate and effective protection to people fleeing Ukraine. This gives you certain rights, including:

-  residency rights
-  access to labour market to engage in employed or self-employed activities
-  suitable accommodation
-  social welfare and means of subsistence if needed
-  medical care
-  medical or other assistance in case you have special needs
-  access to education for children under 18
-  right to family reunification with core family members (ask the authorities for details)

You can enjoy these rights in one of the following countries: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden.

You can also apply for asylum (international protection) at any time.

How long does temporary protection last?

It lasts until 4 March 2023 and can be renewed automatically for another year (for periods of six months), meaning until 4 March 2024. This period may be extended for another year depending on the situation in Ukraine.

Who is entitled to temporary protection?

- Ukrainian nationals, refugees in Ukraine, and their family members living in Ukraine before 24 February 2022
- Stateless persons and non-Ukrainians living in Ukraine before 24 February 2022 with a permanent residence permit, who are unable to return safely to their country of origin.

What if I am not entitled to temporary protection but cannot go back to my country safely?

In this case, you can apply for asylum (also known as international protection).

How can I enjoy the rights related to temporary protection?

Inform the national authorities that you want to enjoy the rights linked to temporary protection and receive a residence permit. Your personal data will be recorded and you may be asked to submit your passport or other identity documents.



Inform the authorities if

- You are travelling with a child, an elderly person or a person with a disability
- You have a family member in the EU
- You want to find your family
- You are under 18 and you came without your parents or someone other than your parents
- You need medical assistance, have a disability or special need
- You have been hurt, threatened, forced or pressured into doing something against your will, by strangers or by someone you know
- Someone is offering to help you in exchange for favours



For your safety

- Keep family and friends informed of where you are at all time
- Be careful when accepting help from strangers, outside the official channels
- Keep your documents safe and take photos of them. Do not give your documents and your phone to anyone
- If you feel in danger call the free emergency number 112
- Never share your personal information or photos online with strangers

For additional information

