# Updated by Ukraine's foreign diplomatic missions, information on the status and scope of support and consular services provided to Ukrainians residing in EU member states, the Schengen zone, and OSCE

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### AUSTRIA Republic of Austria

Number of Ukrainian citizens who moved to the state after 24.02.2022 - 112,025 (according to the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Austria).

Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the state since 01.01.2024: increase/decrease compared to the beginning of the large-scale armed aggression - Growth.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who received temporary protection status or a similar status granted by the host state - 108,635 (according to the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Austria).

Availability of a simplified procedure for obtaining residence documents with an indication of the duration of the relevant program - The temporary protection status for Ukrainian citizens has been extended until 04.03.2025. A simplified procedure applies to unaccompanied minors, who are usually registered much faster with the competent authorities, and a more lenient approach is taken towards such a vulnerable category. The residence document - residence permit in Austria for forcibly displaced persons (§ 62-vertriebene) - Blaue Karte (Blue Card), is valid for 1 year, with the right to extend, and is sent to the address of the person's registration in the country.

Availability of financial aid programs (categories of citizens eligible, amounts of aid, etc.) with the indication of the duration of the relevant program - The Basic Needs Program (Grundversorgung - GVS) is provided to insolvent citizens who have received temporary protection status in Austria. The amount of payments is the same in all federal states. The aid program offers 2 possibilities: with private registration (Privat): the person/family rents private housing, non-governmental (not Gemeinde Bau), pays for the housing, and receives reimbursement. The aid program consists of 3 components:

- Medical insurance (the cost of insurance premiums for each person is covered by the government by transferring funds to the account of the state insurance company Österreichische Gesundheitskasse (ÖGK);
- Payment for food (in the amount of €260/month for 1 adult and €145/month for 1 minor);
- Reimbursement for housing, up to €165/month for 1 separate adult, and also for 1 unaccompanied minor, and up to €330/month for a family (regardless of whether it is 2 or more people), provided that a rental agreement specifying the rent amount is provided (the amount specified in the agreement is paid, but not higher than the specified limit). If the rental amount exceeds the aid amount for the person/family, such a person/family is considered solvent, i.e., able to meet their basic needs at their own expense. Funds are paid to the oldest woman in the family in cash for the first time and subsequently transferred to a bank account. (In Vienna, payments are made once every 2 months at the end of 2 months);

- Additionally, clothing and shoe store certificates worth €150/year are issued for each person regardless of age, issued twice a year;
- Possibility to obtain a Kultur Pass for access to cultural institutions (museums/exhibitions/cultural events), which entitles the holder to discounted or free entry. As of today, no restrictions have been established regarding the duration of the relevant program.

Availability of housing programs with the indication of the duration of the relevant program and the categories of citizens to whom housing is provided - Another option of the Basic Needs Program with the provision of social housing is provided. This applies when a person/family is unable to find private housing and pay for it and can contact a social organization (in Vienna - Vienna Social Fund - FSW) to request a place in a social house (Organisierte Unterkunft - OU). In this case, the three components of the aid program are provided as follows:

- Medical insurance (insurance premiums per person are transferred by the Republic of Austria to the account of the state insurance company Österreichische Gesundheitskasse (ÖGK);
- Reimbursement for housing is not offered, as social housing is provided free of charge. The offer of social housing is not time-limited. Types of buildings: dormitories, apartments, hotel-type buildings, houses with separate rooms for each family, but the kitchen and sanitary facilities are shared. Accommodation: a minimum of 2 people in one room, except for persons undergoing chemotherapy, in which case they are accommodated alone in a room. Families are not separated.
- Food depends on the type of house. The first option: ready-made meals are provided three times a day at fixed times with a fixed menu, and no payments for food are provided, as the person(s) incur no food expenses. The other option: a kitchen is provided, allowing for cooking and storing food. In this case, a corresponding amount of money is paid for food, which is €6.5/day (per person, regardless of age) multiplied by the number of days in the month.
- In social housing, pocket money is paid to each person, regardless of age, in the amount of €40/month. If any funds are available, they are paid monthly to the oldest woman in the family in cash in advance;
- Twice a year, certificates for shopping in clothing and shoe stores are issued for €150/year per person, regardless of age;
- Possibility to obtain a Kultur Pass for visiting cultural institutions (museums/exhibitions/cultural events), which entitles the holder to discounted or free entry.

**Availability of programs to compensate for housing maintenance costs with an indication of the duration of the relevant program** - All Ukrainian citizens with temporary protection status have the right to contact social welfare authorities to arrange financial payments, namely (amounts may vary by +/- 30 euros depending on the Federal Land):

- Monthly social payment to an adult €260;
- Monthly payment for the maintenance of each child €145;
- Monthly rent compensation €150/person, €300/family;

- In the case of family accommodation in compact residential areas no compensation for housing is received, and €40 per person per week is paid for daily needs;
- Possibility to receive a weekly food package, essential clothing, and hygiene products from Caritas and Red Cross branches;
- School assistance for children (each child aged 6 to 15) €200 once a year;
- Clothing allowance €150 once per person per year. In case of employment and, accordingly, receipt of a salary, the payment of financial assistance ceases.

Availability of social security programs (benefits, payments, etc.) with the indication of the duration of the relevant program - Family subsidies for child maintenance are assigned monthly per child in the following amounts: Child's age | Monthly Amount

From birth | €114.00

From 3 years | €121.90

From 10 years | €141.50

From 19 years | €165.10

If the family has more than one child, the monthly amount for each child is increased as follows ("bonus scale"):

Two children: increase by €7.10 per child Three children: increase by €17.40 per child Four children: increase by €26.50 per child Five children: increase by €32.00 per child Six children: increase by €35.70 per child

Seven or more children: increase by €52.00 per child.

The family subsidy is paid monthly.

In general, the family subsidy can be received for a child until they reach the age of 24. If a child is over 18, the family/parent is entitled to the family subsidy if the child is undergoing vocational education (e.g., dual education, university). Children aged 19 and over are entitled to the family subsidy if their total annual income is not more than epsilon15,000 per year. If the family has a child with special needs (disability level of at least 50%), an additional financial amount of epsilon155.90 per month per child is paid as aid.

Availability of healthcare programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.) with an indication of the duration of the relevant program - The healthcare program is free for forcibly displaced persons with temporary protection status (§ 62- vertriebene). Insurance premiums for the person/persons (both insolvent and solvent) are transferred from special government funds to the account of the state insurance company Österreichische Gesundheitskasse (ÖGK).

Availability of employment and job search assistance programs with an indication of the duration of the relevant program (necessity of obtaining a permit, simplified procedure, etc.) - Able-bodied forcibly displaced persons with temporary protection status (§ 62- vertriebene) after receiving a residence permit - Blaue Karte must register with Arbeitsmarktservice - the equivalent of an employment agency. Registration with the employment agency is a necessary condition for further receipt of social assistance.

Possibility of education in the educational institutions of the host country (free, paid, non-competitive admission, etc.) with an indication of the duration of the relevant program - School education is free, offline education: attendance is mandatory. (In Vienna,

to obtain a place in a kindergarten/primary/secondary/high school, you must contact the Education Directorate - Bildungsdirektion by email).

**Availability of language course programs (conditions)** - Forcibly displaced persons (§ 62- vertriebene) with temporary protection status after receiving a residence permit have the right to contact the Austrian Integration Fund (Österreichische Integrationsfonds - ÖIF) to obtain a referral for free language courses.

Availability of other assistance programs with an indication of the duration of the relevant program - Families with children receive child assistance - Familienbeihilfe in the amount of approximately €200/month per child. To do this, you must apply to the Austrian Financial Inspection (Finanzamt). In Vienna, the volunteer organization Diakonie helps with the application process, and this organization also provides free legal consultations in Ukrainian/Russian for forcibly displaced persons (§ 62- vertriebene). Also in Vienna, as in other federal states of the Republic of Austria, internally displaced persons (§ 62-vertriebene) who have lived for 6 months or more were granted payments due to rising housing prices - Klimabonus. There is a calculator for calculating the amount. Availability of support centers for Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number) - In Vienna, there is a main arrival and registration center (https://start.wien.gv.at/ukraine), and smaller centers are also present in other federal states of Austria. Consultation centers operated by social organizations are available, as well as volunteer organizations. Basic information can be found at https://cutt.ly/Teew5gvY.

Problematic issues of citizens resolved with the assistance of the Ukrainian Embassy (resolution of typical issues/problems faced by a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if any, 1-2 per country) - In the absence of valid passport documents for Ukrainian citizens, necessary assistance is provided by both the Embassy and the non-staff consular offices of Ukraine in Austria. The Embassy continues to issue identity certificates for obtaining temporary protection status in Austria. The Embassy conducts informational and explanatory work with visits to these centers.

**Date of completion** - 09.07.2024.

**Number of consular actions** - As of 01.07.2024, 6027 consular actions have been conducted.

## AZERBAIJAN Republic of Azerbaijan

**Number of Ukrainian citizens who moved to the state after 24.02.2022** - According to the State Migration Service of the Republic of Azerbaijan (AR), starting from 24.02.2022, 66,997 Ukrainians arrived, and 68,601 departed.

Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country since 01.01.2024: increase/decrease compared to the beginning of the large-scale armed aggression - Decrease.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who received temporary protection status or a similar status granted by the host state - The status of temporary protection is not available in Azerbaijan.

Availability of a simplified procedure for obtaining residence documents with an indication of the duration of the relevant program - Not available.

Availability of financial aid programs (categories of citizens eligible, amounts of aid, etc.) with the indication of the duration of the relevant program - Not available.

Availability of housing programs with the indication of the duration of the relevant program and the categories of citizens to whom housing is provided - Not available.

Availability of programs to compensate for housing maintenance costs with an indication of the duration of the relevant program - Not available.

Availability of social security programs (benefits, payments, etc.) with the indication of the duration of the relevant program - Not available.

Availability of healthcare programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.) with an indication of the duration of the relevant program - Not available; medical services are paid, and a medical insurance system is in place.

Availability of employment and job search assistance programs with an indication of the duration of the relevant program (necessity of obtaining a permit, simplified procedure, etc.) - Employment is based on general grounds after obtaining a relevant work permit.

Possibility of education in the educational institutions of the host country (free, paid, non-competitive admission, etc.) with an indication of the duration of the relevant program - Education in school and preschool institutions is free.

Availability of language course programs (conditions) - Not available.

Availability of other assistance programs with an indication of the duration of the relevant program - Not available.

**Availability of support centers for Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number)** - Not available.

Problematic issues of citizens resolved with the assistance of the Ukrainian Embassy (resolution of typical issues/problems faced by a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if any, 1-2 per country) - Not available.

**Date of completion** - 12.07.2024.

Number of consular actions - As of 12.07.2024, 1149.

## ALBANIA Republic of Albania

Number of Ukrainian citizens who moved to the state after 24.02.2022 - 11,759.

Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country since 01.01.2024: increase/decrease compared to the beginning of the large-scale armed aggression - Increase.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who received temporary protection status or a similar status granted by the host state - According to the Decision of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Albania No. 173 dated 18.03.2022 (as amended), Ukrainian citizens remain under the temporary protection status of the Republic of Albania until 17.09.2024.

Availability of a simplified procedure for obtaining residence documents with an indication of the duration of the relevant program - According to the Decision of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Albania No. 168 dated 18.03.2022 (as amended), Ukrainian citizens have the right to enter and stay in the Republic of Albania without obtaining a residence permit.

Availability of financial aid programs (categories of citizens eligible, amounts of aid, etc.) with the indication of the duration of the relevant program - Not available.

Availability of housing programs with the indication of the duration of the relevant program and the categories of citizens to whom housing is provided - Not available.

Availability of programs to compensate for housing maintenance costs with an indication of the duration of the relevant program - Not available.

Availability of social security programs (benefits, payments, etc.) with the indication of the duration of the relevant program - Not available.

Availability of healthcare programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.) with an indication of the duration of the relevant program - Medical services are provided free of charge in state medical institutions.

Availability of employment and job search assistance programs with an indication of the duration of the relevant program (necessity of obtaining a permit, simplified procedure, etc.) - Simplified employment procedure.

Possibility of education in the educational institutions of the host country (free, paid, non-competitive admission, etc.) with an indication of the duration of the relevant program - Ukrainian citizens have the right to study free of charge in state educational institutions. Some private universities in Albania have provided several places for free education to Ukrainian students. Ukrainian children have the opportunity to attend municipal preschool institutions at the request of their parents or legal representatives.

Availability of language course programs (conditions) - Not available.

Availability of other assistance programs with an indication of the duration of the relevant program - Not available.

Availability of support centers for Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number) - Not available.

Problematic issues of citizens resolved with the assistance of the Ukrainian Embassy (resolution of typical issues/problems faced by a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if any, 1-2 per country) - Government decisions of the Republic of Albania to extend the stay of Ukrainian citizens - TPO for a further term were made with the assistance of the Embassy. The institution also took steps to extend the stay of Ukrainian citizens' vehicles without customs clearance (currently, there are no appeals regarding problematic issues when crossing the border in vehicles with Ukrainian registration).

Date of completion - 10.07.2024.

**Number of consular actions - 263.** 

## ANDORRA Principality of Andorra

Number of Ukrainian citizens who moved to the country after 24.02.2022: 325.

Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the country of residence since 01.01.2024: increase/decrease compared to the beginning of the large-scale military aggression: Increase. In March 2022, the government of Andorra adopted a resolution setting the maximum number of Ukrainian citizens who could receive temporary protection in Andorra at 250 people. In January 2024, this number was increased to 300 people.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who received temporary protection status or a similar status granted by the country of residence: 300.

Availability of a simplified procedure for obtaining residence documents indicating the duration of the relevant program: Yes. Temporary Protection (TP) status was granted until 04.03.2024 and was extended for six months until 04.09.2024.

Availability of programs providing financial assistance (categories of citizens eligible, amounts, etc.) indicating the duration of the relevant program: No financial assistance is provided.

Availability of housing provision programs indicating the duration of the relevant program, categories of citizens eligible for housing: Yes. All Ukrainian citizens who received TP are provided with housing free of charge during the period of this status.

Availability of programs for compensating housing maintenance costs indicating the duration of the relevant program: Not available.

Availability of social security programs (benefits, payments, etc.) indicating the duration of the relevant program: Yes. All Ukrainian citizens who received TP have access to the social protection system on the same terms as Andorran citizens.

Availability of medical support programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.) indicating the duration of the relevant program: Yes. Free medical assistance in public medical institutions.

Availability of employment and job search programs indicating the duration of the relevant program (need for permission, simplified procedure, etc.): No. Access to the labor market on general terms.

Possibility of education in the state's educational institutions (free, paid, non-competitive admission, etc.) indicating the duration of the relevant program: Primary and secondary education in public institutions is free.

Availability of language course programs (conditions): Not available.

Availability of other assistance programs indicating the duration of the relevant program: Provision of food and free public transport.

Availability of support centers for Ukrainian citizens in the country of residence (number): 1.

Issues of citizens resolved with the assistance of the diplomatic mission (resolution of typical issues/problems present among a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the country of residence) (if applicable, 1-2 per country): Recognition by the Andorran side of the certificates of non-criminal records issued by the Consular Section of the Embassy of Ukraine in Spain.

Date of completion: 10.07.2024.

Number of consular actions: Data not available.

## BELGIUM Kingdom of Belgium

Number of Ukrainian citizens who moved to the country after 24.02.2022: 85,132 (according to the Office for Foreigners).

Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the country of residence since 01.01.2024: increase/decrease compared to the beginning of the large-scale military aggression: Decrease.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who received temporary protection status or a similar status granted by the country of residence: 82,848 (according to BELSTAT).

Availability of a simplified procedure for obtaining residence documents indicating the duration of the relevant program: With a document confirming identity and Ukrainian citizenship, the procedure for obtaining TP status takes a few hours. The temporary protection status for Ukrainian citizens has been extended until 04.03.2025. The decision of the Belgian authorities regarding the implementation of the EU Council decision to extend TP until 04.03.2026 is expected.

Availability of programs providing financial assistance (categories of citizens eligible, amounts, etc.) indicating the duration of the relevant program: The amount of financial assistance depends on the family composition and other factors (living with a host family or separately, having children, employment, etc.). Temporarily displaced Ukrainians in Belgium can receive monthly financial assistance of:  $\[mathbb{e}$ 726 if the displaced person lives with a Belgian family;  $\[mathbb{e}$ 1,093 (for an adult living separately);  $\[mathbb{e}$ 1,478 (for a family with children, provided all family members live together). If a Ukrainian citizen lives with first-line relatives, they do not receive this assistance. Payments cease in the event of official employment in Belgium.

Availability of housing provision programs indicating the duration of the relevant program, categories of citizens eligible for housing: Local social welfare authorities may offer housing from the social sector (if available). However, there is currently a crisis in social housing in Belgium. Ukrainians living in refugee centers cannot apply for social assistance. They are provided with free meals and medical services, and  $\{0\}$ 8 per week for pocket expenses.

Availability of programs for compensating housing maintenance costs indicating the duration of the relevant program: Temporarily displaced Ukrainians in Belgium can receive monthly financial assistance of:  $\in$ 726 if the displaced person lives with a Belgian family;  $\in$ 1,093 (for an adult living separately);  $\in$ 1,478 (for a family with children, provided all family members live together). These amounts also cover living expenses.

Availability of social security programs (benefits, payments, etc.) indicating the duration of the relevant program: State financial assistance programs are valid for the period of temporary protection until 04.03.2025 and if the person has no other sources of funding. Financial payments cease in the event of official employment in Belgium. The

decision of the Belgian authorities regarding the implementation of the EU Council decision to extend TP until 04.03.2026 is expected.

Availability of medical support programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.) indicating the duration of the relevant program: Ukrainians with TP status are entitled to free basic medical insurance provided by the "Mutualité" system.

Availability of employment and job search programs indicating the duration of the relevant program (need for permission, simplified procedure, etc.): Ukrainians with temporary protection status who have registered for temporary residence permits in Belgium (Type "A" card) have free access to the Belgian labor market on the same terms as other residents.

Possibility of education in the state's educational institutions (free, paid, non-competitive admission, etc.) indicating the duration of the relevant program: Free, in municipal secondary educational institutions and with a discount in higher educational institutions.

**Availability of language course programs (conditions):** Available. French or Dutch language courses (free or with a significant discount).

Availability of other assistance programs indicating the duration of the relevant program: Children can attend summer camps (significantly discounted or free) and participate in sports clubs for certain sports (decided by the relevant sports federations in Belgium).

Availability of support centers for Ukrainian citizens in the country of residence (number): Belgian Registration Center, Social Health Orientation Centre (SHOC), Ukrainian Voices refugee committee, Vluchtelingenwerk Vlaanderen, UNHCR Regional Bureau for Europe, regional integration centers (link).

Issues of citizens resolved with the assistance of the diplomatic mission (resolution of typical issues/problems present among a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the country of residence) (if applicable, 1-2 per country): In the absence of valid passport documents for Ukrainian citizens, assistance was provided by the Consular Section of the Embassy of Ukraine in documenting such persons (including issuing identity certificates, extending the validity of passports for traveling abroad, and entering information about children in the parents' passports for traveling abroad) to obtain temporary protection status in Belgium. During the period of temporary protection, Ukrainians have the right to use Ukrainian driver's licenses and drive cars with Ukrainian registration (brought from Ukraine to Belgium after 01.03.2022). Housing provision remains a problem.

**Date of completion:** 12.07.2024.

**Number of consular actions:** As of 01.07.2024 - 3,890 (including actions according to CMU Resolution №170).

#### **BOSNIA and HERZEGOVINA**

Number of Ukrainian citizens who moved to the country after 24.02.2022: 58.

Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country from 01.01.2024: increase/decrease compared to the beginning of the large-scale armed aggression - Decrease.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who received temporary protection status or an equivalent status granted by the host country: Temporary protection status is not available in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Availability of simplified procedures for obtaining residence documents with the indication of the duration of the respective program - Not available.

Availability of financial aid programs (categories of citizens eligible, amounts of aid, etc.) with the indication of the duration of the respective program - Not available.

Availability of housing programs with the indication of the duration of the respective program, categories of citizens eligible for housing - Not available.

Availability of housing maintenance cost compensation programs with the indication of the duration of the respective program - Not available.

Availability of social welfare programs (benefits, payments, etc.) with the indication of the duration of the respective program - Not available.

Availability of medical care programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.) with the indication of the duration of the respective program - Preparation and support during childbirth - free of charge.

Availability of employment and job search assistance programs with the indication of the duration of the respective program (need for permits, simplified procedures, etc.) - Not available.

Possibility of education in the host country's educational institutions (free, paid, non-competitive admission, etc.) with the indication of the duration of the respective program - Possibility of schooling for children of school age in state schools provided that such programs are supported by international organizations (UNCHR, USAID).

Availability of language course programs (conditions) - Not available.

Availability of other assistance programs with the indication of the duration of the respective program - Data not available.

**Availability of support centers for Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number) -** 3 - international organizations Red Cross, UNICEF, USAID.

Problems of citizens resolved with the assistance of Ukrainian diplomatic services (resolution of typical issues/problems affecting a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if available, 1-2 per country) - Issuance of travel documents.

**Date of completion -** 10.07.2024.

Number of consular actions - Data not available.

## BULGARIA Republic of Bulgaria

Number of Ukrainian citizens who moved to the country after 24.02.2022: 107,825.

Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country from 01.01.2024: increase/decrease compared to the beginning of the large-scale armed aggression - Decrease.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who received temporary protection status or an equivalent status granted by the host country: 56,808.

Availability of simplified procedures for obtaining residence documents with the indication of the duration of the respective program - The procedure for obtaining residence documents has not changed. According to Resolution No. 54 of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Bulgaria dated 25.01.2024, extending the temporary protection until 04.03.2025, and Resolution No. 67 dated 01.02.2024 approving sample registration cards, a re-registration of the registration cards of Ukrainian citizens wishing to extend temporary protection in Bulgaria officially took place. Newly arrived Ukrainian citizens obtain temporary protection under the established procedure. In both cases, it is free and quick. The decision of Cyprus authorities regarding the implementation of the EU Council decision to extend the temporary protection until 04.03.2026 is awaited.

Availability of financial aid programs (categories of citizens eligible, amounts of aid, etc.) with the indication of the duration of the respective program - Not available.

Availability of housing programs with the indication of the duration of the respective program, categories of citizens eligible for housing - The Bulgarian government extends the humanitarian aid program, including housing, on a quarterly basis for persons displaced after 24.02.2022, who have received temporary protection in Bulgaria (Bulgarian hoteliers receive 15 leva (8 USD) per day for each displaced person).

Availability of housing maintenance cost compensation programs with the indication of the duration of the respective program - Not available.

Availability of social welfare programs (benefits, payments, etc.) with the indication of the duration of the respective program - Not available.

Availability of medical care programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.) with the indication of the duration of the respective program - After registration in Bulgaria and obtaining a foreigner's registration card with temporary protection, Ukrainian citizens have the right to free primary medical care (hospital treatment, surgeries - paid).

Availability of employment and job search assistance programs with the indication of the duration of the respective program (need for permits, simplified procedures, etc.)

- After registration in Bulgaria and obtaining a foreigner's registration card with temporary protection, Ukrainian citizens have the right to legally work in Bulgaria under the same conditions as Bulgarian citizens without needing additional registrations or permits.

Possibility of education in the host country's educational institutions (free, paid, non-competitive admission, etc.) with the indication of the duration of the respective program - After registration in Bulgaria and obtaining a foreigner's registration card with temporary protection, Ukrainian citizens have the right to vocational training, free education for children under 18 years old, and free kindergarten for children under 6 years old. On 25.04.2024, the Bulgarian Parliament adopted in the second reading amendments to the Higher Education Act, under which the admission of students with temporary protection in Bulgaria will be carried out under preferential conditions.

Availability of language course programs (conditions) - Children studying in state and municipal schools have the right to additional Bulgarian language study. There is no state institution officially responsible for conducting Bulgarian language courses for adults. Two centers – the Bulgarian Red Cross and Caritas Sofia offer free Bulgarian language courses for protected individuals. Training at both centers is conducted according to a specially developed program for refugees. Universities and private language schools also offer paid Bulgarian language courses.

Availability of other assistance programs with the indication of the duration of the respective program - Not available.

Availability of support centers for Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number) - 3.

Problems of citizens resolved with the assistance of Ukrainian diplomatic services (resolution of typical issues/problems affecting a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if available, 1-2 per country) - As a result of the Embassy's prolonged efforts, on 25.04.2024, the Bulgarian Parliament adopted in the second reading amendments to the Higher Education Act, under which the admission of students with temporary protection in Bulgaria will be carried out under preferential conditions. Deputies voted that the admission of foreign students or stateless persons with temporary protection in Bulgaria should be done under preferential conditions and in accordance with the procedure established by the Council of Ministers. After the expiration of the temporary protection period or after the grounds for its provision cease, students will be able to continue their studies at the respective higher education institution under the conditions and procedures established for Bulgarian citizens.

**Date of completion -** 10.07.2024.

Number of consular actions - Data not available.

#### **VATICAN**

Number of Ukrainian citizens who moved to the country after 24.02.2022 - Data not available.

Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country from 01.01.2024: increase/decrease compared to the beginning of the large-scale armed aggression - Data not available.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who received temporary protection status or an equivalent status granted by the host country - Data not available.

Availability of simplified procedures for obtaining residence documents with the indication of the duration of the respective program - Data not available.

Availability of financial aid programs (categories of citizens eligible, amounts of aid, etc.) with the indication of the duration of the respective program - Data not available.

Availability of housing programs with the indication of the duration of the respective program, categories of citizens eligible for housing - Data not available.

Availability of housing maintenance cost compensation programs with the indication of the duration of the respective program - Data not available.

Availability of social welfare programs (benefits, payments, etc.) with the indication of the duration of the respective program - Data not available.

Availability of medical care programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.) with the indication of the duration of the respective program - Data not available.

Availability of employment and job search assistance programs with the indication of the duration of the respective program (need for permits, simplified procedures, etc.) - Data not available.

Possibility of education in the host country's educational institutions (free, paid, non-competitive admission, etc.) with the indication of the duration of the respective program - Data not available.

Availability of language course programs (conditions) - Data not available.

Availability of other assistance programs with the indication of the duration of the respective program - Data not available.

**Availability of support centers for Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number) -** Data not available.

Problems of citizens resolved with the assistance of Ukrainian diplomatic services (resolution of typical issues/problems affecting a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if available, 1-2 per country) - Data not available.

**Date of completion -** 09.05.2024.

Number of consular actions - Data not available.

## UNITED KINGDOM United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Number of Ukrainian citizens who moved to the country after 24.02.2022: 209,400.

Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the country from 01.01.2024: increase / decrease compared to the beginning of the large-scale armed aggression - Decrease.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who have received temporary protection status or a similar status granted by the host country: 242,800.

Presence of simplified procedures for obtaining residency documents, including the duration of the relevant program: Yes. Since 18.03.2022, the government program "Homes for Ukraine" has been in place, which provides a simplified procedure for Ukrainian citizens to enter the UK and obtain a residence permit for a period of 3 years. On 19.02.2024, changes were made to the UK Immigration Rules, mainly affecting this program, including an extension of residence permits for Ukrainian citizens in the UK by 18 months.

Presence of financial assistance programs (categories of citizens receiving it, amounts of assistance, etc.) including the duration of the relevant program: Financial assistance (Universal Credit for persons aged 18 to 65, Pension Credit for those aged 66 and over, Pension Credit, Child Benefit, Disability Benefit) is paid monthly to all citizens who arrived in the UK under the "Homes for Ukraine" program and are residing in the country. The amount of assistance depends on various factors, including the person's age and the presence of minor children, etc. If leaving the UK for more than 31 days, such payments are suspended.

Presence of housing provision programs, including the duration of the relevant program, categories of citizens receiving housing: Yes, the government program "Homes for Ukraine."

Presence of programs for reimbursing housing costs, including the duration of the relevant program: Yes, the government program "Homes for Ukraine."

Presence of social welfare programs (benefits, payments, etc.) including the duration of the relevant program: Yes, the government program "Homes for Ukraine."

Presence of medical care programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.) including the duration of the relevant program: The UK has a national health system that is free and universally accessible as part of general social insurance.

Presence of employment and job search assistance programs, including the duration of the relevant program (requirement for permission, simplified procedures, etc.): Residence permits under the government program "Homes for Ukraine" grant the right to work in the UK.

Possibility of education in educational institutions of the host country (free, paid, non-competitive admission, etc.) including the duration of the relevant program: Education

in the UK is free for children up to 16 years old. Professional and higher education is provided on a general basis and on a paid basis.

**Presence of language course programs (conditions):** The STEP Ukraine English language learning program for Ukrainian refugees. Additionally, local authorities (employment centers) may provide referrals to existing language courses within the community.

Presence of other assistance programs including the duration of the relevant program: None.

Presence of support centers for Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number): Support centers for Ukrainian citizens "Homes for Ukraine" are established at the district/city councils.

Problematic issues resolved with the assistance of the diplomatic mission (resolution of typical issues/problems affecting a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if any, 1-2 per country): Documentation with passports for traveling abroad for a significant number of Ukrainian citizens who arrived in the UK with internal passports/birth certificates; Initiation of practice for conducting mobile consular services for citizens in their compact living areas in the most remote regions from London.

Date of completion: 11.07.2024.

Number of consular actions: Data unavailable.

## ARMENIA Republic of Armenia

Number of Ukrainian citizens who moved to the country after 24.02.2022: 4,861.

Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the country from 01.01.2024: increase / decrease compared to the beginning of the large-scale armed aggression - Decrease.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who have received temporary protection status or a similar status granted by the host country: 181.

Presence of simplified procedures for obtaining residency documents, including the duration of the relevant program: Under general conditions.

Presence of financial assistance programs (categories of citizens receiving it, amounts of assistance, etc.) including the duration of the relevant program: During the entire period of consideration of an asylum application (3 months, with a possible extension for another 3 months), asylum seekers are accommodated in a temporary shelter center (separate asylum). The Migration Service provides them with basic living conditions. If there is no available space in the specified special shelter to meet basic needs, the asylum seeker receives a one-time amount of 20,000 drams (approximately \$55) for themselves as the main applicant, and 15,000 drams (approximately \$40) for each family member. These individuals are not provided with food or hygiene items.

Presence of housing provision programs, including the duration of the relevant program, categories of citizens receiving housing: Individuals find housing independently and pay for it.

Presence of programs for reimbursing housing costs, including the duration of the relevant program: None.

Presence of social welfare programs (benefits, payments, etc.) including the duration of the relevant program: None.

Presence of medical care programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.) including the duration of the relevant program: None; medical services are paid. There is a system of health insurance. Emergency medical care is provided free of charge.

Presence of employment and job search assistance programs, including the duration of the relevant program (requirement for permission, simplified procedures, etc.): Individuals who have received refugee status have the opportunity to work on equal terms with citizens of the Republic of Armenia.

Possibility of education in educational institutions of the host country (free, paid, non-competitive admission, etc.) including the duration of the relevant program: Individuals with refugee status have access to the education system on equal terms with citizens of the Republic of Armenia. Educational institutions mostly operate on a paid basis.

Presence of language course programs (conditions): None.

Presence of other assistance programs including the duration of the relevant program: None.

Presence of support centers for Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number): 1 (non-governmental organization "Help").

Problematic issues resolved with the assistance of the diplomatic mission (resolution of typical issues/problems affecting a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if any, 1-2 per country): Ukrainian citizens temporarily displaced to the Republic of Armenia have the opportunity for temporary accommodation at the "Help" center, and receive humanitarian aid in the form of food and essential items. Those wishing to return to Ukraine are provided with assistance in obtaining documents for returning to Ukraine.

**Date of completion:** 15.07.2024.

**Number of consular actions:** As of 15.07.2024 - 620 consular actions.

## GREECE Hellenic Republic

Number of Ukrainian citizens who have moved to the country after 24.02.2022: 314,000.

Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country since January 1, 2024: Decrease compared to the beginning of the large-scale armed aggression.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who have received temporary protection status or a similar status provided by the host country: 30,608.

Availability of simplified procedures for obtaining residence documents, including the duration of the respective program: Temporary Protection Status (until March 4, 2025) is granted by the Ministry of Migration and Asylum of Greece. An official decision by the Greek government to extend temporary protection until March 4, 2026, is expected as of July 16, 2024 (planned to be raised at the next meeting with the Greek Minister of Migration and Asylum). The procedure for obtaining this status is not complex or lengthy. Translation services are provided during the initial document verification and registration of the applicant's request. Along with the Temporary Protection certificate, a tax number and social security number are provided.

Availability of cash assistance programs (categories of citizens eligible, amounts of assistance, etc.), including the duration of the respective program: None.

Availability of housing assistance programs, including the duration of the respective program and categories of citizens receiving housing: None. During the validity of the Temporary Protection status, free accommodation, food, clothing, and hygiene items are provided in "hospitality centers" (camps for forcibly displaced persons from Ukraine).

Availability of housing cost compensation programs, including the duration of the respective program: Available. Rental subsidies are provided under the Ministry of Migration and the IOM "HELIOS" integration program for the first 12 months of the Temporary Protection beneficiary's stay in Greece, funded by the state budget until September 2024. The second phase of the program (HELIOS+) is planned to start in October 2024.

Availability of social welfare programs (benefits, payments, etc.), including the duration of the respective program: Rental subsidies are provided to participants in the Ministry of Migration and the IOM "HELIOS" integration program for the first 12 months of the Temporary Protection beneficiary's stay in Greece, along with free accommodation in "hospitality centers" (refugee camps). Access to free medical care and education in public institutions is provided.

Availability of medical care programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.), including the duration of the respective program: Right to free access to primary, secondary, and tertiary medical care. Medical care is provided by state medical services free of charge, Temporary Protection beneficiaries have a social security number that grants access to state medical institutions, including mental health facilities and physical rehabilitation centers.

Free psychosocial support is available through the UNHCR and Greek Ministry of Health's psychosocial support line.

Availability of employment and job search assistance programs, including the duration of the respective program (need for permits, simplified procedures, etc.): Available. Employment assistance is provided within the framework of the HELIOS integration program, which is funded by the state budget until September 2024. From October 2024, the second phase of the HELIOS integration program (HELIOS+) will begin, with a focus on labor market integration.

Opportunity for education in the host country's educational institutions (free, paid, non-competitive entry, etc.), including the duration of the respective program: Available. Education up to the age of 16 is mandatory in Greece. Primary and secondary education in public schools is free. Individual educational plans can be arranged for Ukrainian children living in refugee camps. Asylum seekers, refugees, and persons with subsidiary protection have access to the national education system on the same terms as Greek citizens. Access to higher education depends on certain requirements such as language proficiency and recognition of Ukrainian secondary education certificates. Higher education in public institutions is free.

**Availability of language course programs (conditions):** Available within the HELIOS integration program funded by the state budget until July 2024, after which alternative funding sources will be used. Language courses are also offered by NGOs.

Availability of other assistance programs, including the duration of the respective program: None.

Availability of support centers for Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number): 2 "hospitality centers."

Problems faced by citizens resolved with the assistance of the Ukrainian Embassy (resolution of typical issues/problems affecting a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if available, 1-2 per country): Issues resolved include mutual recognition of Temporary Protection documents (simplified travel abroad with a Greek Temporary Protection card), continued implementation of the HELIOS integration program, provision of medical assistance before obtaining Temporary Protection status, optimized according to the needs of newly arrived forcibly displaced Ukrainian citizens, and daily consular services for all directions, primarily identification and documentation. Needs: humanitarian and volunteer assistance, support for elderly individuals, assistance for families with children with special needs, translation services in medical institutions, more extensive and intensive language courses.

**Date of completion:** July 10, 2024.

**Number of consular actions:** As of July 1, 2024, the Kyiv Consulate - 3,001 consular actions, 136 actions according to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine Resolution No. 170 of February 28, 2022; The Consulate in Thessaloniki - 978 actions, 54 actions according to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine Resolution No. 170 of February 28, 2022. TOTAL: 4,169.

#### **GEORGIA**

Number of Ukrainian citizens who have moved to the country after 24.02.2022: 26,660.

Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country since January 1, 2024: Decrease compared to the beginning of the large-scale armed aggression.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who have received temporary protection status or a similar status provided by the host country: 780.

Availability of simplified procedures for obtaining residence documents, including the duration of the respective program: The Georgian government has extended the visa-free stay period for Ukrainian citizens from one to three years.

Availability of cash assistance programs (categories of citizens eligible, amounts of assistance, etc.), including the duration of the respective program: Monthly assistance according to Georgian legislation for 3 months, totaling 300 GEL (110 USD) per family for housing rental and 45 GEL (16 USD) per family member monthly. These payments are not provided for men aged 18 to 60 years.

Availability of housing assistance programs, including the duration of the respective program and categories of citizens receiving housing: None.

Availability of housing cost compensation programs, including the duration of the respective program: None.

Availability of social welfare programs (benefits, payments, etc.), including the duration of the respective program: None.

Availability of medical care programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.), including the duration of the respective program: The Georgian healthcare system is partially state-funded and based on private institutions. Most services are paid, except for emergency care. The procedure for obtaining medical services funding depends on the date of entry (services are available to citizens who arrived in Georgia from February 1, 2022, to November 1, 2023, and have continuously stayed in Georgia) and the presence of asylum seeker, humanitarian status, or refugee status. Free medical care is available for children up to 5 years old; partially state-funded medical care is available for pensioners, persons with disabilities, low-income families, students, and persons with asylum seeker, refugee, or humanitarian status.

Availability of employment and job search assistance programs, including the duration of the respective program (need for permits, simplified procedures, etc.): The possibility to work on par with Georgian citizens, including being self-employed or employed by another employer.

Opportunity for education in the host country's educational institutions (free, paid, non-competitive entry, etc.), including the duration of the respective program: In Georgia, the following continue to operate: Ukrainian Sector of School No. 41 named after

Mykhailo Hrushevskyi in Tbilisi; Ukrainian Sector of School No. 220 in Tbilisi; Ukrainian Sector of School No. 13 in Batumi; Ukrainian Sector of School No. 20 in Batumi; Institute of Ukrainian Studies at Tbilisi State University named after I. Javakhishvili; Saturday School "Veselka" at the Union of Journalists; "Georgian-Ukrainian Press and Book House" in Tbilisi; as well as several Ukrainian kindergartens.

**Availability of language course programs (conditions):** Ukrainian language courses at the International Ukrainian Cultural-Educational Center named after Taras Shevchenko in Tbilisi; Ukrainian Sunday Cultural-Educational School named after Ivan Kotlyarevskyi at the Georgian-Ukrainian Cultural-Educational Association "Yednist" in Batumi.

Availability of other assistance programs, including the duration of the respective program: None.

Availability of support centers for Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number): 4.

Problems faced by citizens resolved with the assistance of the Ukrainian Embassy (resolution of typical issues/problems affecting a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if available, 1-2 per country): Assistance provided by the Embassy includes visa-free stay arrangements for Ukrainian citizens who entered Georgia after 24.02.2022, for up to three years; establishment of 4 Ukrainian school sectors in educational institutions in Tbilisi and Batumi.

Date of completion: July 10, 2024.

**Number of consular actions:** As of July 10, 2024 - 3,398.

## **DENMARK Kingdom of Denmark**

Number of Ukrainian citizens who relocated to the country after 24.02.2022 - 40,000.

Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country since 01.01.2024: increase/decrease compared to the beginning of the large-scale armed aggression - Decrease.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who have received temporary protection status or an equivalent status granted by the host country - 40,000.

Presence of simplified procedures for obtaining residence documents including the duration of the relevant program - On 16.03.2022, the Danish Parliament (Folketing) passed the "Residence Permit Act for Temporarily Displaced Ukrainian Citizens" (hereinafter referred to as the special law), which significantly simplifies the procedure for obtaining residence permits in Denmark. Under the law, the residence permit is granted for 2 years with the possibility of extension. (Temporary protection - until 04.03.2026).

Presence of financial assistance programs (categories of citizens eligible, amounts of assistance, etc.) with the duration of the relevant program - The level of financial assistance provided to citizens is not clearly defined; the decision on the amount of payments is made by the relevant municipality (kommune). The estimated amount of payments can range from 70 to 300 Danish kroner per day (10-45 USD) depending on the circumstances of each case and the number of family members. The assistance package includes financial aid for children, pension provision, and assistance for persons with disabilities.

Presence of housing programs with the duration of the relevant program, categories of citizens provided with housing - After reviewing the application for a residence permit in Denmark and referring the citizen to the relevant municipality, the municipality provides citizens with social housing/dormitories. Housing is provided on preferential terms; however, a fee of approximately 2,400 Danish kroner (352 USD) is charged for its use (actually deducted from the amount of social benefits). If a person is awaiting the processing of their application and has no relatives or acquaintances in the country to provide temporary shelter, they may reside in special refugee camps.

Presence of programs for compensating housing maintenance costs with the duration of the relevant program - Individuals referred to a particular municipality cannot change it while receiving social assistance and social housing. After finding employment and obtaining the opportunity to rent housing at their own expense, the citizen can change their place of residence and move to another municipality/region in Denmark.

Presence of social security programs (benefits, payments, etc.) with the duration of the relevant program - Social security includes: financial assistance for children, pension provision, and assistance for persons with disabilities.

Presence of medical care programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.) with the duration of the relevant program - The special law provides full access for temporarily displaced

Ukrainian citizens who have obtained residence permits based on "temporary protection" status and a personal number to the medical care system in Denmark.

Presence of employment programs and job search assistance with the duration of the relevant program (requirement for permits, simplified procedures, etc.) - Ukrainian citizens who have received residence permits under the mentioned law have full access to all sectors of labor in the country according to their professional education, qualifications, language skills, etc. The special law allows citizens to freely choose their workplace and opens access to previously inaccessible professions for Ukrainians.

Possibility of studying at educational institutions in the host country (free, paid, non-competitive entry, etc.) with the duration of the relevant program - Children of Ukrainian citizens who have obtained residence permits in Denmark under the special law have free access to secondary education (except international and private schools).

**Presence of language course programs (conditions) -** Ukrainian citizens who have obtained residence permits in Denmark under the special law have free access to Danish language courses. Attendance of the courses (in most cases) is mandatory.

Presence of other assistance programs with the duration of the relevant program - None.

Presence of support centers for Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number) - None.

Problematic issues for citizens resolved with the assistance of the Embassy (resolution of typical issues/problems experienced by a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if available, 1-2 per country) - None.

**Date of completion -** 10.07.2024.

Number of consular actions - Data unavailable.

## **ESTONIA Republic of Estonia**

Number of Ukrainian citizens who relocated to the country after 24.02.2022 - 33,274 (Estonian authorities define the number of arrived TPO after granting them temporary protection status). Overall, more than 160,000 citizens have entered Estonia since 24.02.2024.

Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country since 01.01.2024: increase/decrease compared to the beginning of the large-scale armed aggression - Decrease.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who have received temporary protection status or an equivalent status granted by the host country - 33,274 (temporary protection); 5,959 (international protection).

Presence of simplified procedures for obtaining residence documents including the duration of the relevant program - Ukrainian citizens who left Ukraine after 24.02.2022 due to the large-scale military aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine are entitled to receive temporary protection status. Temporary protection (Temporary residence) is a one-year residence permit that grants Ukrainian citizens and their family members similar rights as Estonian residents. Applications for temporary protection can be submitted at the service departments of the Estonian Police and Border Guard Board. The relevant form must be filled out, and existing Ukrainian identity documents and proof of citizenship must be provided. Ukrainian citizens' temporary protection status has been extended until 04.03.2025. The EU Council approved the extension of the temporary protection mechanism for Ukrainian citizens by one year until 04.03.2026.

Presence of financial assistance programs (categories of citizens eligible, amounts of assistance, etc.) with the duration of the relevant program - Individuals who have received temporary protection are entitled to housing assistance paid to a bank card. The assistance is calculated based on the number of family members: 150 euros for the first adult family member, 120 euros for the second adult, and 180 euros for minor children.

Presence of housing programs with the duration of the relevant program, categories of citizens provided with housing - Official structures emphasize that social benefits can only be received by those Ukrainian citizens who have temporary protection status. Currently, there are fewer opportunities to receive free housing in Estonia, even with temporary protection status.

Presence of programs for compensating housing maintenance costs with the duration of the relevant program - None.

Presence of social security programs (benefits, payments, etc.) with the duration of the relevant program - Children of displaced persons from Ukraine have all the benefits that Estonian children receive. Each child is entitled to child benefits from birth until reaching the age of 16: 60 euros for the first and second child in the family and 100 euros for the third and subsequent children. Starting from the third child, a large family receives a monthly

allowance of 300 euros, and from the seventh child - 400 euros per month. If children continue their education in secondary school, they are entitled to receive child benefits until the age of 19.

Presence of medical care programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.) with the duration of the relevant program - Ukrainian citizens who have received temporary protection are entitled to medical insurance in Estonia. After obtaining a residence permit, they must apply for medical insurance on the same terms as Estonian residents. All Ukrainians arriving in Estonia from Ukraine receive free emergency medical assistance and a general health check (this check is one-time; further, they should consult family doctors). Estonia has a universal solidarity state medical insurance system that ensures equal quality of medical care for all insured persons, including displaced Ukrainians.

Presence of employment programs and job search assistance with the duration of the relevant program (requirement for permits, simplified procedures, etc.) - After obtaining temporary protection status and a residence permit, Ukrainian citizens wishing to work in Estonia must register with the National Employment Center and sign up with the National Unemployment Insurance Fund. If vacancies are available, Ukrainians receive preference in job placement. This primarily applies to qualified specialists.

Possibility of studying at educational institutions in the host country (free, paid, non-competitive entry, etc.) with the duration of the relevant program - Ukrainian citizens and their family members who have received temporary protection have the same rights as Estonian residents, including the right to education: preschool education for children aged 1.5–7 years, compulsory education for children aged 7–17 years, secondary, vocational, and higher education, education in vocational schools, applied sciences higher education institutions, and universities. Education and hobby activities in interest-based schools, general education schools, and open youth centers are generally available from age 7. Youth work in open youth centers and youth organizations is available for persons aged 7-26 years. Regarding higher education, Ukrainian students at the bachelor's and master's level currently study for free (at Tallinn University and University of Tartu) due to funds allocated for the period 2022-2024 by the Ministry of Education and Research of the Republic of Estonia.

**Presence of language course programs (conditions) -** Yes. Language courses are organized by Temporary Protection Centers.

Presence of other assistance programs with the duration of the relevant program - None.

Presence of support centers for Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number) - 2.

Problematic issues for citizens resolved with the assistance of the Embassy (resolution of typical issues/problems experienced by a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if available, 1-2 per country) - In the absence of valid passport documents, the Embassy provided assistance in documenting such persons (e.g., issuing an identity certificate, extending the validity of a passport for traveling abroad, and adding information about a child to the parent's passport for traveling abroad) for further processing of temporary protection status.

**Date of completion -** 09.05.2024.

**Number of consular actions -** 3,593 as of July 1, 2024.

## IRELAND Republic of Ireland

Number of Ukrainian citizens who moved to the country after 24.02.2022: 108,220.

Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country since 01.01.2024: increase/decrease compared to the beginning of the large-scale armed aggression - Decrease.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who received temporary protection status or an equivalent status granted by the host country: 108,220 (temporary protection).

**Availability of simplified procedures for obtaining residence documents, including the duration of the relevant program -** With an identification document and proof of Ukrainian citizenship, obtaining temporary protection status takes a few hours. The temporary protection status for Ukrainian citizens has been extended until 04.03.2026.

Availability of financial aid programs (categories of citizens eligible, amounts of aid, etc.), including the duration of the relevant program - From 14.03.2024, Ukrainian citizens residing in state housing are provided with food, laundry services, and other amenities. They receive social benefits of  $\in$ 38.80 per adult and  $\in$ 29.80 per child weekly, equivalent to payments received by refugees (international protection). After 90 days, or if finding housing independently, individuals are eligible to apply for unemployment benefits up to  $\in$ 900 per month.

Availability of housing assistance programs, including the duration of the relevant program and categories of citizens eligible for housing - From 14.03.2024, Ukrainian citizens arriving in Ireland and obtaining temporary protection are provided with state housing for up to 90 days. During these 90 days, citizens receive assistance in finding alternative housing and informational support regarding healthcare, labor market, educational, and integration programs.

Availability of housing cost compensation programs, including the duration of the relevant program - The Accommodation Recognition Payment (APR) - a program providing monthly reimbursement to landlords for housing (private or shared) occupied by temporary protection beneficiaries, amounting to  $\in 800$ .

Availability of social welfare programs (benefits, payments, etc.), including the duration of the relevant program - State financial assistance programs are available until 04.03.2026, provided the individual has no other sources of funding. Financial payments cease if the individual is officially employed in Ireland.

Availability of medical care programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.), including the duration of the relevant program - Free medical insurance until 04.03.2026.

Availability of employment and job search assistance programs, including the duration of the relevant program (need for permits, simplified procedures, etc.) -

Assistance is provided in finding alternative (non-governmental) housing and informational support regarding healthcare, labor market, educational, and integration programs.

Possibility of studying in educational institutions in the host country (free, paid, non-competitive admission, etc.), including the duration of the relevant program - This issue is under consideration and is expected to be resolved by September 2024.

**Availability of language course programs (conditions) -** Yes. Language courses are organized by Temporary Protection Centers.

Availability of other assistance programs, including the duration of the relevant program - None.

**Availability of support centers for Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number) -** THE REFUGEE CENTRE at Dublin's CityWest Hotel, as well as Ukrainian community organizations supporting Ukrainian temporary protection beneficiaries.

Problematic issues resolved with the assistance of Ukrainian diplomatic missions (resolution of typical issues/problems affecting a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if any, 1-2 per country) - Since 05 June 2024, new rules apply, allowing entry into Ireland only with a valid biometric passport of a Ukrainian citizen for traveling abroad. The Ukrainian Embassy in Ireland has reached an agreement with the Irish side that travel to the country is allowed, including:

- With extended biometric passports for traveling abroad if the passport's validity does not exceed 10 years from the date of issue;
- For children under 16 if information about them is included in one of the parents' biometric passports and they are traveling together.

**Date completed** - 10.07.2024.

Number of consular actions - Data not available.

## ICELAND Republic of Iceland

Number of Ukrainian citizens who moved to the country after 24.02.2022: 3,415.

Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country since 01.01.2024: increase/decrease compared to the beginning of the large-scale armed aggression - Decrease.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who received temporary protection status or an equivalent status granted by the host country: 3,415.

Availability of simplified procedures for obtaining residence documents, including the duration of the relevant program - Collective protection is provided until 04.03.2026. Iceland adheres to a common EU policy on providing temporary protection to Ukrainian citizens.

Availability of financial aid programs (categories of citizens eligible, amounts of aid, etc.), including the duration of the relevant program - For individuals receiving collective protection in Iceland, monthly social financial assistance is provided ranging from  $\in$ 85 to  $\in$ 250 depending on family size and living conditions (valid until 04.03.2026).

Availability of housing assistance programs, including the duration of the relevant program and categories of citizens eligible for housing - All Ukrainian citizens with collective protection are provided with temporary social housing by social services in each municipality of Iceland (valid until 04.03.2026).

Availability of housing cost compensation programs, including the duration of the relevant program - None.

Availability of social welfare programs (benefits, payments, etc.), including the duration of the relevant program - None.

Availability of medical care programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.), including the duration of the relevant program - Ukrainian citizens with collective protection in Iceland have full access to the medical system (valid until 04.03.2026).

Availability of employment and job search assistance programs, including the duration of the relevant program (need for permits, simplified procedures, etc.) - Under the collective protection program, Ukrainian citizens automatically receive a work permit in Iceland without the need for additional permits.

Possibility of studying in educational institutions in the host country (free, paid, non-competitive admission, etc.), including the duration of the relevant program - State preschool and secondary education is free, higher education is paid.

**Availability of language course programs (conditions) -** Free Icelandic language courses for all Ukrainian citizens, organized by social support agencies in each municipality.

Availability of other assistance programs, including the duration of the relevant program - None.

Availability of support centers for Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number) - Social agencies in each municipality of Iceland provide comprehensive support to citizens, including language courses, qualification improvement courses (if needed), integration meetings, job search assistance, and more.

Problematic issues resolved with the assistance of Ukrainian diplomatic missions (resolution of typical issues/problems affecting a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if any, 1-2 per country) - None.

**Date completed -** 14.07.2024.

**Number of consular actions -** Regular mobile consular services for Ukrainian citizens in Iceland are conducted. In 2024, mobile consular services were held on June 19-20, with 115 consular actions performed. Additionally, 62 passports were issued during the mobile consular service in November 2023.

### SPAIN Kingdom of Spain

The number of Ukrainian citizens who have moved to the country after 24.02.2022 - 210,325.

Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country since January 1, 2024: increase/decrease compared to the beginning of the large-scale armed aggression - Increase.

The number of Ukrainian citizens who have received temporary protection status or an equivalent status granted by the host country - 201,500.

**Availability of simplified procedures for obtaining residence documents, including the duration of the relevant program -** Temporary protection status (until March 4, 2025) is granted free of charge by the Ministry of the Interior. Free translation services are available during initial document checks and registration. Along with the temporary protection certificate, a tax number and social security number are also provided.

Availability of financial assistance programs (categories of citizens eligible, amounts of assistance, etc.) with the duration of the relevant program - Direct financial assistance to displaced persons from Ukraine is not provided in 2024. A program enacted on August 1, 2022, that offered financial assistance (400 euros per adult and 100 euros per child) to Ukrainian citizens lacking sufficient financial resources, was in effect until December 31, 2023.

Availability of housing assistance programs, including the duration of the program and categories of citizens provided with housing - Free accommodation for beneficiaries of temporary protection is provided in integration centers as part of the Ministry of Integration, Social Protection, and Migration's integration program for the first 8-12 months (depending on availability of places).

**Availability of housing maintenance cost compensation programs, including the duration of the program -** Housing allowances (300-350 euros) are provided for 6 months to temporary protection beneficiaries who have transitioned to the second phase of temporary protection, which allows for greater independence in covering basic needs (full or partial employment, temporary work, etc.).

Availability of social security programs (benefits, payments, etc.) including the duration of the relevant program - Ukrainian citizens with temporary protection status have access to the social security system on the same terms as Spanish citizens.

Availability of medical care programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.), including the duration of the relevant program - Yes. Free medical care is provided in public health facilities.

Availability of employment and job search assistance programs, including the duration of the relevant program (need for permits, simplified procedures, etc.) - None. Access to the labor market is on general terms.

Possibility of education in educational institutions of the host country (free, paid, special admissions, etc.), including the duration of the relevant program - Primary and secondary education in public institutions is free. Higher education is available on a paid basis (tuition costs are the same as for Spanish citizens).

**Availability of language course programs (conditions) -** Yes. Language courses are organized by Temporary Protection Centers, the Red Cross, etc.

Availability of other assistance programs, including the duration of the relevant program - None.

**Availability of support centers for Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number) -** 20, with support centers operating in almost all capitals of autonomous communities.

Problems resolved with the assistance of the State Department (typical issues/problems affecting a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if any, 1-2 per country) - Ensuring prompt review of requests for driver's license exchanges.

Date of completion - July 10, 2024.

Number of consular actions - 6,442.

### ITALY Italian Republic

The number of Ukrainian citizens who have moved to the country after 24.02.2022 - 203,167.

Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country since January 1, 2024: increase/decrease compared to the beginning of the large-scale armed aggression - Increase.

The number of Ukrainian citizens who have received temporary protection status or an equivalent status granted by the host country - 192,153.

**Availability of simplified procedures for obtaining residence documents, including the duration of the relevant program -** With the necessary documents and border crossing stamp in the passport, the application process is quite fast, but issuing the final document can sometimes take up to 6 months. Temporary protection has been extended until December 31, 2024. The Italian government's decision regarding the implementation of the EU Council's decision to extend temporary protection until March 4, 2026, is expected.

Availability of financial assistance programs (categories of citizens eligible, amounts of assistance, etc.) with the duration of the relevant program - None. Only pocket money is provided at 2.5 euros per person per day.

Availability of housing assistance programs, including the duration of the program and categories of citizens provided with housing - All Ukrainian citizens with temporary protection status who lack accommodation are provided with social housing and meals in Italy.

Availability of housing maintenance cost compensation programs, including the duration of the program - None.

Availability of social security programs (benefits, payments, etc.) including the duration of the relevant program - Individuals with valid residence permits in Italy have the same social protection rights as Italian citizens.

Availability of medical care programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.), including the duration of the relevant program - Temporary protection includes free medical care.

Availability of employment and job search assistance programs, including the duration of the relevant program (need for permits, simplified procedures, etc.) - None.

Possibility of education in educational institutions of the host country (free, paid, special admissions, etc.), including the duration of the relevant program - Information unavailable.

**Availability of language course programs (conditions) -** Free language courses are available in each regional capital. Additionally, some structures with a large number of temporary protection status holders employ Italian language instructors.

Availability of other assistance programs, including the duration of the relevant program - None.

**Availability of support centers for Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number) -** In many regions of Italy.

Problems resolved with the assistance of the State Department (typical issues/problems affecting a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if any, 1-2 per country) - Including children in a parent's passport confirms family relations and does not require apostille of the birth certificate and its translation with certification when submitting documents for residence permits to the immigration service (Questura).

**Date of completion -** July 16, 2024.

Number of consular actions - 8,702.

#### KAZAKHSTAN Republic of Kazakhstan

The number of Ukrainian citizens who have moved to the country after 24.02.2022 - According to the Kazakh National Statistics Bureau, since 2022, 1,307 Ukrainians have arrived in Kazakhstan, and 2,800 have left.

Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country since January 1, 2024: increase/decrease compared to the beginning of the large-scale armed aggression - Decrease.

The number of Ukrainian citizens who have received temporary protection status or an equivalent status granted by the host country - Since 2022, about 800 temporary protection statuses have been granted. Currently, about 150 Ukrainian citizens are in the country with this status.

Availability of simplified procedures for obtaining residence documents, including the duration of the relevant program - None.

Availability of financial assistance programs (categories of citizens eligible, amounts of assistance, etc.) with the duration of the relevant program - None.

Availability of housing assistance programs, including the duration of the program and categories of citizens provided with housing - None.

Availability of housing maintenance cost compensation programs, including the duration of the program - None.

Availability of social security programs (benefits, payments, etc.) including the duration of the relevant program - None.

Availability of medical care programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.), including the duration of the relevant program - None, medical services are provided on a paid basis.

Availability of employment and job search assistance programs, including the duration of the relevant program (need for permits, simplified procedures, etc.) - Employment is based on general conditions, requiring appropriate permits and visa categories.

Possibility of education in educational institutions of the host country (free, paid, special admissions, etc.), including the duration of the relevant program - Both sides provide scholarships (bachelor's, master's) for studies in higher educational institutions according to the interdepartmental agreement on educational cooperation from 2010. School-aged children attend on general terms.

Availability of language course programs (conditions) - None.

Availability of other assistance programs, including the duration of the relevant program - None.

**Availability of support centers for Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number) -** None.

Problems resolved with the assistance of the State Department (typical issues/problems affecting a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if any, 1-2 per country) - Ukrainian citizens who have been forced to come to Kazakhstan do not receive any preferences. The embassy collaborates with Ukrainian volunteer organizations in Kazakhstan that assist our citizens. The Kazakh side provides protection status every 3 months, but only for 1 year; after that, it generally refuses to grant such status. The embassy involves human rights organizations to address these issues on a case-by-case basis, and as a result of such cooperation, citizens can receive such statuses every 3 months repeatedly.

Date of completion - July 10, 2024.

**Number of consular actions - 1,908.** 

#### **CANADA**

Number of Ukrainian citizens who relocated to the country after 24.02.2022: 298,128 (Since the introduction of the Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET) program in March 2022, 1,189,320 Ukrainian citizens have used it, 962,612 of whom received visas, and 298,128 arrived in Canada, obtaining the right to work and study).

Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country as of January 1, 2024: Increase/Decrease compared to the start of the large-scale armed aggression - Decrease.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who have obtained temporary protection status or an equivalent status provided by the host country: 298,128.

Availability of simplified procedures for obtaining residence documents with the validity period of the relevant program: The Canadian government is gradually phasing out the CUAET program. Applications for CUAET visas closed on July 15, 2023. CUAET visa holders were allowed to travel to Canada until March 31, 2024. Ukrainian citizens who were already in Canada were able to submit relevant documents for changing or extending their status by this deadline. Additionally, a one-time financial assistance and an open work permit were provided to Ukrainians until this date. IRCC is now extending some CUAET measures to individuals who applied for a CUAET visa by the deadline but faced delays in processing and received approval on February 4, 2024, or later. These individuals will have until July 31, 2024, to arrive in Canada. They will be able to stay for up to three years and apply for a study permit and open work permit free of charge at the port of entry or in Canada. Ukrainians who applied and received a work permit under the CUAET program by February 4, 2024, can still come to Canada and receive a work permit upon arrival, as long as the permit is valid. Ukrainian citizens who applied for a CUAET visa and received a CUAET visa approval by February 4, 2024, but did not apply for a work permit at the time of application, can still arrive as temporary residents but will no longer be able to apply for a work permit. As temporary residents, they can stay in Canada for up to 6 months and can apply for an extension of their stay through existing programs and processes (standard fees apply).

Availability of financial assistance programs (categories of citizens eligible, amount of assistance, etc.) with the validity period of the relevant program: One-time financial assistance and emergency temporary accommodation in hotels are no longer available.

Availability of housing provision programs with the validity period of the relevant program and categories of citizens eligible for housing: Settlement services in Canadian families remain available for all temporarily displaced Ukrainians in Canada until March 31, 2025.

Availability of housing maintenance cost compensation programs with the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of social security programs (benefits, payments, etc.) with the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of medical care programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.) with the validity period of the relevant program: Free medical insurance is provided for all Ukrainians in Canada under the CUAET program.

Availability of employment and job search assistance programs with the validity period of the relevant program (requirement for a permit, simplified procedure, etc.): A job bank for Ukrainians has been created. The job bank collaborates with local organizations and employers to help connect them with Ukrainians seeking employment.

Possibility of education in the host country's educational institutions (free, paid, non-competitive admission, etc.) with the validity period of the relevant program: All Ukrainians in Canada under the CUAET program have access to free primary and secondary education.

**Availability of language course programs (conditions):** Free English and French language courses.

Availability of other assistance programs with the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of support centers for Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number): Social agencies operate in each province, providing comprehensive support to citizens, including: language course organization, qualification enhancement courses (if needed), integration meetings, job search assistance, document processing, etc.

Problems of citizens resolved with the assistance of the Ukrainian diplomatic mission (resolution of typical issues/problems affecting a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if any, 1-2 per country): Documenting a significant number of Ukrainian citizens who arrived in Canada with an internal passport/birth certificate instead of passports for traveling abroad; Conducting consular services in remote areas where consular offices are not present.

**Date of completion:** July 15, 2024.

**Number of consular actions -** Ukraine's diplomatic mission in Canada (excluding consulates in Toronto and Edmonton) as of July 12, 2024: 8,373.

### KYRGYZSTAN Kyrgyz Republic

Number of Ukrainian citizens who relocated to the country after 24.02.2022: 420 (according to the Department of Population Registration under the Ministry of Digital Development of Kyrgyzstan).

Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country as of January 1, 2024: Increase/Decrease compared to the start of the large-scale armed aggression - Decrease.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who have obtained temporary protection status or an equivalent status provided by the host country: Kyrgyzstan does not provide temporary protection status.

Availability of simplified procedures for obtaining residence documents with the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of financial assistance programs (categories of citizens eligible, amount of assistance, etc.) with the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of housing provision programs with the validity period of the relevant program and categories of citizens eligible for housing: None.

Availability of housing maintenance cost compensation programs with the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of social security programs (benefits, payments, etc.) with the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of medical care programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.) with the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of employment and job search assistance programs with the validity period of the relevant program (requirement for a permit, simplified procedure, etc.): None.

Possibility of education in the host country's educational institutions (free, paid, non-competitive admission, etc.) with the validity period of the relevant program: Education in educational institutions is available under general conditions.

**Availability of language course programs (conditions):** None.

Availability of other assistance programs with the validity period of the relevant program: None.

**Availability of support centers for Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number):** None.

Problems of citizens resolved with the assistance of the Ukrainian diplomatic mission (resolution of typical issues/problems affecting a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if any, 1-2 per country): Document processing.

**Date of completion:** July 15, 2024.

Number of consular actions - Data not available.

# CYPRUS Republic of Cyprus

Number of Ukrainian citizens who moved to the country after 24.02.2022 - 30,000 people (according to the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Cyprus).

Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the country of residence since 01.01.2024: increase / decrease compared to the beginning of the large-scale armed aggression - Increase.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who received temporary protection status or a similar status granted by the country of residence - 24,000 people (according to the Cyprus Refugee Service).

**Availability of a simplified procedure for obtaining residency documents indicating the duration of the corresponding program -** With a document confirming identity and Ukrainian citizenship, the procedure for obtaining TP status takes several hours. Temporary protection status for Ukrainian citizens has been extended until 04.03.2025. A decision by the Cyprus authorities on the implementation of the EU Council's decision to extend TP until 04.03.2026 is expected.

Availability of financial assistance programs (categories of citizens eligible, amounts of assistance, etc.) indicating the duration of the respective program - One-time financial assistance amounting to €340. Family members over 14 years old (spouse/child) receive €170. Family members under 14 years old (spouse/child) receive €100.

Availability of housing provision programs indicating the duration of the respective program and categories of citizens eligible for housing - The hotel program has been terminated, and a subsidy is provided to those who used the hotel program until the end of TP.

Availability of programs compensating housing maintenance costs indicating the duration of the respective program - A housing rent subsidy program for Ukrainians who used the hotel program until the end of TP.

Availability of social security programs (benefits, payments, etc.) indicating the duration of the respective program - Ukrainians who work and have a child under 4 years and 8 months old attending kindergarten/nursery can apply for financial assistance (€102 per month per child) to cover part of the kindergarten fee.

**Availability of healthcare programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.) indicating the duration of the respective program -** Medical services are provided in public medical institutions. Medication needs are covered by pharmacies in public medical institutions. To receive medical services, documents proving the right to reside in the Republic of Cyprus from the Migration Service are required.

Availability of employment and job search assistance programs indicating the duration of the respective program (need for permission, simplified procedure, etc.) -

Access to the labor market is open on general terms. Ukrainians with Temporary Protection can engage in paid or self-employment activities. For professions with regulatory and institutional frameworks, compliance with relevant conditions is necessary. Interested individuals should contact local offices of the Public Employment Service.

Opportunity to study in educational institutions of the host country (free, paid, non-competitive admission, etc.) indicating the duration of the respective program - Ukrainians with TP have access to free education for children in public schools and attendance of public kindergartens until the end of TP.

**Availability of language course programs (conditions) -** Organized regularly for immigrants in different regions of Cyprus.

Availability of other assistance programs indicating the duration of the respective program - None.

Availability of support centers for Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number) - Association "Society of Ukrainian-Cypriot Friendship"; Ukrainian Social and Cultural Center in Cyprus Obiimy Cyprus; Ukrainian House in Cyprus, Paphos.

Issues resolved with the assistance of diplomatic missions (resolving typical issues/problems affecting a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if available, 1-2 per country) - In 2023, during the closure of the hotel program (free accommodation for Ukrainians with TP status) for citizens who had stayed in hotels for more than 6 months, an agreement was reached with the Ministry of Social Protection and the Ministry of Tourism of Cyprus to extend free accommodation in hotels for vulnerable categories of Ukrainian citizens (disabled, pensioners aged 65+) for a few more months on an individual basis.

**Date of completion -** 11.07.2024.

**Number of consular actions -** As of 11.07.24 - 2227.

### LATVIA Republic of Latvia

Number of Ukrainian citizens who moved to the country after 24.02.2022 - 62,800 (the Latvian side determines the number of arrivals after granting them temporary protection status).

Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country since 01.01.2024: Increase / decrease compared to the beginning of the large-scale armed aggression - Decrease.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who received temporary protection status or a similar status granted by the host country - 62,800.

**Availability of simplified procedures for obtaining residence documents indicating the duration of the respective program** - The provision of temporary protection status is stipulated by the "Law on the Support of Civilian Population of Ukraine". The duration of the program corresponds to the duration of the temporary protection status, currently, according to the mentioned Law - until 04.03.2026.

Availability of financial aid programs (categories of citizens who receive it, amounts, etc.) indicating the duration of the respective program - Ukrainian displaced persons in Latvia are entitled to the following financial assistance:

- The local government's social service assigns and pays a one-time crisis aid of 343 euros per adult and 240 euros per child to Ukrainian civilians.
- Additional monthly assistance from January 1, 2024, in the amount of 137 euros for the first person and 96 euros for each subsequent household member;
- One-time payment upon employment 700 euros;
- Additionally, after obtaining a temporary residence permit, a Ukrainian citizen acquires the right to receive all other types of social assistance available to all Latvian citizens. Specifically:
  - One-time birth allowance 421.17 euros (for each child born in Latvia after 24.02.2022);
  - o In case of emergency guardianship − child care assistance: for a child up to one and a half years old − 171 euros per month, for a child aged one and a half to 2 years − 42.69 euros per month;
  - State family benefits: for one child − 25 euros per month; for two children − 100 euros (50 euros per child) per month; for three children − 225 euros (75 euros per child) per month; for four or more children − 100 euros per child per month.
  - Scholarships: students of all levels of education studying at Latvian state or private higher education institutions (including colleges) 140 euros. Research scholarship for scientific and academic work (if a Ukrainian scientist is undergoing an internship at a Latvian scientific institution) 900 euros per month. The duration of the program corresponds to the duration of the temporary protection status.

Availability of housing provision programs indicating the duration of the respective program, categories of citizens who receive housing - All Ukrainian displaced persons in Latvia have the right to receive free accommodation for a period of 60 or 120 days (depending on the municipality). Additionally, free housing is provided without time limitations to the following categories of displaced persons:

• The applicant is a person with a disability, cares for a person with a disability, has reached the retirement age set by Latvian law, is receiving full-time education in a preschool, primary, general secondary, or vocational education institution or is a full-time student of a higher education institution, women during maternity leave, one of the parents during the period of child care, persons caring for a preschool-aged child if the child does not have access to education in a preschool or school institution. The duration of the program corresponds to the duration of the temporary protection status.

**Availability of housing cost compensation programs indicating the duration of the respective program** - Yes, the amount depends on the municipality where the displaced person resides. The duration of the program corresponds to the duration of the temporary protection status.

Availability of social security programs (benefits, payments, etc.) indicating the duration of the respective program - After obtaining a residence permit, all Ukrainian displaced persons acquire the same social security rights as Latvian citizens. The duration of the program corresponds to the duration of the temporary protection status.

Availability of medical provision programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.) indicating the duration of the respective program - After the issuance of a residence permit to Ukrainian displaced persons in Latvia, they receive the right to free medical care to the same extent as Latvian citizens insured under the mandatory state health insurance. The exception to this rule is dental services, which are provided free of charge only to minor Ukrainian citizens (under 18 years of age). Paid services not covered by the state budget remain paid for both Latvian citizens and Ukrainian displaced persons. The duration of the program corresponds to the duration of the temporary protection status.

Availability of employment programs and assistance in job search indicating the duration of the respective program (requirement for permits, simplified procedure, etc.) - All Ukrainian displaced persons in Latvia have the right to work (employment). For this, a Ukrainian citizen must obtain a residence permit. When hiring, Ukrainian citizens are exempt from the requirement to know the Latvian language. Employment can be accepted without knowledge of Latvian if the employer can provide a colleague to assist with translation. The duration of the program corresponds to the duration of the temporary protection status.

Possibility of studying in educational institutions of the host country (free, paid, non-competitive admission, etc.) indicating the duration of the respective program - Displaced children's have the right to free education in preschool and secondary education institutions. Additionally, some higher education institutions offer preferential places for children from Ukraine. The duration of the program corresponds to the duration of the temporary protection status.

**Availability of language course programs (conditions)** - Ukrainian citizens have ample opportunities to attend free Latvian language courses both online and offline. These courses are conducted by state and private structures, volunteer organizations, and Ukrainian communities in Latvia.

Availability of other assistance programs indicating the duration of the respective program - Yes. Local government authorities offer such programs for displaced persons:

- Provision of food, household, and hygiene kits;
- Providing information on opportunities for assistance from non-governmental sector representatives;
- Job fairs, training, and other events.
- For all displaced children attending secondary education institutions and their Latvian peers, free joint summer camps are organized (from 3 to 10 days depending on the municipality).

**Availability of support centers for Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number)** - "Support Center for Ukrainian Citizens" - 1 (integrates structures providing assistance to displaced persons (services: social, migration, education, employment, etc.)), Humanitarian aid centers - 470.

Issues resolved for citizens with the assistance of the diplomatic mission (solving a typical issue/problem encountered by a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if any, 1-2 per country) - Documents issued in Ukraine certifying the disability status of a Ukrainian citizen require additional confirmation of such status in Latvian medical institutions, which sometimes takes several months. Without this confirmation, displaced persons were unable to receive disability assistance in Latvia. As a result of the diplomatic mission's work, Ukrainian displaced persons were granted the right to long-term social care and social rehabilitation services without a specialist doctor's conclusion and a document confirming disability for up to three months based solely on a municipal social service decision. During these three months, displaced persons with disabilities must confirm their status. As a result of the diplomatic mission's work with the Latvian office of the International Organization for Migration, an agreement was reached on the IOM covering the travel costs for displaced persons when traveling from Latvia to Poland and back to obtain travel passports.

**Date of completion** - 10.07.2024.

**Number of consular actions** - As of 10.07.2024 - 3,085 consular actions.

#### LITHUANIA Republic of Lithuania

Number of Ukrainian citizens who moved to the state after 24.02.2022: 87,791.

Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the host state since 01.01.2024: increase/decrease compared to the start of the large-scale armed aggression: Decrease (76,145).

Number of Ukrainian citizens who received temporary protection status or a similar status granted by the host state: 43,869.

Availability of simplified procedures for obtaining residency documents, specifying the validity period of the relevant program: Status of persons with temporary protection under the EU Council Directive on Temporary Protection from 20.07.2001 No. 2001/55/EC and the EU Council Implementation Decision from 04.03.2022 (extended until 04.03.2025). An official decision of the Lithuanian Government regarding the extension of temporary protection until 04.03.2026 is expected as of 16.07.2024.

Availability of cash assistance programs (categories of citizens eligible, amount of assistance, etc.), specifying the validity period of the relevant program: Available. A one-time assistance of up to 300 euros (depending on the municipality) is provided to cover basic needs.

Availability of housing programs, specifying the validity period of the relevant program and the categories of citizens eligible for housing: None.

Availability of housing maintenance cost compensation programs, specifying the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of social security programs (benefits, payments, etc.), specifying the validity period of the relevant program: If the average income per person does not exceed 200 euros per month per person, Ukrainian citizens with a temporary residence permit in Lithuania on humanitarian grounds have the right to apply to municipalities for social assistance, which includes compensation for apartment rent, children's meals at school, heating costs, hot water usage (determined individually, considering the number of family members, etc., approximately 400-500 euros per month per family), and the provision of food packages twice a month.

Availability of medical care programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.), specifying the validity period of the relevant program: Free medical care is available in public medical institutions of the Republic of Lithuania.

Availability of employment and job search assistance programs, specifying the validity period of the relevant program (need for a permit, simplified procedure, etc.): Available. Lithuania provides simplified employment conditions for Ukrainian citizens, allowing them to find work immediately upon arrival in Lithuania with a biometric passport.

Possibility of education in the host state's educational institutions (free, paid, non-competitive admission, etc.), specifying the validity period of the relevant program: Ukrainian children have the same rights to education in schools and kindergartens as Lithuanian children. With the consent and support of the Ministry of Education, Science, and Sport of Lithuania, three Ukrainian private schools have been opened, and many public schools have established Ukrainian language classes. As of 2024, Lithuanian educational institutions are attended by over 11.7 thousand Ukrainian children, of which more than 3.3 thousand receive education in their native language in Ukrainian schools with corresponding certification from the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine.

**Availability of language course programs (conditions):** Language courses are organized by the Employment Service, the Department of National Minorities, the Red Cross, etc.

Availability of other assistance programs, specifying the validity period of the relevant program: A monthly allowance of 96 euros is provided for the maintenance of each child. Additional monthly payments are provided for the maintenance of a disabled child (56 euros) and for the maintenance of each child from large and low-income families. One-time payments are provided after the birth of a child (605 euros), adoption of a child, and the birth of twins or triplets, etc.

Availability of support centers for Ukrainian citizens in the host state (number): On June 11, 2022, a unique cultural and educational space in the EU countries - the "Ukrainian Center" - was opened in Vilnius under the initiative and patronage of the First Lady of Ukraine Olena Zelenska and the First Lady of Lithuania Diana Nausėdienė. From June 2022 to April 2024, over 2,500 events were held at the Center for adults and children from Ukraine who found temporary shelter in Lithuania. The center has hosted over 30,000 visitors, which is a record even among Lithuanian cultural and educational institutions. Daily events at the Ukrainian Center include various activities: psychosocial (art-therapy sessions, group and individual psychological consultations, mutual aid groups); informal education for children and adults (training courses, creative workshops, first aid training); cultural (concerts, exhibitions, film screenings, festivals, fairs, events dedicated to the celebration of national and commemorative holidays of Ukraine); sports and wellness.

Issues resolved for citizens with the assistance of the Diplomatic Representation (resolution of a typical issue/problem present among a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host state) (if available, 1-2 per country): Information is not available.

Date of completion: 16.07.2024.

**Number of consular actions:** As of 16.07.2024 - 3,645.

## **LIECHTENSTEIN Principality of Liechtenstein**

**Number of Ukrainian citizens who moved to the state after 24.02.2022:** 493 as of 30.06.2023 (according to the Liechtenstein Statistical Office, the next statistical data as of 31.12.2023 will be published on 26.09.2024).

Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the host state since 01.01.2024: increase/decrease compared to the start of the large-scale armed aggression: Decrease.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who received temporary protection status or a similar status granted by the host state: 483.

Availability of simplified procedures for obtaining residency documents, specifying the validity period of the relevant program: In March 2022, the Principality of Liechtenstein activated the possibility of granting protection status to Ukrainian refugees. This is a simplified procedure for obtaining protection status, which is valid for the period of military actions in Ukraine for one year and can be extended annually. It differs from the regular asylum procedure in that persons with protection status can immediately receive a work permit, and school-age children can attend educational institutions.

Availability of cash assistance programs (categories of citizens eligible, amount of assistance, etc.), specifying the validity period of the relevant program: Cash assistance is provided to socially vulnerable persons with protection status on the same basis as for asylum seekers from other countries. Money is provided for pocket expenses, housing compensation, and medical insurance. Valid for the duration of the protection status.

Availability of housing programs, specifying the validity period of the relevant program and the categories of citizens eligible for housing: None.

Availability of housing maintenance cost compensation programs, specifying the validity period of the relevant program: Housing maintenance cost compensation is available on the same basis as for asylum seekers.

Availability of social security programs (benefits, payments, etc.), specifying the validity period of the relevant program: None. Social security is on a general basis.

Availability of medical care programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.), specifying the validity period of the relevant program: Ukrainian refugees are required to obtain a health insurance policy from one of the recognized private insurance companies under the conditions applicable to all residents of the country. Social assistance covers medical insurance for socially vulnerable persons.

Availability of employment and job search assistance programs, specifying the validity period of the relevant program (need for a permit, simplified procedure, etc.): Employment is on a general basis. There is a program to encourage employment of persons with protection status (additional cash payments for each working day). Ukrainian refugees

have access to the labor market on a general basis. Before starting employment or selfemployment, Ukrainian refugees must obtain a work permit.

Possibility of education in the host state's educational institutions (free, paid, non-competitive admission, etc.), specifying the validity period of the relevant program: No separate programs are available; attendance of educational institutions is on a general basis for residents. School-age children are required to attend educational institutions until they receive compulsory secondary education for free and can continue their studies in state vocational or higher education institutions on a general basis applicable to all residents of the country.

**Availability of language course programs (conditions):** Language course programs are available from the acquisition of protection status. Language certificate preparation courses can be attended after six months of residence in the country.

Availability of other assistance programs, specifying the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of support centers for Ukrainian citizens in the host state (number): There are no state-run centers. One private support fund is available.

Issues resolved for citizens with the assistance of the Diplomatic Representation (resolution of a typical issue/problem present among a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host state) (if available, 1-2 per country): Data is not available.

**Date of completion:** 10.07.2024.

**Number of consular actions:** Data is not available.

### **LUXEMBOURG Grand Duchy of Luxembourg**

Number of Ukrainian citizens who moved to the state after 24.02.2022: 6,695.

Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the host state from 01.01.2024: Decrease compared to the beginning of the large-scale armed aggression.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who received temporary protection status or a similar status granted by the host state: 4,970.

Availability of a simplified procedure for obtaining residence documents with the specified program duration: Temporary protection extended until 04.03.2025. To apply for this status, an individual must contact the General Directorate for Immigration of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Luxembourg. The decision of the Luxembourg side regarding the implementation of the EU Council's decision to extend temporary protection until 04.03.2026 is expected.

Availability of financial assistance programs (categories of citizens receiving it, amounts of assistance, etc.) with the specified program duration: A person with temporary protection status is entitled to: basic medical insurance, provision of medical services, free access to the labor market, monthly financial assistance depending on family composition and needs, and housing from the social sector. These payments cease if the person finds employment.

Availability of housing programs with the specified program duration and categories of citizens provided with housing: Short-term accommodation at the initial stage is provided by the Kirchberg Primary Reception Center (Centre de primo-accueil Kirchberg). Further search for social sector housing occurs at the municipal level.

Availability of programs to compensate housing maintenance costs with the specified program duration: Monthly financial assistance for housing rent (depending on family composition) in the absence of other funding sources.

Availability of social security programs (benefits, payments, etc.) with the specified program duration: Monthly financial assistance for housing rent, food purchase ( $\in$ 243.67) (data for 2023), clothing (twice a year), school supplies (once a year), hygiene products ( $\in$ 46.48 per month), and medical services. Valid until the end of temporary protection status if no other funding sources are available apart from social benefits.

Availability of medical care programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.) with the specified program duration: Basic insurance is provided. Data of persons with temporary protection status are automatically entered into Luxembourg's National Health Fund (CNS), which is responsible for full or partial reimbursement of expenses related to medical visits and/or medication purchases in pharmacies.

Availability of employment and job search assistance programs with the specified program duration (requirement for a permit, simplified procedure, etc.): Individuals

with temporary protection status have free access to the labor market in Luxembourg on par with other residents.

Possibility of studying in educational institutions of the host state (free, paid, non-competitive admission, etc.) with the specified program duration: In Luxembourg, education is mandatory and free from the age of 4 to 16. Educational institutions are inclusive and adapted for children with disabilities. Individuals with temporary protection status have free access to Luxembourg's education system on par with Luxembourgers.

**Availability of language courses (conditions):** There are programs offering free (or significantly discounted) courses in French, Luxembourgish, or German.

**Availability of other assistance programs with the specified program duration:** Stay in summer camps (significantly discounted or free) and attendance of sports sections in certain sports.

**Availability of support centers for Ukrainian citizens in the host state (number):** Kirchberg Primary Reception Center (Centre de primo-accueil Kirchberg), National Reception and Integration Agency (ONA), Caritas Luxembourg, l'Ukraine NGO, and non-profit association "Glory to Ukraine."

Issues faced by citizens resolved with the assistance of the embassy (resolution of typical issues/problems faced by a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host state) (if available, 1-2 per country): In the absence of valid passport documents, assistance was provided by the embassy in documenting such persons (e.g., issuing identity certificates, extending the validity of passports for traveling abroad, and entering information about children in parents' passports for traveling abroad) for further processing of temporary protection status in Luxembourg.

**Date of completion:** 12.07.2024.

Number of consular actions: Data not available.

### MALTA Republic of Malta

Number of Ukrainian citizens who moved to the state after 24.02.2022: 2,500.

Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the host state from 01.01.2024: Decrease compared to the beginning of the large-scale armed aggression.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who received temporary protection status or a similar status granted by the host state: 1,800.

Availability of a simplified procedure for obtaining residence documents with the specified program duration: Ukrainian citizens receive temporary protection documents through a simplified procedure at the International Protection Agency. Only a passport for traveling abroad and a border crossing mark after 24.02.2024 are required. Temporary protection status for Ukrainian citizens has been extended until 04.03.2025. The decision of the Maltese government regarding the implementation of the EU Council's decision to extend temporary protection until 04.03.2026 is expected.

Availability of financial assistance programs (categories of citizens receiving it, amounts of assistance, etc.) with the specified program duration: Financial support of €111 per person is provided in the absence of official income (work, pension, etc.).

Availability of housing programs with the specified program duration and categories of citizens provided with housing: Provided in the absence of income (after checks by the competent authorities of Malta).

Availability of programs to compensate housing maintenance costs with the specified program duration: None.

Availability of social security programs (benefits, payments, etc.) with the specified program duration: Free state kindergartens and schools for children.

Availability of medical care programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.) with the specified program duration: A free medical care program is provided for Ukrainian citizens with temporary protection.

Availability of employment and job search assistance programs with the specified program duration (requirement for a permit, simplified procedure, etc.): None.

Possibility of studying in educational institutions of the host state (free, paid, non-competitive admission, etc.) with the specified program duration: On general terms with Maltese citizens.

Availability of language courses (conditions): Free English language courses are available.

Availability of other assistance programs with the specified program duration: None.

Availability of support centers for Ukrainian citizens in the host state (number): None.

Issues faced by citizens resolved with the assistance of the embassy (resolution of typical issues/problems faced by a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host state) (if available, 1-2 per country): Visa support for processing passport documents.

**Date of completion:** 16.07.2024.

Number of consular actions: Data not available.

### MOLDOVA Republic of Moldova

Number of Ukrainian citizens who moved to the state after 24.02.2022: According to official estimates, about 116,000 Ukrainian citizens remain in the country, having moved there after 24.02.2022.

Dynamic of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country since 01.01.2024: Increase.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who received temporary protection status or an equivalent status granted by the host country: 49,227, applications submitted - 60,147 (data from the General Inspectorate for Migration of the Republic of Moldova as of 03.06.2024).

Availability of a simplified procedure for obtaining residence documents indicating the duration of the corresponding program: Yes, the Migration Flow Management Program for Asylum and Foreigners Integration 2022-2025 (dated 23.11.2022). Temporary protection status for displaced persons (approved on 18.01.2023). A website has been created for submitting documents for temporary protection: <a href="https://protectietemporara.gov.md/otp/register">https://protectietemporara.gov.md/otp/register</a>; on 28.02.2024, the temporary protection term was extended until 01.03.2025.

Availability of financial assistance programs (categories of citizens to whom it is provided, amounts of assistance, etc.) indicating the duration of the corresponding program: Yes, the Migration Flow Management Program for Asylum and Foreigners Integration 2022-2025.

Availability of housing provision programs indicating the duration of the corresponding program, categories of citizens who are provided with housing: Yes, the Migration Flow Management Program for Asylum and Foreigners Integration 2022-2025.

Availability of compensation programs for housing maintenance costs indicating the duration of the corresponding program: Rent up to €275 is paid.

Availability of social security programs (benefits, payments, etc.) indicating the duration of the corresponding program: On par with Moldovan citizens. Each Ukrainian displaced person receives a monthly allowance of \$120.

Availability of medical provision programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.) indicating the duration of the corresponding program: Yes, for the duration of the temporary protection status.

Availability of employment and job search assistance programs indicating the duration of the corresponding program (need for a permit, simplified procedure, etc.): On par with Moldovan citizens, no permit needed.

Possibility of studying in educational institutions of the host country (free, paid, non-competitive admission, etc.) indicating the duration of the corresponding program: On par with Moldovan citizens.

Availability of language course training programs (conditions): Yes, free of charge.

**Availability of other assistance programs indicating the duration of the corresponding program:** 95 international, governmental, and non-governmental organizations, as well as several smaller organizations.

Availability of support centers for Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number): State and non-state centers for displaced persons.

Issues faced by citizens resolved with the assistance of the Embassy of Ukraine (solving a typical issue/problem faced by a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if any, 1-2 per country): On 04.09.2023, the Commission for Emergency Situations of the Republic of Moldova approved several changes to the conditions for providing temporary protection to persons displaced from Ukraine.

Date of completion: 14.07.2024.

Number of consular actions: 8023 (Embassy in Moldova - 5023, Consulate in Bălți - 3000).

## MONACO Principality of Monaco

Number of Ukrainian citizens who moved to the state after 24.02.2022: 87.

Dynamic of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country since 01.01.2024: 87.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who received temporary protection status or an equivalent status granted by the host country: 87.

Availability of a simplified procedure for obtaining residence documents indicating the duration of the corresponding program: None.

Availability of financial assistance programs (categories of citizens to whom it is provided, amounts of assistance, etc.) indicating the duration of the corresponding program: None.

Availability of housing provision programs indicating the duration of the corresponding program, categories of citizens who are provided with housing: None.

Availability of compensation programs for housing maintenance costs indicating the duration of the corresponding program: None.

Availability of social security programs (benefits, payments, etc.) indicating the duration of the corresponding program: None.

Availability of medical provision programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.) indicating the duration of the corresponding program: None.

Availability of employment and job search assistance programs indicating the duration of the corresponding program (need for a permit, simplified procedure, etc.): Employment is allowed until the end of the temporary protection status.

Possibility of studying in educational institutions of the host country (free, paid, non-competitive admission, etc.) indicating the duration of the corresponding program: Free education in public schools and lyceums, paid in universities.

Availability of language course training programs (conditions): None.

**Availability of other assistance programs indicating the duration of the corresponding program:** None.

Availability of support centers for Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number): None.

Issues faced by citizens resolved with the assistance of the Embassy of Ukraine (solving a typical issue/problem faced by a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if any, 1-2 per country): No issues.

**Date of completion:** 09.05.2024.

Number of consular actions: Data not available.

#### **MONGOLIA**

Number of Ukrainian citizens who moved to the state after 24.02.2022: After 24.02.2022, 40 Ukrainian citizens crossed the Mongolian border. The total number of Ukrainian citizens permanently or temporarily residing in Mongolia is 74.

Dynamic of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country since 01.01.2024: Decrease.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who received temporary protection status or an equivalent status granted by the host country: There are currently no state programs for providing temporary protection to temporarily displaced Ukrainian citizens. Entry and stay requirements remain general.

Availability of a simplified procedure for obtaining residence documents indicating the duration of the corresponding program: None.

Availability of financial assistance programs (categories of citizens to whom it is provided, amounts of assistance, etc.) indicating the duration of the corresponding program: None.

Availability of housing provision programs indicating the duration of the corresponding program, categories of citizens who are provided with housing: None.

Availability of compensation programs for housing maintenance costs indicating the duration of the corresponding program: None.

Availability of social security programs (benefits, payments, etc.) indicating the duration of the corresponding program: None.

Availability of medical provision programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.) indicating the duration of the corresponding program: No special programs, at own expense.

Availability of employment and job search assistance programs indicating the duration of the corresponding program (need for a permit, simplified procedure, etc.): None, on general grounds.

Possibility of studying in educational institutions of the host country (free, paid, non-competitive admission, etc.) indicating the duration of the corresponding program: On a paid basis.

Availability of language course training programs (conditions): At own expense.

Availability of other assistance programs indicating the duration of the corresponding program: None.

Availability of support centers for Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number): In Ulaanbaatar, there is an Honorary Consul of Ukraine, Munkhbat Tumur-Ochir, who

maintains contact with the Embassy of Ukraine in the Republic of Korea and provides advisory assistance to Ukrainian citizens.

Issues faced by citizens resolved with the assistance of the Embassy of Ukraine (solving a typical issue/problem faced by a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if any, 1-2 per country): In June 2024, an official reminder was sent to the Mongolian side regarding the completion of domestic procedures necessary for the entry into force of the Agreement between the Government of Ukraine and the Government of Mongolia on mutual visa waiver.

Date of completion: 15.07.2024.

Number of consular actions: Data not available.

### **NETHERLANDS Kingdom of the Netherlands**

Number of Ukrainian citizens who moved to the state after 24.02.2022: 112,350.

Dynamic of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country since 01.01.2024: Increase.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who received temporary protection status or an equivalent status granted by the host country: 111,000.

Availability of a simplified procedure for obtaining residence documents indicating the duration of the corresponding program: No changes at present.

Availability of financial assistance programs (categories of citizens to whom it is provided, amounts of assistance, etc.) indicating the duration of the corresponding program: Assistance is provided to vulnerable categories of temporarily displaced persons who are not employed. Until the end of the EU Directive period.

Availability of housing provision programs indicating the duration of the corresponding program, categories of citizens who are provided with housing: Places are provided in dormitories or compact living locations for Ukrainians. Until the end of the EU Directive period.

Availability of compensation programs for housing maintenance costs indicating the duration of the corresponding program: None.

Availability of social security programs (benefits, payments, etc.) indicating the duration of the corresponding program: On par with Dutch citizens, Ukrainians who are officially employed can receive financial assistance for childcare. The unemployed can apply for unemployment benefits. In general, Ukrainians are entitled to use all social programs for low-income families in the Netherlands.

Availability of medical provision programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.) indicating the duration of the corresponding program: On general terms with Dutch citizens, without reimbursement of monthly insurance premiums.

Availability of employment and job search assistance programs indicating the duration of the corresponding program (need for a permit, simplified procedure, etc.): None.

Possibility of studying in educational institutions of the host country (free, paid, non-competitive admission, etc.) indicating the duration of the corresponding program: All children aged 4 to 17 must attend local general education schools. Older school-age children are first enrolled in integration classes for intensive Dutch language learning and then transferred to regular classes. General secondary education is free. Vocational and higher education is paid. Dutch universities independently determine whether to provide

preferential conditions for temporarily displaced persons. Currently, the vast majority of universities do not provide preferential conditions (reduced tuition fees) for Ukrainians.

**Availability of language course training programs (conditions):** Annually, the Government allocates funds to municipalities to organize language courses for the integration of newcomers. Most language courses are free or at very low cost. Attending language courses for Ukrainians is not a mandatory condition for staying in the country.

Availability of other assistance programs indicating the duration of the corresponding program: Information not available.

Availability of support centers for Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number): In March 2022, the Rotterdam City Hall opened a permanent socio-cultural center for Ukrainians - the Ukrainian House. Volunteer socio-cultural centers also operate in 5 cities: Zaandam, Barendrecht, Amsterdam, Maastricht, Utrecht.

Issues faced by citizens resolved with the assistance of the Embassy of Ukraine (solving a typical issue/problem faced by a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if any, 1-2 per country): The Embassy is in constant contact with the Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Social Policy and Employment of the Netherlands, regarding improving the conditions for Ukrainian citizens in the country, providing them with informational materials in Ukrainian, ensuring the continuation of education for children of temporarily displaced persons in Ukrainian, etc.

**Date of completion:** 16.07.2024.

**Number of consular actions:** 3,708 as of 01.07.2024.

## **GERMANY Federal Republic of Germany**

Number of Ukrainian citizens who relocated to the country after 24.02.2022, as of 15.06.2024: 1,173,358 people.

**Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country since 01.01.2024:** increase/decrease compared to the beginning of large-scale armed aggression - Competent authorities in the Federal Republic of Germany record a high trend of new asylum seekers from Ukraine arriving in Germany (15-20 thousand people monthly and 6-7 thousand people who are not permanently on the territory of Germany).

Number of Ukrainian citizens who received temporary protection status or an equivalent status granted by the host country: Approximately 1 million people have received temporary protection and residence permits in accordance with §24 of the German Residence Act.

Availability of simplified procedures for obtaining residence documents with the validity period of the relevant program: The Council of the European Union has extended temporary protection for asylum seekers from Ukraine until March 4, 2026. The Council's decision was published in the Official Journal of the EU on July 3, 2024. It is expected that German authorities will extend the validity of temporary residence permits for Ukrainian citizens, which have been in effect since February 1, 2024, until March 4, 2026. Such permits are issued under §24 para. 1 of the "Residence Act for Foreign Nationals" to foreigners who arrived in Germany due to the war in Ukraine. Citizens do not need to visit the competent foreigners' office to extend their permits. Applications for residence permits can be submitted online. Reference information for Ukrainian citizens is available at Germany4Ukraine.

Availability of financial aid programs (categories of citizens receiving aid, amounts of aid, etc.) with the validity period of the relevant program: Able-bodied persons can receive civil assistance (German: Bürgergeld) for themselves and their families from the job center (German: Jobcenter). People with limited ability to work or of retirement age can receive social assistance (German: Sozialhilfe) from the social security office (German: Sozialamt). A necessary condition for receiving civil and social assistance is obtaining a residence permit (German: Aufenthaltserlaubnis).

Ukrainian citizens granted temporary protection status (residence permit) in Germany have the right to receive financial assistance depending on available income, family composition, and other circumstances. Specifically, separated parents receive €502 monthly, adults living together receive €451 per person monthly, unemployed adults under 25 living with parents receive €402, youth aged 14 to 17 receive €420, children aged 6 to 13 receive €348, and children under 5 receive €318.

Additionally, the following may be provided:

• Rent and heating costs based on actual expenses but not exceeding established norms;

- One-time payments for furniture and household appliances when first receiving housing;
- Funds for repairs and replacement of orthopedic devices;
- Money during pregnancy and childbirth;
- Contributions to mandatory health insurance and long-term care insurance.

Social payments cease upon official employment of the citizens. Under certain conditions, one can also claim assistance under the Asylum Seekers Benefits Act (AsylbLG). Additional information is available on the federal portal <u>Germany4Ukraine</u>.

Availability of housing programs with the validity period of the relevant program, categories of citizens provided with housing: On the "Helfende Wände" online platform, refugees from Ukraine can easily find free private housing that meets their needs. In cooperation with the Federal Ministry of the Interior (BMI) and the non-profit company ProjectTogether, the Wunderflats platform also aims to ease the burden on the communities that receive them and allow landlords to quickly and without bureaucracy provide private housing. Details are available at Helfende Wände.

Availability of programs compensating housing maintenance costs with the validity period of the relevant program: The job center (Jobcenter) - if a person is employed - or the social security office (Sozialamt) covers, for example, housing costs and ancillary living expenses within the established limits. In this case, before signing a rental agreement, one should contact the job center or social security office to obtain confirmation of expense reimbursement. Additionally, asylum seekers from Ukraine may be allocated housing from the municipal fund. Formulas for calculating housing payment assistance are laid down in the Wohngeldgesetz (Housing Benefit Act). To clarify the possibilities of obtaining such assistance, one should contact the Wohngeldstelle (Housing Benefit Office) at their place of residence.

Availability of social security programs (benefits, payments, etc.) with the validity period of the relevant program: Ukrainian asylum seekers have direct access to state social services: job centers, medical care, education, housing, etc.

Able-bodied persons can receive civil assistance (German: Bürgergeld) for themselves and their families from the job center (German: Jobcenter). People with limited ability to work or of retirement age can receive social assistance (German: Sozialhilfe) from the social security office (German: Sozialamt). A necessary condition for receiving civil and social assistance is obtaining a residence permit (German: Aufenthaltserlaubnis).

Under certain conditions, one can also claim assistance under the Asylum Seekers Benefits Act (AsylbLG). Detailed information is available on the federal portal <u>Germany4Ukraine</u>.

Availability of medical care programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.) with the validity period of the relevant program: Free. A Federal Contact Center supported by the German Red Cross has been created for Ukrainian asylum seekers with disabilities and/or requiring medical care. More information is available at DRK Wohlstand.

Availability of employment programs and job search assistance with the validity period of the relevant program (necessity to obtain a permit, simplified procedure,

**etc.):** The federal government has introduced a special program for the simplified employment of Ukrainians called "JobTurbo." The embassy and the German government adhere to a coordinated communication line - urging Ukrainians to gain new experience within the framework of temporary integration into the German labor market - with the aim of using this experience in the reconstruction of Ukraine after returning home.

Possibility of studying at educational institutions in the host country (free, on a paid basis, non-competitive admission, etc.) with the validity period of the relevant program: Free. Financial support for educational programs, training, and advanced training can be obtained by applying to the Jobcenter.

**Availability of language course programs (conditions):** Free access to language courses can be obtained by registering with the Jobcenter.

Availability of other assistance programs with the validity period of the relevant program: The Federal Ministry of the Interior has provided asylum seekers from Ukraine who have received residence permits under § 24 of the Residence Act with access to the following courses and services:

- Consultation for adult migrants in Germany (Migrationsberatung für Erwachsene des Bundes, MBE);
- Initial orientation courses for asylum seekers (Erstorientierungskurse für Asylbewerber, EOK);
- The program "Migrant women: strong and independent in everyday life" (Migrantinnen einfach stark im Alltag, MiA courses);
- Integration courses.

Ukrainian temporary protection seekers have access to all courses conducted with the support of the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF). To enroll in integration courses and language courses for work, an application must be submitted to BAMF.

Availability of support centers for Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number): Each federal state in Germany independently organizes the reception, registration, and distribution of refugees. Usually, special reception centers for refugees are opened in large cities. To find a reception center, one can use the search system for the nearest branch of the Office for Migration and Refugees on the website <a href="BAMF-Navi">BAMF</a>. At the "Tegel" reception and distribution center for foreigners (Berlin), asylum seekers can receive social support, register, and after distribution, go to places of shelter in other federal states using free transport.

Issues of citizens resolved with the assistance of the Diplomatic Mission (resolution of a typical issue/problem faced by a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if any, 1-2 per country): General problems: lengthy procedures for issuing temporary residence permits, processing social assistance. Complaints have been received by the Embassy regarding the conditions of detention of Ukrainian citizens (including persons with disabilities) in temporary camps. The diplomatic mission appealed to the relevant authorities of the Federal Republic of Germany to speed up the process of selecting new housing/places of stay (Leipzig, Malteser Notunterkunft, Moskauer Straße 2, Graf-Zeppelin-Ring 15).

**Date of completion:** 01.07.2024.

Number of consular actions: 5163 as of 01.07.2024.

## NORWAY Kingdom of Norway

Number of Ukrainian citizens who moved to the country after 24.02.2022: 79,485.

Change in the number of Ukrainian citizens in the country since 01.01.2024 compared to the start of the large-scale armed aggression: Decrease.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who received temporary protection status or a similar status provided by the host country: 72,883.

Availability of a simplified procedure for obtaining residence documents, including the duration of the relevant program: Temporary collective protection has been extended for another year. The status is renewed automatically.

Availability of financial assistance programs (categories of citizens eligible, amounts of assistance, etc.), including the duration of the relevant program: The amount of financial assistance depends on the family composition. Social assistance is provided to everyone in need. Individuals aged 18 to 55 are required to attend an integration program for which they receive a monthly salary of \$1,600. With this money, they must fully support themselves and pay for housing, but if the amount is insufficient, additional assistance can be requested. The integration program lasts one year, after which the individual takes an exam on the Norwegian language level. If the individual is already working but the income is insufficient to cover housing, utilities, and basic needs, assistance can also be provided, just like any other resident of Norway. Social assistance for those not attending the integration program and not working is \$600, with housing and electricity costs covered by the Norwegian side.

Availability of housing programs, including the duration of the relevant program and categories of citizens eligible for housing: All Ukrainian citizens who apply for temporary collective protection in Norway are allocated to a specific commune where they are provided with housing. Finding a commune usually takes a few months to half a year. During this period, the person stays in a refugee camp where all necessities are provided. After being resettled to a commune, the person is given housing, starts the integration program, and begins receiving social assistance. When the person starts attending the integration program and receiving a salary, they pay for their housing themselves; the Norwegian side provides financial support if the expenses exceed their earnings. If the person refuses the assigned commune, the Norwegian side does not provide any benefits or free housing.

Availability of programs to compensate for housing costs, including the duration of the relevant program: Until the person finds a job, and for individuals over 55 years old throughout the duration of the temporary collective protection.

Availability of social security programs (benefits, payments, etc.), including the duration of the relevant program: Individuals not attending the integration program receive social assistance, the amount of which depends on the number of family members, the presence of children, etc. If the person lives alone, the amount is approximately \$720.

Availability of medical programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.), including the duration of the relevant program: If the annual medical expenses exceed \$200, the amount above this limit is covered by the Norwegian side. Medical care is entirely free for children under 16.

Availability of employment and job search assistance programs, including the duration of the relevant program (need for a permit, simplified procedure, etc.): Employment is allowed from the moment temporary collective protection is obtained. As part of the integration program aimed at language skills acquisition, citizens undergo various types of practice (in kindergartens, supermarkets, nursing homes). After completing the integration program, the Norwegian side sometimes offers additional courses (accounting, security courses, etc.).

Possibility of education in the host country's educational institutions (free, paid, non-competitive admission, etc.), including the duration of the relevant program: There is a possibility of free education in adult schools after passing the necessary exams to obtain a Norwegian school certificate. Education for children in schools is free.

**Availability of language courses (conditions)**: Language courses are part of the integration program, which individuals aged 18 to 55 with temporary collective protection status are required to attend. For those over 55 who do not attend the integration program, there is an opportunity to attend Norwegian language courses for free.

Availability of other assistance programs, including the duration of the relevant program: None.

Availability of support centers for Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number): International and non-governmental organizations - Red Cross, Caritas.

Issues faced by citizens resolved with the assistance of the Embassy (resolution of a typical issue/problem faced by a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if available, 1-2 per country): With the assistance of the Embassy, the Norwegian side decided to extend the use of foreign-registered vehicles for Ukrainian citizens with temporary collective protection in Norway for the duration of the temporary residence permit but no more than four years (previously this period was limited to two years from the moment of arrival in Norway under existing legislation).

Date of completion: 01.07.2024.

**Number of consular actions**: Data not available.

#### NORTH MACEDONIA Republic of North Macedonia

Number of Ukrainian citizens who moved to the country after 24.02.2022: 1,531.

Change in the number of Ukrainian citizens in the country since 01.01.2024 compared to the start of the large-scale armed aggression: Decrease.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who received temporary protection status or a similar status provided by the host country: 351.

Availability of a simplified procedure for obtaining residence documents, including the duration of the relevant program: Available. Ukrainian citizens residing in North Macedonia due to Russia's armed aggression are granted temporary residence status for humanitarian reasons or temporary protection status and issued corresponding temporary residence permits in North Macedonia for up to one year, with the possibility of extension for a year. The procedure takes approximately 3-4 weeks.

Availability of financial assistance programs (categories of citizens eligible, amounts of assistance, etc.), including the duration of the relevant program: None.

Availability of housing programs, including the duration of the relevant program and categories of citizens eligible for housing: None.

Availability of programs to compensate for housing costs, including the duration of the relevant program: None.

Availability of social security programs (benefits, payments, etc.), including the duration of the relevant program: None.

Availability of medical programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.), including the duration of the relevant program: Ukrainian citizens with temporary protection status have the right to free medical care in public health institutions (valid until 08.08.2024, with the possibility of extension for a year).

Availability of employment and job search assistance programs, including the duration of the relevant program (need for a permit, simplified procedure, etc.): Ukrainian citizens with temporary protection status have the right to employment (valid until 08.08.2024, with the possibility of extension for a year).

Possibility of education in the host country's educational institutions (free, paid, non-competitive admission, etc.), including the duration of the relevant program: Ukrainian citizens with temporary residence status for humanitarian reasons or temporary protection status have the right to free primary and secondary education.

Availability of language courses (conditions): There are continuously operating free language courses for Ukrainians with temporary residence status for humanitarian reasons

or temporary protection status, organized by the Red Cross representation in North Macedonia.

Availability of other assistance programs, including the duration of the relevant program: None.

**Availability of support centers for Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number)**: None.

Issues faced by citizens resolved with the assistance of the Embassy (resolution of a typical issue/problem faced by a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if available, 1-2 per country): At the Embassy's initiative, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of North Macedonia submitted a proposal to the Government of North Macedonia to grant temporary protection status to Ukrainian citizens. The proposal was approved by Government Decision No. 41-5707/6 of 25.07.2023, effective from 09.08.2023. This decision grants temporary protection for one year to Ukrainian citizens and their family members, stateless persons and their family members, as well as foreign nationals and their family members with permanent or temporary residence permits in Ukraine or who have been granted asylum or equivalent national protection in Ukraine and cannot return to their country of origin. It applies to individuals who arrived in the Republic of North Macedonia after 24.02.2022 and cannot return to Ukraine due to Russia's large-scale aggression.

**Date of completion**: 10.07.2024.

**Number of consular actions**: 550 consular actions.

# POLAND Republic of Poland

Number of Ukrainian citizens who moved to the country after 24.02.2022: 953,255.

Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the country since 01.01.2024: Increase/Decrease compared to the start of the large-scale military aggression - Stabilization.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who received temporary protection status or a similar status provided by the host country: 953,255.

Availability of simplified procedures for obtaining residence documents with the indicated validity period of the respective program: The temporary protection mechanism, introduced by the EU Council decision in March 2022 initially for one year, has been extended until March 4, 2026. Consequently, the validity of temporary protection certificates issued up to this point will also be extended. Additionally, under the provisions of the "Law on Assistance to Citizens of Ukraine in Connection with the Armed Conflict in the Territory of This Country," the legal period of stay for Ukrainian citizens (and defined family members) has been extended until September 30, 2025. Amendments have also been made to provisions preventing illegal stays of Ukrainian citizens and facilitating the legalization of their stay in Poland. Similarly, until September 30, 2025, the following terms have been extended:

- Legal periods of stay and the validity of national visas for Ukrainian citizens;
- Legal periods of temporary residence permits for Ukrainian citizens;
- Deadlines for leaving Poland for those who legally reside in Poland (under Article 299, Section 6 of the "Law on Foreigners" dated December 12, 2013);
- Deadlines for voluntary return (currently voluntary departure deadlines), indicated in decisions issued to Ukrainian citizens obliging them to return (under Article 315, Section 1 of the "Law on Foreigners");
- Validity periods of legal residence permits, Polish identity documents for foreigners, and "tolerant stay permits" issued to Ukrainian citizens;
- The stay of Ukrainian citizens in Poland is considered legal due to the expiration of the permitted short-term stay (based on a Schengen visa issued by a Polish authority, a visa issued by another Schengen country, a residence permit issued by a competent authority of another Schengen country, or under a visa-free regime);
- Ukrainian citizens are not subject to the requirement regarding the size and quality of business activity conducted if they operate on the basis of registration in CEIDG (Central Register and Information on Economic Activity) in proceedings for granting a temporary residence permit for conducting business activities specified in Article 142, Section 1(3) of the "Law on Foreigners" dated December 12, 2013 (Journal of Laws 2023, item 519, with amendments and supplements);
- Provisions of Article 42a, Section 1 of the "Law on Assistance to Citizens of Ukraine in Connection with the Armed Conflict in the Territory of This Country," which establishes a subsidiary material-legal basis for granting temporary residence permits to Ukrainian citizens, apply;

• Proceedings initiated regarding the obligation of a foreigner to return may not be initiated or may be closed for Ukrainian citizens.

Change in the deadline for submitting a PESEL number application: Amendments to the law established that an application for a PESEL number for a Ukrainian citizen legally residing in Poland (under Article 2, Section 1) must be submitted immediately upon arrival in Poland. Before these amendments, this period was 30 days.

Temporary residence permit for Ukrainian citizens under temporary protection: From April 1, 2023, Ukrainian citizens with a PESEL number and UKR status can apply for temporary residence permits for employment or business activities. This is optional and addressed to those who feel confident in the Polish labor market and wish to waive temporary protection. The described amendment expands this catalog and allows the submission of temporary residence permit applications:

- For family members of a Polish citizen for the spouse of a Polish citizen and the minor child of the spouse of a Polish citizen (Article 158, Section 2 of the "Law on Foreigners");
- For family reunification (Article 159(1) of the "Law on Foreigners").

**Residence permit for individuals under temporary protection:** The law introduces a new method for further legalizing the stay of Ukrainian citizens under temporary protection. A residence permit for 3 years can be obtained by individuals who meet the following conditions:

- They had UKR status as of March 4, 2024;
- They have UKR status on the day of submitting the residence permit application;
- They have had continuous UKR status for at least 365 days.

The residence permit application will be submitted only electronically through an online service provided by the Head of the Office for Foreigners using a special form (as indicated in the relevant order). Provisions regarding this process will take effect only with the launch of the online service. Detailed information about this process will be available before the launch of the online service, which is scheduled for next year. The described changes were introduced by the law "On Amendments to the Law 'On Assistance to Citizens of Ukraine in Connection with the Armed Conflict in the Territory of This Country," dated May 15, 2024, and some other laws (Journal of Laws, item 854).

The law aligns with the extension of temporary protection by the Council of the European Union (Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2023/409 dated October 19, 2023), introduced by Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/382 dated March 4, 2022, establishing a mass influx of displaced persons from Ukraine.

Availability of cash assistance programs (categories of citizens eligible, amounts of assistance, etc.) with the indicated duration of the respective program: From the start of the war, Ukrainian citizens have had the opportunity to obtain a PESEL number with the UKR mark, which entitles them to receive all social services on par with Polish citizens. Families with children can expect child-rearing assistance of 800 PLN (187.63 EUR) per month per child.

#### Social benefits for Ukrainian citizens:

- Childcare allowance from 1 to 3 years old (RKO) Family Capital of Guardianship;
- Financial assistance 400 Plus for financing children's stays in nurseries;
- Family allowance (Zasiłek rodzinny);
- Assistance for single-parent child-rearing;
- "Good Start" program support for all students starting the school year;
- Child-rearing allowance for large families;
- Additional assistance 500+ for people unable to live independently (Świadczenie uzupełniające 500+ dla osób niezdolnych do samodzielnej egzystencji);
- Child allowance under the "Family 800+" program of 800 PLN (87.63 EUR) for Ukrainian children (applies to children who have reached 7 years of age) is available only to children attending school.

Availability of housing programs with the indicated duration of the respective program, categories of citizens eligible for housing: Collective housing centers for Ukrainian citizens operate in Poland.

Availability of programs to compensate for housing maintenance costs with the indicated duration of the respective program: These programs are implemented at the local level, including support from international organizations (HABITAT, Red Cross).

Availability of social security programs (benefits, payments, etc.) with the indicated duration of the respective program: As mentioned in the "Availability of cash assistance programs" section.

Availability of healthcare programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.) with the indicated duration of the respective program: Ukrainian citizens who arrived in Poland after 24.02.2022 have access to the Polish healthcare system on par with Polish citizens. Poland provides Ukrainian citizens with free access to medical care at various levels: primary healthcare, visits to family doctors, emergency medical services, outpatient specialist care, diagnostic studies (with a referral from a doctor), inpatient treatment, psychiatric treatment, rehabilitation (excluding spas), dental services, access to reimbursed medicines. Cancer patients have the opportunity to continue treatment in Poland. To continue treatment, they need to call the National Health Fund hotline. Poland plays a strategic role in receiving wounded military personnel from Ukraine and transiting them to other countries. Ukrainian citizens have access to the Polish healthcare system on par with Polish citizens, without additional insurance or payment, during the period of temporary protection.

Availability of employment programs and assistance in finding a job with the indicated duration of the respective program (need for a permit, simplified procedure, etc.): The Ministry of Family and Social Policy of the Republic of Poland has created the electronic site pracawpolsce.gov.pl to help Ukrainian citizens who wish to work in Poland. To find employment in Poland, a Ukrainian citizen can also use the free assistance of the county employment office (340 offices) or the voivodeship labor market department (16 departments), which includes support in job search, employment, and providing professional orientation consultations. Ukrainian citizens also have the opportunity to independently use the central job vacancy database (http://oferty.praca.gov.pl).

Possibility of education in the host country's educational institutions (free, paid, non-competitive admission, etc.), including the duration of the relevant program: Schools. According to the legislation of the Republic of Poland, children from Ukraine can be admitted to educational institutions in the Republic of Poland based on their parents' applications. Education in such schools is conducted exclusively within the Polish education system. Children aged 7-18 have the right to free education in Polish schools. To facilitate communication with Ukrainian citizens regarding education, the Polish government has created an information chatbot for school enrollment and higher education admission, as well as special information lines. According to the current legislation of the Republic of Poland, Ukrainian citizens can be employed as school teachers provided they confirm their qualifications.

*Universities*. According to amendments to Polish legislation, Ukrainian students who were forced to interrupt their studies at Ukrainian higher education institutions and crossed the Ukrainian border with the EU from 24.02.2022, can be admitted to Polish universities. Education in public institutions in the full-time form in Polish is free for all students from Ukraine who were students at Ukrainian educational institutions at the start of the war on February 24, crossed the border with the EU from February 24, and can confirm both facts (e.g., by showing their student ID and a stamp in their passport). Ukrainian citizens who crossed the border from 24.02.2022, may also receive social scholarships or scholarships for special achievements in studies, provided they meet the scholarship requirements.

**Teachers.** Teachers from Ukrainian universities who were working at a university in Ukraine as of 24.02.2022, can be employed at Polish universities. Ukrainian teachers can be employed without a competition in Polish higher education institutions, provided they have the necessary academic degree and qualifications for the position.

**Researchers.** For researchers with the appropriate education, academic degree, or artistic degree or professor degree, there is an opportunity for employment in scientific departments, research institutions, and research institutes without a competition.

**Availability of language course programs (conditions) -** Yes, a large number. From free to paid.

**Availability of other assistance programs, including the duration of the relevant program -** Assistance is provided by numerous international organizations (UNICEF, UNHCR), and non-governmental organizations.

Availability of support centers for Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number) - Yes. Support centers for Ukrainian citizens and reception centers operate throughout the country. However, given the lack of a mass influx of Ukrainian citizens, the number is limited.

Problematic issues for citizens resolved with the assistance of Ukrainian diplomatic representatives (resolution of typical issues/problems faced by a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if applicable, 1-2 per country) -

1. De-institutionalization of facilities where orphaned children and children deprived of parental care lived in numbers greater than 400. Relocation of children with Ukrainian

- accompanying persons to family-type homes. This project is being implemented with the support of EU institutions, the US State Department, and in cooperation with Polish authorities.
- 2. Relocation of large collective accommodation centers for Ukrainian citizens (where several thousand Ukrainian citizens lived).
- 3. At the intergovernmental level, in 2023, regulations were approved for the exit of minor Ukrainian citizens from the Ukrainian care system outside of Poland (provided that a legal guardian's consent is required for the group's exit, not the Polish family court), procedures for handling unplanned exits of minors from the Ukrainian care system outside of Poland (provided that a legal representative's consent is required for the group's exit, not the Polish family court), and procedures for transferring minor Ukrainian citizens from the Ukrainian care system with temporary guardians within Poland.
- 4. After the start of Russia's military aggression, consular institutions in the Republic of Poland initially handled a record number of consular actions, processing hundreds of thousands of citizens. In addition to receiving citizens, consular representatives faced new challenges and non-standard tasks reception centers, evacuated children, passport extensions, adding information about children to parents' passports, and establishing cooperation with international organizations assisting temporarily displaced persons from Ukraine.

Date of completion - July 11, 2024.

**Number of consular actions -** As of July 11, 2024, the Embassy in Poland: 18,466, Consulate in Gdańsk: 17,330, Consulate in Wrocław: 16,749, Consulate in Kraków: 15,577, Consulate in Lublin: 6,556. Total: 74,678.

## PORTUGAL Portuguese Republic

Number of Ukrainian citizens who moved to the country after 24.02.2022 - 60,000.

Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country since January 1, 2024: increase/decrease compared to the start of the large-scale armed aggression - Decrease.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who received temporary protection status or an equivalent status granted by the host country - All 60,000 persons received it, although a certain number (up to 2,500 people) have moved to other countries and/or returned to Ukraine.

Availability of simplified procedures for obtaining residence documents, including the duration of the relevant program - Data unavailable.

Availability of cash assistance programs (categories of citizens eligible, amount of assistance, etc.) including the duration of the relevant program - Yes, temporary protection holders from Ukraine receive benefits and assistance, depending on employment/number of working/non-working family members/children in support, on par with Portuguese citizens and other foreigners residing in the country. Amounts and calculation systems vary; more information is available through Social Integration Income / Family Benefit for Children and Young People.

Availability of housing assistance programs, including the duration of the relevant program and categories of citizens eligible for housing - As of today, most assistance programs have already concluded; currently, several refugee reception centers still operate, but no new families are being settled there (lack of available places). The national housing support program Porta de Entrada for families with financial difficulties and/or young families (with established criteria for receiving government assistance) is in place and can be used by Ukrainian citizens under general conditions.

Availability of housing cost reimbursement programs, including the duration of the relevant program - As of today, most assistance programs have already concluded; currently, several refugee reception centers still operate, but no new families are being settled there (lack of available places). The national housing support program Porta de Entrada for families with financial difficulties and/or young families (with established criteria for receiving government assistance) is in place and can be used by Ukrainian citizens under general conditions.

Availability of social security programs (benefits, payments, etc.) including the duration of the relevant program - Yes, temporary protection holders from Ukraine receive benefits and assistance, depending on employment/number of working/non-working family members/children in support, on par with Portuguese citizens and other foreigners residing in the country. Amounts and calculation systems vary; more information is available through Social Integration Income / Family Benefit for Children and Young People.

Availability of healthcare programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.) including the duration of the relevant program - Yes, access to free state healthcare. All Ukrainian citizens and temporary protection holders from Ukraine have equal access to all free services in the country, on par with Portuguese citizens.

Availability of employment programs and job search assistance, including the duration of the relevant program (need for permits, simplified procedures, etc.) - Yes, subject to registration at the Employment Center.

Possibility of education in the host country's educational institutions (free, paid, non-competitive admission, etc.), including the duration of the relevant program - Yes, access to free state education in schools and higher education institutions. All Ukrainian citizens and temporary protection holders from Ukraine use free services in the country on par with Portuguese citizens.

**Availability of language course programs (conditions) -** Yes. Language courses are organized by Employment Centers, municipalities, schools, and universities.

**Availability of other assistance programs including the duration of the relevant program -** Typically, such assistance is organized by each municipal authority and varies; it may include additional financial assistance, social marketing, food supplies, cultural and recreational activities for children, etc.

Availability of support centers for Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number) - Yes, centers for the integration of foreigners operate throughout the country.

Problematic issues for citizens resolved with the assistance of Ukrainian diplomatic representatives (resolution of typical issues/problems faced by a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if applicable, 1-2 per country) - Prolonged processes for formalizing residence in the country. Temporary protection certificates are issued in paper A4 format, with many Ukrainians legalizing through work contracts and obtaining plastic residence permits. Uncertainty regarding vehicle registration. Many Ukrainian children are still not attending Portuguese educational institutions and continue their studies online in Ukrainian institutions, which raises significant concerns for the Portuguese side.

Date of completion - July 10, 2024.

**Number of consular actions -** As of July 1, 2024, 6,823 consular actions.

#### **ROMANIA**

Number of Ukrainian citizens who have moved to the country after 24.02.2022: 4,669,130.

Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country since 01.01.2024: Decrease compared to the beginning of the large-scale armed aggression.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who have received temporary protection status or an equivalent status provided by the host country: 169,645.

Availability of a simplified procedure for obtaining residence documents, including the validity period of the relevant program: Temporary protection status is granted according to a Romanian government decree. Validity period: until 04.03.2025.

Availability of financial aid programs (categories of citizens receiving aid, amounts of aid, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: Financial aid will be provided until 30 June 2024 as follows:

- For the first 4 consecutive months:
  - o 2000 RON per month per family for living expenses;
  - o 750 RON per month for an individual for living expenses;
  - o 600 RON per month per person for food expenses.
- From the 5th month until 30 June 2024:
  - o 2000 RON per month per family for expenses;
  - o 750 RON per month for an individual for expenses.

Availability of housing assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program and categories of citizens receiving housing: None.

Availability of housing cost compensation programs, including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of social welfare programs (benefits, payments, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of medical care programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: In public medical institutions, services are provided free of charge to Ukrainian citizens.

Availability of employment and job search assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program (need for permits, simplified procedures, etc.): Persons with refugee status have the opportunity to work on equal terms with Romanian citizens.

Possibility of education in the host country's educational institutions (free, paid, non-competitive admission, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: Children of temporary protection holders have the right to free education in preschool and

secondary educational institutions. Additionally, some higher education institutions offer preferential places for children from Ukraine.

**Availability of language course programs (conditions):** Yes. Language courses are organized by the Employment Center, Red Cross, etc.

Availability of other assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of centers supporting Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number): Non-governmental organizations organize hubs in cities with compact Ukrainian populations. ROMEXPO is one such hub, which brings together structures providing aid to temporary protection holders (services: social, migration, education, employment, etc.).

Problems resolved with the assistance of the Ukrainian diplomatic mission (typical issues/problems affecting a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if any, 1-2 per country): None.

Date of completion: 10.07.2024.

Number of consular actions: 2,275 consular actions for the first half of 2024.

### SAN MARINO Republic of San Marino

Number of Ukrainian citizens who have moved to the country after 24.02.2022: 400.

Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country since 01.01.2024: Decrease compared to the beginning of the large-scale armed aggression.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who have received temporary protection status or an equivalent status provided by the host country: 120.

Availability of a simplified procedure for obtaining residence documents, including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of financial aid programs (categories of citizens receiving aid, amounts of aid, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of housing assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program and categories of citizens receiving housing: None.

Availability of housing cost compensation programs, including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of social welfare programs (benefits, payments, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: The government has opened an account to which individuals can send funds to support Ukrainian citizens.

Availability of medical care programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of employment and job search assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program (need for permits, simplified procedures, etc.): Citizens with temporary protection have the right to work. Job search is carried out independently.

Possibility of education in the host country's educational institutions (free, paid, non-competitive admission, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: On the same terms as San Marino citizens.

**Availability of language course programs (conditions):** None.

Availability of other assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of centers supporting Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number): None.

Problems resolved with the assistance of the Ukrainian diplomatic mission (typical issues/problems affecting a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if any, 1-2 per country): None.

**Date of completion:** 16.07.2024.

Number of consular actions: Data not available.

#### **SERBIA**

Number of Ukrainian citizens who have moved to the country after 24.02.2022: 7,924.

Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country since 01.01.2024: Increase compared to the beginning of the large-scale armed aggression.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who have received temporary protection status or an equivalent status provided by the host country: 2,571.

Availability of a simplified procedure for obtaining residence documents, including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of financial aid programs (categories of citizens receiving aid, amounts of aid, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of housing assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program and categories of citizens receiving housing: Citizens with temporary protection can choose to stay in a Refugee Center until the end of their temporary protection period. Others find and pay for housing independently.

Availability of housing cost compensation programs, including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of social welfare programs (benefits, payments, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of medical care programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: None (emergency medical care is provided free of charge to those with temporary protection status).

Availability of employment and job search assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program (need for permits, simplified procedures, etc.): Citizens with temporary protection can obtain a work permit free of charge.

Possibility of education in the host country's educational institutions (free, paid, non-competitive admission, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: No specific programs, but public schools providing education in Serbian are free for all citizens, including foreigners.

Availability of language course programs (conditions): None.

Availability of other assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

**Availability of centers supporting Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number):** None from the government. Non-governmental organizations provide temporary support to displaced persons from Ukraine, depending on available funding.

Problems resolved with the assistance of the Ukrainian diplomatic mission (typical issues/problems affecting a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if any, 1-2 per country): Issuance of travel documents.

**Date of completion:** 16.07.2024.

Number of consular actions: 655 consular actions.

## SLOVAKIA Slovak Republic

Number of Ukrainian citizens who have moved to the country after 24.02.2022: As of 07.07.2024, 2,303,850 Ukrainian citizens have entered the Slovak Republic from Ukraine (data from the Slovak Migration Service).

Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country since 01.01.2024: Increase compared to the beginning of the large-scale armed aggression.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who have received temporary protection status or an equivalent status provided by the host country: 148,133 (as of 07.07.2024).

Availability of a simplified procedure for obtaining residence documents, including the validity period of the relevant program: Government Decree of the Slovak Republic No. 185/2022 on the provision of temporary protection in accordance with Council (EU) Implementation Decision 2022/382 dated March 4, 2022. Temporary protection in Slovakia is provided until March 4, 2025. There is no information on whether the Slovak side will extend the simplified procedure for obtaining temporary protection status until 2026.

Availability of financial aid programs (categories of citizens receiving aid, amounts of aid, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: In Slovakia, Ukrainian citizens who have received temporary protection are entitled to the following state financial aid:

- €74.00 per month for an individual;
- $\in$ 140.70 per month for an individual with one child (up to four children);
- €128.60 per month for a couple without children;
- $\in$ 192.40 per month for a couple with one child (up to four children);
- €205.50 per month for an individual with more than four children;
- €259.40 per month for a couple with more than four children.

Availability of housing assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program and categories of citizens receiving housing: Under certain conditions, assistance can also be claimed according to the Asylum Seekers Social Assistance Act (AsylbLG).

Availability of housing cost compensation programs, including the validity period of the relevant program: As of 01.07.2024, changes to Act No. 480/2002 on the Status of Refugees and Amendments to Some Laws have come into effect. These changes modify certain procedures for granting refugee status and additional protection, reducing the housing cost compensation period to 120 days for non-vulnerable categories of persons requiring additional protection.

Availability of social welfare programs (benefits, payments, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: No specific government programs for Ukrainian citizens with temporary protection status in Slovakia.

Availability of medical care programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: Since January 1, 2023, the Ministry of Health has adjusted the scope of medical care for children and adolescents from birth to 18 years + 364 days who have been granted temporary protection in Slovakia due to the ongoing armed conflict in Ukraine. The healthcare and medical insurance coverage since January 1, 2023, includes the same scope of medical care as state medical insurance, covering preventive examinations, emergency medical care, medical procedures, and spa treatments (§ 2, § 3, and § 7 of Act No. 577/2004 on the Scope of Medical Care Covered by State Medical Insurance and Payment for Medical Services). Since September 1, 2023, the Ministry of Health of the Slovak Republic adjusts the scope of medical care for adults granted temporary protection in Slovakia due to the ongoing armed conflict in Ukraine. State medical insurance is provided from September 1, 2023, covering preventive examinations, emergency medical care, and medical procedures (§ 2 and § 3 of Act No. 577/2004 on Medical Care Covered by State Medical Insurance and Payment for Services Related to the Provision of Medical Care).

Availability of employment and job search assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program (need for permits, simplified procedures, etc.): Employment for Ukrainian citizens with temporary protection status in Slovakia is facilitated through a simplified procedure without the need for relevant permits as per the current Slovak legislation.

Possibility of education in the host country's educational institutions (free, paid, non-competitive admission, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: On general terms. For Ukrainian citizens with temporary protection status, the right to receive preschool/school education for minor citizens of this category is provided free of charge. Higher education is provided free of charge only for the first year of study.

**Availability of language course programs (conditions):** Available through specific international and non-governmental organization programs.

Availability of other assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of centers supporting Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number): Three main centers for assisting Ukrainians (Bratislava, Trebišov, Košice).

Problems resolved with the assistance of the Ukrainian diplomatic mission (typical issues/problems affecting a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if any, 1-2 per country): Documents issued by competent Slovak authorities confirming temporary protection status ("POTVRDENIE O UDELENÍ TOLEROVANÉHO POBYTU NA ÚZEMÍ SLOVENSKEJ REPUBLIKY" (temporary refuge)) are not recognized by some EU countries as valid for stays in the European Union exceeding 90 days, as they are not included in Annex 22 of the Schengen Handbook: Practical Handbook for Border Guards (Schengen Handbook).

Date of completion: 10.07.2024.

Number of consular actions: Data not available.

### SLOVENIA Republic of Slovenia

Number of Ukrainian citizens who have moved to the country after 24.02.2022: 11,000 according to the Migration Directorate of the Slovenian Ministry of the Interior.

Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country since 01.01.2024: Decrease compared to the beginning of the large-scale armed aggression.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who have received temporary protection status or an equivalent status provided by the host country: 10,588 according to the Migration Directorate of the Slovenian Ministry of the Interior.

Availability of a simplified procedure for obtaining residence documents, including the validity period of the relevant program: Temporary protection is granted until 04.03.2025. It is expected that the Government of Slovenia will implement the EU Council decision to extend temporary protection until 04.03.2026.

Availability of financial aid programs (categories of citizens receiving aid, amounts of aid, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: Assistance is provided to citizens until 04.03.2025 who do not reside in accommodation and do not have income, based on a minimum subsistence level of  $\{0.465:$ 

- 100% for the first adult or applicant;
- 70% for each additional adult in the family;
- 30% for a child under 18 years old;
- 100% for an unaccompanied minor child.

Availability of housing assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program and categories of citizens receiving housing: Citizens with temporary protection live in shelters and housing provided by Slovenia.

Availability of housing cost compensation programs, including the validity period of the relevant program: Slovenia provides rental assistance for low-income individuals, calculated at €465 per adult. Compensation is provided for up to 6 months, with further review and renewal of payments.

Availability of social welfare programs (benefits, payments, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: Citizens with temporary protection receive benefits for childcare, including free preschool and school meals.

Availability of medical care programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: During the validity of temporary protection, citizens have access to state-mandatory health insurance for medical services.

Availability of employment and job search assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program (need for permits, simplified procedures, etc.): Citizens with temporary protection have the right to work. Job search is conducted independently.

Possibility of education in the host country's educational institutions (free, paid, non-competitive admission, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: Citizens with temporary protection receive free higher education.

**Availability of language course programs (conditions):** Free Slovenian language courses are available for individuals with temporary protection.

Availability of other assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of centers supporting Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number): 2.

Problems resolved with the assistance of the Ukrainian diplomatic mission (typical issues/problems affecting a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if any, 1-2 per country): No major problems have been reported, but the temporary protection document (laminated card) is not recognized by some EU countries, notably Germany, for travel to other EU countries beyond 90 days of stay.

**Date of completion:** 15.07.2024.

**Number of consular actions:** As of 15.07.2024, 3,629 consular actions.

#### USA United States of America

Number of Ukrainian citizens who have moved to the country after 24.02.2022: 228,788 (number of citizens who entered under the U4U program and humanitarian parole; excluding the number of Ukrainians who entered the USA on visas, as the American side does not keep such statistics).

Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country since 01.01.2024: Increase compared to the beginning of the large-scale armed aggression (the monthly increase in newly arrived Ukrainian citizens under the U4U program currently stands at 7,000-8,000 individuals).

Number of Ukrainian citizens who have received temporary protection status or an equivalent status provided by the host country: 288,000 (Temporary Protected Status and humanitarian parole).

Availability of a simplified procedure for obtaining residence documents, including the validity period of the relevant program:

- 1. "Uniting for Ukraine" (U4U) Program Simplified procedure for Ukrainian citizens to obtain permission to enter and stay in the USA for 2 years with the right to work and receive certain social benefits, with the possibility of extension for another 2 years (this permission is granted at the request of the host party; the entire procedure is conducted online). The program has been in effect since 25.04.2022, with no specific end date, until further notice from the U.S. President.
- 2. **Temporary Protected Status (TPS)** Permission to stay in the USA with the right to work (for Ukrainian citizens, valid until 19.04.2025). Granted to Ukrainian citizens who were in the USA on non-immigrant visas or humanitarian parole as of 16.08.2023. TPS does not provide for one-time or periodic social payments, medical or social insurance, or housing rent assistance.

Availability of financial aid programs (categories of citizens receiving aid, amounts of aid, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: Available (for Ukrainian citizens having humanitarian parole status).

- 1. **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)** Designed for low-income families with at least one minor child (both parents are unemployed or working part-time with low income). The amount of financial assistance varies by state (average amount \$400 per family).
- 2. **Supplemental Security Income (SSI)** Provided to individuals without sources of income or means of subsistence, as well as persons with disabilities and elderly persons (65 years and older). Monthly payments depend on the applicant's living situation, available assets, and income level.

These programs remain available as long as the recipient maintains humanitarian parole status and the circumstances qualifying them for assistance remain unchanged.

Availability of housing assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program and categories of citizens receiving housing: None.

Availability of housing cost compensation programs, including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of social welfare programs (benefits, payments, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (for Ukrainian citizens with humanitarian parole). Families receiving this assistance are issued special debit cards with monthly funds allocated for purchasing specified categories of food products.

Availability of medical care programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: free medical insurance Medicaid (for Ukrainian citizens with humanitarian parole).

Availability of employment and job search assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program (need for permits, simplified procedures, etc.): Ukrainian citizens with humanitarian parole or TPS are granted the right to obtain work permits (upon personal request) within the validity period of their legal status. The issuance of initial work permits for these categories of citizens is free of charge.

Possibility of education in the host country's educational institutions (free, paid, non-competitive admission, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: Ukrainian children are entitled to free education in public secondary schools on the same terms as U.S. citizens and other residents.

**Availability of language course programs (conditions):** Free English language courses organized by the Office of Refugee Resettlement of the U.S. Administration for Children and Families.

Availability of other assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

**Availability of centers supporting Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number):** Territorial units of the Office of Refugee Resettlement of the U.S. Administration for Children and Families; branches of the non-governmental organization Church World Service.

Problems resolved with the assistance of the Ukrainian diplomatic mission (typical issues/problems affecting a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if any, 1-2 per country): The most significant issue is housing provision, especially for those citizens whom the host party refuses to continue supporting under the U4U program. For the most vulnerable categories of citizens (large families, single mothers, people with disabilities, elderly individuals), assistance in finding temporary housing has been provided through the Office of Refugee Resettlement, Church World Service, and local Ukrainian community organizations.

**Date of completion:** 10.07.2024.

Number of consular actions: 22,265 (all Ukrainian diplomatic missions in the USA).

### TAJIKISTAN Republic of Tajikistan

Number of Ukrainian citizens who have moved to the country after 24.02.2022: 30.

Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country since 01.01.2024: Decrease compared to the beginning of the large-scale armed aggression.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who have received temporary protection status or an equivalent status provided by the host country: There are no "temporary protection" programs for foreigners in Tajikistan.

Availability of a simplified procedure for obtaining residence documents, including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of financial aid programs (categories of citizens receiving aid, amounts of aid, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of housing assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program and categories of citizens receiving housing: None.

Availability of housing cost compensation programs, including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of social welfare programs (benefits, payments, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of medical care programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of employment and job search assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program (need for permits, simplified procedures, etc.): None.

Possibility of education in the host country's educational institutions (free, paid, non-competitive admission, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of language course programs (conditions): None.

Availability of other assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

**Availability of centers supporting Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number):** None.

Problems resolved with the assistance of the Ukrainian diplomatic mission (typical issues/problems affecting a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if any, 1-2 per country): Extension of the legal stay of Ukrainian citizens in Tajikistan without fines.

**Date of completion:** 09.05.2024.

Number of consular actions: Data unavailable.

### TURKEY Republic of Türkiye

Number of Ukrainian citizens who have moved to the country after 24.02.2022: 65,490.

Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country since 01.01.2024: Decrease compared to the beginning of the large-scale armed aggression.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who have received temporary protection status or an equivalent status provided by the host country: 7,000.

Availability of a simplified procedure for obtaining residence documents, including the validity period of the relevant program: In the Turkish Republic's Migration Service, International Protection status can be obtained free of charge for 1 year. If obtaining International Protection status for the first time, certain medical services in Turkish state hospitals may be provided free of charge.

Availability of financial aid programs (categories of citizens receiving aid, amounts of aid, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of housing assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program and categories of citizens receiving housing: None.

Availability of housing cost compensation programs, including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of social welfare programs (benefits, payments, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of medical care programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of employment and job search assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program (need for permits, simplified procedures, etc.): Employment is permitted until the expiration of temporary protection status.

Possibility of education in the host country's educational institutions (free, paid, non-competitive admission, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: Free education in public schools and lyceums; university education is on a paid basis.

Availability of language course programs (conditions): None.

Availability of other assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

**Availability of centers supporting Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number):** None.

Problems resolved with the assistance of the Ukrainian diplomatic mission (typical issues/problems affecting a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if any, 1-2 per country): In March 2022, Turkey introduced a simplified/exclusive entry-exit and residence procedure for Ukrainian citizens and extended the visa-free stay period to 180 days without fines for exceeding it. However, starting from 15.03.2024, Turkey abolished the exclusive procedure and restored the general rules for the entry and stay of Ukrainian citizens in Turkey.

Date of completion: 10.07.2024.

Number of consular actions: Data unavailable.

#### **TURKMENTISTAN**

Number of Ukrainian citizens who have moved to the country after 24.02.2022: After February 24, 2024, about 120 Ukrainian citizens crossed the state border of Turkmenistan. According to the Migration Service of Turkmenistan, there are 345 Ukrainian citizens in the country.

Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country since 01.01.2024: Decrease compared to the beginning of the large-scale armed aggression.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who have received temporary protection status or an equivalent status provided by the host country: 0 (status is not provided).

Availability of a simplified procedure for obtaining residence documents, including the validity period of the relevant program: Due to Turkmenistan's constitutionally enshrined permanent neutrality, the Government of Turkmenistan has not made a decision regarding the acceptance of temporarily displaced persons from Ukraine.

Availability of financial aid programs (categories of citizens receiving aid, amounts of aid, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of housing assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program and categories of citizens receiving housing: None.

Availability of housing cost compensation programs, including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of social welfare programs (benefits, payments, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of medical care programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: None, medical services for foreigners are provided on a paid basis.

Availability of employment and job search assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program (need for permits, simplified procedures, etc.): Turkmenistan has restrictions on employment for foreigners (each enterprise, regardless of ownership form, must maintain a ratio of 9 local employees to 1 foreign employee).

Possibility of education in the host country's educational institutions (free, paid, non-competitive admission, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: Education in schools and kindergartens is free of charge.

Availability of language course programs (conditions): None.

Availability of other assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

**Availability of centers supporting Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number):** None.

Problems resolved with the assistance of the Ukrainian diplomatic mission (typical issues/problems affecting a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if any, 1-2 per country): The embassy continuously provides necessary assistance in extending visas and residence permits for Ukrainian citizens who are unable to return to Ukraine due to the armed aggression by Russia.

Date of completion: 10.07.2024.

Number of consular actions: 404.

#### **HUNGARY**

Number of Ukrainian citizens who have moved to the country after 24.02.2022: 90,000, including 37,500 Ukrainian citizens who have received temporary protection status and an estimated 50,000 Ukrainian citizens holding Hungarian passports, i.e., individuals with dual citizenship. Hungarian authorities consider these individuals exclusively as Hungarian citizens, and the Embassy does not receive information about them.

Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country since 01.01.2024: Increase compared to the beginning of the large-scale armed aggression.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who have received temporary protection status or an equivalent status provided by the host country: 37,650.

Availability of a simplified procedure for obtaining residence documents, including the validity period of the relevant program: A simplified procedure for obtaining temporary protection in Hungary is in effect until 04.03.2025 for persons leaving Ukraine after 24.02.2022. Currently, there is no official information about an extension of this term until 2026.

Availability of financial aid programs (categories of citizens receiving aid, amounts of aid, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: Until 04.03.2025, a one-time payment of 22,800 HUF (60 EUR) is provided to adults and 13,700 HUF (35 EUR) to children. Pensioners, people with disabilities, and women with children under 3 years old receive 22,800 HUF monthly. Aid for children under 18 is also paid monthly in the amount of 13,700 HUF.

Availability of housing assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program and categories of citizens receiving housing: Data unavailable.

Availability of housing cost compensation programs, including the validity period of the relevant program: Data unavailable.

Availability of social welfare programs (benefits, payments, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: Until 04.03.2025, a one-time payment of 22,800 HUF (60 EUR) is provided to adults and 13,700 HUF (35 EUR) to children. Pensioners over 65 years old, people with disabilities, and women with children under 3 years old receive 22,800 HUF monthly. Aid for children under 18 is also paid monthly in the amount of 13,700 HUF.

Availability of medical care programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: Until 04.03.2025, medical care for holders of temporary protection status in Hungary is free of charge.

Availability of employment and job search assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program (need for permits, simplified procedures, etc.): Until 04.03.2025, Ukrainians are provided with a list of job vacancies. Typically, these are unskilled jobs in construction, factories, etc.

Possibility of education in the host country's educational institutions (free, paid, non-competitive admission, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: Until 04.03.2025, public nurseries, kindergartens, and schools are free for Ukrainian holders of temporary protection status.

**Availability of language course programs (conditions):** Language courses are available, conducted by Ukrainian diaspora representatives on a voluntary basis. There are no government programs for learning Hungarian for Ukrainians.

Availability of other assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of centers supporting Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number): 2.

Problems resolved with the assistance of the Ukrainian diplomatic mission (typical issues/problems affecting a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if any, 1-2 per country): Generally, Ukrainian citizens do not speak Hungarian and have limited English proficiency, leading to numerous issues with various institutions (medical facilities, immigration services, other government agencies). Additionally, there is a problem with increasing criminal activity among Ukrainians, such as illegal migrant transportation and fraud (e.g., large-scale ATM cash withdrawals). On 08.05.2024, 13 Ukrainian men were detained for fraud.

**Date of completion:** 10.07.2024.

Number of consular actions: Data unavailable.

#### UZBEKISTAN Republic of Uzbekistan

Number of Ukrainian citizens who have moved to the country after 24.02.2022: After 24.02.2022, approximately 3,500 Ukrainian citizens crossed the border, according to Uzbek authorities. As of December 2023, there are about 11,000 Ukrainian citizens temporarily residing in Uzbekistan.

Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country since 01.01.2024: Decrease compared to the beginning of the large-scale armed aggression.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who have received temporary protection status or an equivalent status provided by the host country: 0 (status is not provided).

Availability of a simplified procedure for obtaining residence documents, including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of financial aid programs (categories of citizens receiving aid, amounts of aid, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of housing assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program and categories of citizens receiving housing: None.

Availability of housing cost compensation programs, including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of social welfare programs (benefits, payments, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of medical care programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: None; medical care is free of charge.

Availability of employment and job search assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program (need for permits, simplified procedures, etc.): None.

Possibility of education in the host country's educational institutions (free, paid, non-competitive admission, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: Education in public preschools and schools is free of charge.

Availability of language course programs (conditions): None.

Availability of other assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

**Availability of centers supporting Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number):** None.

Problems resolved with the assistance of the Ukrainian diplomatic mission (typical issues/problems affecting a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host

**country**) (**if any, 1-2 per country**): The embassy has addressed issues related to border crossing permits for Ukrainian citizens with expired or missing documents. Permits are granted based on embassy notes on a case-by-case basis.

**Date of completion:** 15.07.2024.

**Number of consular actions:** 919.

#### FINLAND Republic of Finland

Number of Ukrainian citizens who have moved to the country after 24.02.2022: 67,994.

Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country since 01.01.2024: Decrease compared to the beginning of the large-scale armed aggression.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who have received temporary protection status or an equivalent status provided by the host country: 67,994.

Availability of a simplified procedure for obtaining residence documents, including the validity period of the relevant program: Temporary protection has been extended until 04.03.2026. Link to more information.

Availability of financial aid programs (categories of citizens receiving aid, amounts of aid, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: For individuals who have received temporary protection in Finland, monthly financial assistance ranges from 102 EUR to 350 EUR depending on family size and living conditions (valid until 04.03.2026).

Availability of housing assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program and categories of citizens receiving housing: All Ukrainian citizens with temporary protection are provided with temporary social housing by the Finnish Immigration Service (valid until 04.03.2026).

Availability of housing cost compensation programs, including the validity period of the relevant program: Individuals who have lived in Finland for more than one year are eligible for permanent registration in a chosen municipality (not related to the right to obtain temporary/permanent residence permit in the country). Municipal registration allows for receiving assistance from the Social Insurance Institution (KELA), covering costs such as: rent (up to 80% depending on income), unemployment benefits, child benefits, childbirth allowances, and coverage of medical expenses.

Availability of social welfare programs (benefits, payments, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of medical care programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: Ukrainian citizens with temporary protection in Finland have full access to the medical system (valid until 04.03.2026).

Availability of employment and job search assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program (need for permits, simplified procedures, etc.): Under temporary protection, Ukrainian citizens automatically receive permission to work in Finland without needing additional permits.

Possibility of education in the host country's educational institutions (free, paid, non-competitive admission, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program:

Public preschool and primary education is free. Higher education is free only for individuals with notable academic achievements and exclusively in programs conducted in Finnish or Swedish. Higher education programs in English are paid for all.

**Availability of language course programs (conditions):** Free Finnish language courses are available for all Ukrainian citizens, organized by social support agencies in each municipality.

Availability of other assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of centers supporting Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number): Social services in each municipality provide comprehensive support to citizens, including: organization of language courses, skill development courses (if needed), integration meetings, job search assistance, and more. Additionally, there is a support center for Ukrainians at the NGO "Ukrainian Society of Finland" in Helsinki.

Problems resolved with the assistance of the Ukrainian diplomatic mission (typical issues/problems affecting a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if any, 1-2 per country): No significant problems reported.

Date of completion: 14.07.2024.

**Number of consular actions:** As of 10.07.2024 - 3,816 consular actions.

### FRANCE French Republic

Number of Ukrainian citizens who have moved to the country after 24.02.2022: 107,000.

Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country since 01.01.2024: Decrease compared to the beginning of the large-scale armed aggression.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who have received temporary protection status or an equivalent status provided by the host country: 90,000.

Availability of a simplified procedure for obtaining residence documents, including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of financial aid programs (categories of citizens receiving aid, amounts of aid, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: 204 EUR per person if housing is provided by themselves or by the French authorities, and 426 EUR if renting housing independently. Financial aid stops if the individual becomes employed (valid until 04.03.2026).

Availability of housing assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program and categories of citizens receiving housing: The housing assistance program is general and based on the principle of providing accommodation depending on regional and city capabilities. This is not necessarily a separate apartment; it may be a room in a hotel or in collective accommodation centers (valid until 04.03.2026).

Availability of housing cost compensation programs, including the validity period of the relevant program: 226 EUR is paid for self-rented housing, valid according to the term of temporary protection (valid until 04.03.2026).

Availability of social welfare programs (benefits, payments, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: In some regions, free railway travel benefits are still available; in most areas, this benefit has been discontinued.

Availability of medical care programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: Medical insurance for 6 months with the possibility of extension (valid until 04.03.2026).

Availability of employment and job search assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program (need for permits, simplified procedures, etc.): Employment of Ukrainian citizens under temporary protection is permitted without additional permits and without changing status (valid until 04.03.2026).

Possibility of education in the host country's educational institutions (free, paid, non-competitive admission, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: Education in primary and secondary schools is free.

Availability of language course programs (conditions): French language courses are available at town halls and through OFII, with OFII courses being paid.

Availability of other assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of centers supporting Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number): None.

Problems resolved with the assistance of the Ukrainian diplomatic mission (typical issues/problems affecting a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if any, 1-2 per country): Improved conditions, streamlined bureaucratic procedures for employment and professional retraining, and language course enrollment. The issue of appointment delays for extending temporary protection in the prefecture of the southern region (Nice) has been resolved.

Date of completion: 12.07.2024.

Number of consular actions: Data unavailable.

# CROATIA Republic of Croatia

Number of Ukrainian citizens who have moved to the country after 24.02.2022: 27,224.

Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country since 01.01.2024: Increase compared to the beginning of the large-scale armed aggression.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who have received temporary protection status or an equivalent status provided by the host country: 25,556.

Availability of a simplified procedure for obtaining residence documents, including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of financial aid programs (categories of citizens receiving aid, amounts of aid, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of housing assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program and categories of citizens receiving housing: None.

**Availability of housing cost compensation programs, including the validity period of the relevant program:** Compensation payments are made to Croatian residents who are property owners; validity period - until 04.03.2025.

Availability of social welfare programs (benefits, payments, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: Social benefits include free public and intercity rail travel, and one-time social payments upon childbirth; validity period - until 04.03.2025.

Availability of medical care programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: Medical insurance and free emergency medical care are provided; validity period - until 04.03.2025.

Availability of employment and job search assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program (need for permits, simplified procedures, etc.): Employment of Ukrainian citizens under temporary protection is allowed without additional permits and without changing status; validity period - until 04.03.2025.

Possibility of education in the host country's educational institutions (free, paid, non-competitive admission, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: Quotas for higher education are available for Ukrainian citizens under temporary protection, and access to preschool and primary education is unrestricted; validity period - until 04.03.2025.

**Availability of language course programs (conditions):** Permanent free language courses for Ukrainians under temporary protection are available, organized by non-governmental organizations and Ukrainian cultural and educational societies in Croatia.

Availability of other assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of centers supporting Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number): 41.

Problems resolved with the assistance of the Ukrainian diplomatic mission (typical issues/problems affecting a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if any, 1-2 per country): None.

Date of completion: 11.07.2024.

Number of consular actions: As of 11.04.2024: 1,890.

### CZECHIA Czech Republic

Number of Ukrainian citizens who have moved to the country after 24.02.2022: 614,817.

Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country since 01.01.2024: Increase compared to the beginning of the large-scale armed aggression.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who have received temporary protection status or an equivalent status provided by the host country: 360,524.

Availability of a simplified procedure for obtaining residence documents, including the validity period of the relevant program: The provision of temporary protection is regulated by the Czech Republic's "Lex Ukraine IV" Law, which extends the temporary protection program until 31.03.2025. An extension of the temporary protection program until 04.03.2026 is expected (according to the EU Council decision of 25.06.2024).

Availability of financial aid programs (categories of citizens receiving aid, amounts of aid, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: All Ukrainian citizens under temporary protection receive humanitarian aid during the first 5 months of stay in the Czech Republic: for adults - 4,860 CZK (disabled - 7,290 CZK), for children - 3,490 CZK (disabled - 5,235 CZK), for children aged 6 to 10 years - 4,188 CZK. From the 6th month of stay, according to the provisions of the "LEX Ukraine" Law: for adults - 3,130 CZK (vulnerable groups\* - 4,860 CZK, disabled - 7,290 CZK), for children - 3,490 CZK (disabled - 5,235 CZK), for children aged 6 to 10 years - 4,188 CZK. \* - Children under 18 years old, students aged 19 - 26 years, persons with children under 6 years old, pregnant women, persons aged 65 and older, persons caring for a person with a disability.

Availability of housing assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program and categories of citizens receiving housing: Exclusively in humanitarian cases. Such cases are addressed individually with applicants. General housing assistance programs are unavailable.

Availability of housing cost compensation programs, including the validity period of the relevant program: According to the "Lex Ukraine" Law (valid until 31.03.2025): from 4,800 CZK to 30,000 CZK. More information can be found here: <u>Humanitarian Aid</u>.

Availability of social welfare programs (benefits, payments, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: Discounted fares for Czech Railways tickets. Additionally, free or discounted public transportation in municipalities based on their decisions.

Availability of medical care programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: State medical insurance under temporary protection: for adults - covered by the Czech Republic for the first 5 months, after which costs are covered by the employer or the citizen (2,552 CZK/month). Covered by the Czech Republic - children under 18 years old, students up to 26 years old, persons caring for one child under 7 years old or children up to 15 years old, registered with the Czech employment office as job-seeking, pensioners over 65 years old, disabled persons.

Availability of employment and job search assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program (need for permits, simplified procedures, etc.): Ukrainian citizens under temporary protection automatically receive a work permit in the Czech Republic without needing additional permits.

Possibility of education in the host country's educational institutions (free, paid, non-competitive admission, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: According to the Czech Republic's Law "On Measures in the Field of Education in Connection with the Armed Conflict on the Territory of Ukraine Caused by the Russian Military Invasion," a simplified procedure is provided for admission to educational institutions (more time for entrance exams, lower passing scores for language exams, etc.).

**Availability of language course programs (conditions):** Free Czech language courses are provided by educational institutions, government, and non-governmental organizations under specialized programs of the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs of the Czech Republic and the Ministry of Education of the Czech Republic.

Availability of other assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of centers supporting Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number): 14.

Problems resolved with the assistance of the Ukrainian diplomatic mission (typical issues/problems affecting a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if any, 1-2 per country): The issue of recognition of Ukrainian education by the Czech side remains relevant, particularly in the fields of medicine and law. Many Ukrainian specialists in the Czech Republic are forced to work in low-skilled positions (cleaner, cashier, etc.). The issue of simplifying the recognition procedure for Ukrainian diplomas in these specializations has been repeatedly raised in bilateral contacts. As of now, this issue remains unresolved.

Date of completion: 11.07.2024.

**Number of consular actions:** As of 01.06.2024: Czech Republic Consular Office - 12,779; Brno Consulate - 6,913.

#### **MONTENEGRO**

Number of Ukrainian citizens who have moved to the country after 24.02.2022: 227,382 (total number of border crossings by Ukrainian citizens into Montenegro after 24.02.2022). As of 08.07.2024, the majority of Ukrainian citizens have left Montenegro.

Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country since 01.01.2024: Increase / decrease compared to the beginning of the large-scale armed aggression - Increase (over the last two calendar months, the number of Ukrainian citizens who received temporary protection status increased by 959 individuals, which is 20% of those who previously lived in Montenegro and had temporary protection status).

Number of Ukrainian citizens who have received temporary protection status or an equivalent status provided by the host country: 5,279.

Availability of a simplified procedure for obtaining residence documents, including the validity period of the relevant program: Temporary protection status is granted free of charge. The Montenegrin government has extended temporary protection until 11.03.2025, provided that no more than two calendar years have passed since the Ukrainian citizen received temporary protection.

Availability of financial aid programs (categories of citizens receiving aid, amounts of aid, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of housing assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program and categories of citizens receiving housing: The Montenegrin government provides free accommodation and meals at the "Sato" hotel (Bar municipality, Sutomore village). Program validity ends on 11.03.2025. The decision to provide accommodation and meals is made by the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Montenegro. A Ukrainian citizen seeking accommodation must confirm the absence of property, vehicles, and employment.

Availability of housing cost compensation programs, including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of social welfare programs (benefits, payments, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of medical care programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: Ukrainian citizens with temporary protection status are entitled to free medical care. However, the list of medical services provided free of charge by the Montenegrin government is not officially defined.

Availability of employment and job search assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program (need for permits, simplified procedures, etc.): None.

Possibility of education in the host country's educational institutions (free, paid, non-competitive admission, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: Ukrainian children are entitled to free education in public schools and preschools.

**Availability of language course programs (conditions):** In the cities of Bar, Herceg Novi, and Budva, Montenegrin language courses for Ukrainian citizens are available free of charge. The program is sponsored by the NGO "Caritas Montenegro."

Availability of other assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

**Availability of centers supporting Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number):** There are 4 centers supporting Ukrainian citizens in Montenegro in the cities of Podgorica, Budva, Herceg Novi, and Bar.

Problems resolved with the assistance of the Ukrainian diplomatic mission (typical issues/problems affecting a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if any, 1-2 per country): Assistance was provided in extending the temporary protection status for Ukrainian citizens in Montenegro. Together with UNHCR and the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Montenegro, a temporary algorithm was developed (until Parliament passes changes to the main law regulating the procedure for granting temporary protection) that grants legal stay to Ukrainian citizens who have been under protection for 2 or more calendar years.

**Date of completion:** 12.07.2024.

**Number of consular actions:** 1,665.

## **SWITZERLAND Swiss Confederation**

Number of Ukrainian citizens who have moved to the country after 24.02.2022: 83,927.

**Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country since 01.01.2024:** Increase / decrease compared to the beginning of the large-scale armed aggression - Decrease.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who have received temporary protection status or an equivalent status provided by the host country: 66,181.

Availability of a simplified procedure for obtaining residence documents, including the validity period of the relevant program: In March 2022, Switzerland activated the possibility of granting protection status to Ukrainian refugees. This is a simplified procedure for obtaining protection status valid for one year during the war in Ukraine and may be renewed annually. It differs from the standard asylum procedure in that individuals with protection status can immediately obtain a work permit, and school-aged children can attend educational institutions.

Availability of financial aid programs (categories of citizens receiving aid, amounts of aid, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: There is no general program for financial aid to Ukrainian refugees. Financial aid is provided by individual cantons based on local social welfare criteria.

Availability of housing assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program and categories of citizens receiving housing: There is no separate program for providing housing to Ukrainian refugees. If renting accommodation is not possible, refugees are provided housing by local social welfare authorities on general grounds.

Availability of housing cost compensation programs, including the validity period of the relevant program: None. If necessary, housing is provided by social services at the place of residence.

Availability of social welfare programs (benefits, payments, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: None. Social welfare decisions are made individually by local social services based on income levels and asset ownership.

Availability of medical care programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: None. Ukrainian refugees are required to obtain health insurance under the conditions applicable to all residents of the country. Social assistance covers health insurance for socially vulnerable individuals.

Availability of employment and job search assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program (need for permits, simplified procedures, etc.): There are no state employment programs. Ukrainian refugees have access to the labor market on

general grounds. Before starting employment or self-employment, Ukrainian refugees must obtain a work permit from the relevant local authorities.

Possibility of education in the host country's educational institutions (free, paid, non-competitive admission, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: There are no separate programs; attendance at educational institutions is based on general residency rules. School-aged children are required to attend educational institutions for compulsory secondary education free of charge and can continue their education in state vocational or higher education institutions on general grounds applicable to all residents of the country.

**Availability of language course programs (conditions):** There are no general federal programs for language courses. Local authorities may offer language courses depending on availability.

Availability of other assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of centers supporting Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number): None state-funded. Private support centers operate temporarily depending on available funding.

Problems resolved with the assistance of the Ukrainian diplomatic mission (typical issues/problems affecting a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if any, 1-2 per country): No significant problems reported.

**Date of completion:** 10.07.2024.

**Number of consular actions:** As of 09.07.2024 - 3,760 consular actions, according to CMU Resolution No. 170 - 625 consular actions.

## **SWEDEN Kingdom of Sweden**

Number of Ukrainian citizens who have moved to the country after 24.02.2022: 63,656.

**Dynamics of the number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country since 01.01.2024:** Increase / decrease compared to the beginning of the large-scale armed aggression - Decrease.

Number of Ukrainian citizens who have received temporary protection status or an equivalent status provided by the host country: 39,742.

Availability of a simplified procedure for obtaining residence documents, including the validity period of the relevant program: A residence permit (LMA card) is issued under a simplified procedure with validity until 04.03.2025. Ukrainian citizens who have received temporary protection under the EU Directive and who have lived in Sweden for more than two years may apply to the Swedish Tax Agency for an individual number (personnummer) and registration in the Swedish population register. The Swedish government's position on implementing the EU Council's decision to extend temporary protection for Ukrainians until 04.03.2026 is currently awaited.

Availability of financial aid programs (categories of citizens receiving aid, amounts of aid, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: The amount of financial assistance for forcibly displaced Ukrainian citizens is determined and allocated by the Swedish Migration Agency based on the person's location. If housed in a social dormitory with meals provided, daily allowances are:

- 24 Swedish kronor (2.25 euros) per day for one adult;
- 19 Swedish kronor (1.8 euros) per day for each adult if there are more than two family members;
- 12 Swedish kronor (1.4 euros) per day for a child up to 17 years old.

If housed in a social dormitory without meals, daily allowances are:

- 71 Swedish kronor (6.7 euros) per day for one adult;
- 61 Swedish kronor (5.8 euros) per day for each adult if there are more than two family members;
- 37 Swedish kronor (3.5 euros) per day for a child up to 3 years old;
- 43 Swedish kronor (4.8 euros) per day for a child from 4 to 10 years old;
- 50 Swedish kronor (4.7 euros) per day for a child from 11 to 17 years old.

Social financial assistance is automatically discontinued if the person is employed and receives a salary. Validity until 04.03.2025.

Availability of housing assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program and categories of citizens receiving housing: Temporary social housing is provided by the Swedish Migration Agency or the municipal authority (kommun). Validity until 04.03.2025.

Availability of housing cost compensation programs, including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of social welfare programs (benefits, payments, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of medical care programs (free, paid, insurance, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: Medical services, including dental services, are provided free of charge to individuals under 18 years old. Validity until 03.04.2025. For those 18 and older, medical services are available at a subsidized rate with a one-time payment of 50 Swedish kronor. Childbirth preparation and assistance are provided free of charge.

Availability of employment and job search assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program (need for permits, simplified procedures, etc.): Based on general grounds.

Possibility of education in the host country's educational institutions (free, paid, non-competitive admission, etc.), including the validity period of the relevant program: Educational services for Ukrainian citizens in preschool and school institutions are provided free of charge through the state budget. General admission rules apply for higher education institutions, and these educational services are provided on a fee-paying basis.

**Availability of language course programs (conditions):** Free Swedish language courses are available through the immigrant language program SFI.

Availability of other assistance programs, including the validity period of the relevant program: None.

Availability of centers supporting Ukrainian citizens in the host country (number): Municipal authorities provide free psychological assistance.

Problems resolved with the assistance of the Ukrainian diplomatic mission (typical issues/problems affecting a significant number of Ukrainian citizens in the host country) (if any, 1-2 per country): In 2022, the Embassy assisted Ukrainian citizens with children in changing their living conditions to more acceptable ones.

**Date of completion:** 10.07.2024.

**Number of consular actions:** As of 10.07.2024 - 2,561.