



# EU stands with Ukraine



## INFORMATION FOR PEOPLE FLEEING RUSSIA'S INVASION OF UKRAINE

### Entry

People of all nationalities fleeing the war in Ukraine can enter the EU.

If you do not have travel or medical documents – you can still enter the EU.

Customs and veterinary controls have been relaxed: you can enter with your belongings and pets.

You may still be subject to border checks – it is important to remain cooperative with the authorities.

### Your rights in the EU

Depending on your personal circumstances, you will have different options to stay in the EU. The authorities will inform you about your rights in your circumstances.

### Temporary protection

#### WHO?

- (i) Ukrainian nationals and their family members
- (ii) Stateless persons, refugees and their family members from third countries fleeing the war in Ukraine
- (iii) Permanent residents, legally residing in Ukraine who cannot return safely to their country of origin

#### WHAT?

Automatic protection granted – authorities will inform you of the process

Lasts for at least 1 year, with possible extension depending on the safety situation in Ukraine

Gives you the right to: a residence permit, access to the labour market and housing, medical assistance, and access to education, means of subsistence

Freedom to move to other EU countries and obtain the same rights

## Asylum

### WHO?

Anyone fleeing war or persecution can apply for asylum.

This is in addition to any temporary protection status and the asylum process can run in parallel.

### WHAT?

Administrative process and individualised process

Refugee or subsidiary protection

Similar rights to temporary protection but access to the labour market only after 9 months

Right to family reunification

Asylum status granted in one country only

## Other options if you fall outside these groups

Assistance to repatriate to your country of origin \*does not apply to Ukrainian nationals

As a family member of an EU citizen, OR a student, researcher, trainee or worker you might be entitled to a residence permit.

National forms of humanitarian protection

## Travelling in the EU

In most cases, you will be able to travel to other EU countries.

Some transport carriers are offering free onward travel to people fleeing war.

Be cautious of offers of accommodation, transport or work from private individuals. While the vast majority of Europeans want to help, some criminals may try to exploit this situation for their own personal gain.

### MORE INFORMATION

#### Europe Direct

00800 6 7 8 9 10 11  
(from inside the EU)

#### European Commission

<https://europa.eu/!VJY6fg>



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