

Russia's invasion of Ukraine - Fundamental rights implications in the EU

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FRA's response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine: FRA Ukraine taskforce

Ongoing activities

- Ukraine Bulletins
- EU Mechanism for Preparedness and Crises (Blueprint)
- Field missions to EU-Ukrainian border
- Online survey of displaced persons fleeing Ukraine
- Online table on national measures implementing the TPD

Planned for 2023

- Overview and assessment of the situation at local level
- Online survey on violence against women fleeing Ukraine

Background and methodology of Ukraine Bulletins



- Second Bulletin to be published 21 October. The First Bulletin was published 19 May 2022.
- Country coverage:
 - First Bulletin: HU, PL, RO, SK
 - Second Bulletin: all EU Member States
- Reference period:
 - First Bulletin: 1 March – 31 July
- Information based on country reports by Franet and mission observation by FRA staff early March.

Implementing the TPD – Challenges and best practices

- *Initial arrival, information provision, registration and issuance of residence permits*
- **Access to employment**
- **Access to accommodation**
- *Access to social welfare services*
- *Access to healthcare, mental health care and special needs assistance*
- **Access to education**
- *Protection of unaccompanied children and access to guardianship*
- *Risk of trafficking and sexual exploitation*
- *Disinformation and hate crime*



Access to employment

General access to the labour market and labour-related rights on a similar or equal footing with nationals **BUT** several **obstacles** persist

Mismatch
between
qualifications
and employment

Solutions adopted: Language training, information channels and matching beneficiaries' skills to job vacancies + Financial support to beneficiaries starting a job or Ukrainian businesses to relocate to the EU.

Recognition of
professional
qualifications

Solutions adopted: Simplification of procedures across all or certain professions.

Childcare and
pre-school
education

Solutions adopted: Several Member States have increased their capacities.

— Shortage still remains an issue.

Access to accommodation

Reliance on privately organised housing and public facilities.

Persisting obstacles:

- Public accommodation

 - Limited funding + time-limited solutions



 - Long waiting times, frequent moves and risks of exploitation/abuse.
 - Overburdening of local authorities



 - Allocation of displaced persons in a territorially balanced way.

- Private accommodation

 - Time-limited solution.

 - Compensation not always provided + Insufficient.

 - Vetting is not systematic



 - Risk of fundamental rights violations.

 - Some adequate vetting practices.

- Report of discriminatory treatment of particular groups, i.e. Roma, non UA TCN, LGBTIQ+ ...



Access to education

Enrolment and school capacity

- Lack of capacity to enrol additional students persists + lack of staff.
- Efforts to ensure enrolment for 2022/2023 + less requirements to recruit Ukrainian/Russian-speaking staff.

Language and preparatory classes

- Intensive language courses and preparatory classes to facilitate integration.

Support for distance learning

- Trend of distance online Ukrainian schooling persists.
- Limited developments regarding the support of children in online schooling >
 - Some Member States: compulsory school attendance
 - Others: compulsory attendance combined with support for distance learning
- Support to ensure access to university education.



Conclusion

- EUMS and the EU have proven capacity and willingness to host unprecedented number of people. This should set standards for future migration movements.
- Welcoming response stands in contrast to reactions to displaced persons coming to the EU from other parts of the world.
- Displaced people in need of protection should receive the same welcome and fair treatment – regardless of their ethnicity, skin colour or religion.

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