



European Commission

Temporary protection

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“Europe stands by those in need of protection. All those fleeing Putin’s bombs are welcome in Europe. We will provide protection to those seeking shelter and we will help those looking for a safe way home.”

Commission proposes temporary protection for people fleeing war in Ukraine

To offer quick and effective protection to people fleeing the war in Ukraine the Commission is proposing to activate the Temporary Protection Directive.

Temporary protection provides immediate protection to people in need in exceptional circumstances of mass arrivals to avoid overwhelming Member States’ asylum systems.



It will apply to:



Ukrainian nationals and other non-EU nationals who have made Ukraine their home as well as their family members displaced by the conflict



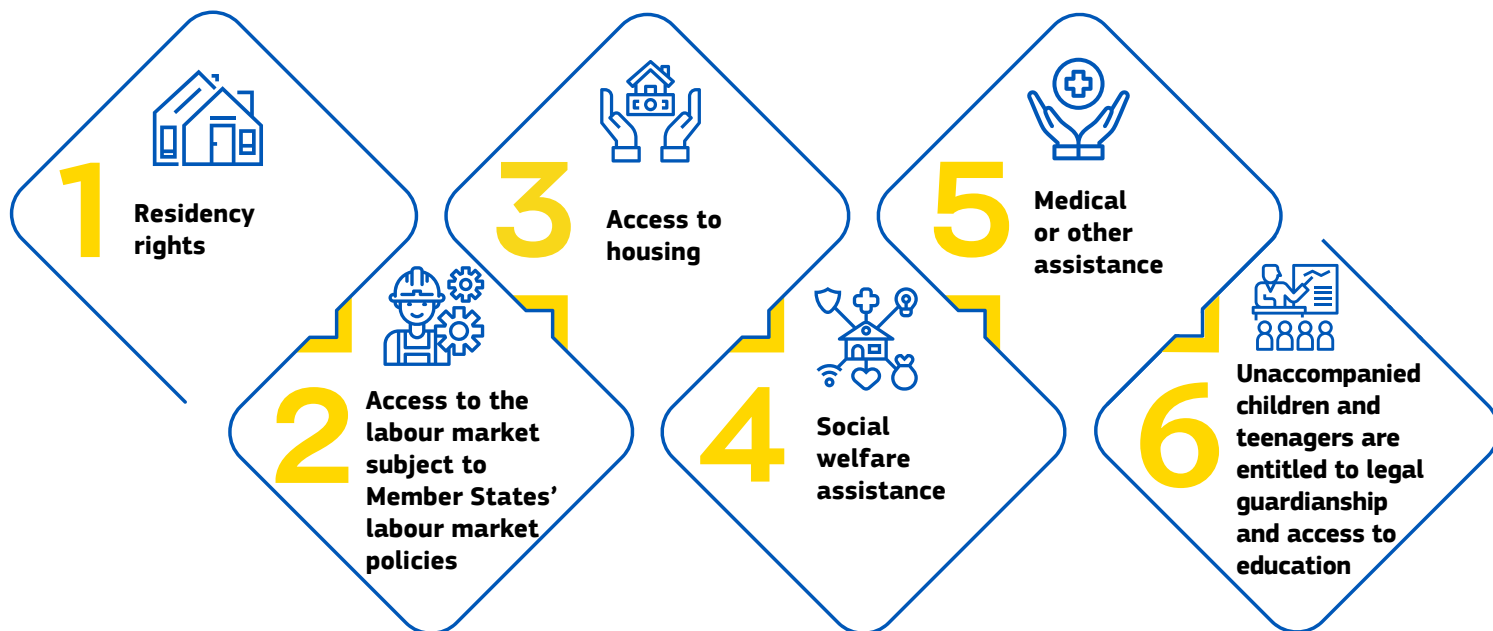
Non-Ukrainian nationals and stateless people legally residing in Ukraine who cannot return to their country of origin, such as asylum seekers and refugees, and their family members



Those persons that fall outside these categories must be allowed access to the EU to transit prior to returning to their countries of origin.



Temporary protection means:



This protection starts immediately, across the EU, and lasts for one year. If the situation persists, this period will be automatically extended twice by six monthly periods for up to one year.

For Member States this will:



Reduce pressure on asylum system – also with support of EU Agencies



Offer quick protection for those in need



Prepare for current and future needs



Promote enhanced solidarity and responsibility sharing – through new Solidarity Platform

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