



Analysis on Asylum and Temporary Protection in the EU+ in the Context of the Ukraine Crisis Week 21 (23 – 29 May) 2022

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Background

To ensure a timely situational picture after the Russian invasion in Ukraine, the EUAA has been monitoring the situation of asylum and temporary protection based on data exchanged within the Early warning and Preparedness System (EPS) with EU+ countries.¹ These data are provisional, unvalidated data and therefore might differ from validated data submitted at a later date to Eurostat (according to Regulation (EU) 2020/851 amending Regulation (EC) 862/2007). The numbers included in this report might be subject to retroactive revisions.

Continuing displacement but at a slower pace

According to UNHCR data, from the start of the invasion on 24 February to 29 May 2022 some 6.8 million people have been displaced from Ukraine, with close to 5.8 million displaced to the four EU neighbouring countries.² According to provisional estimates,³ nearly 3 million persons fleeing Ukraine have been registered for temporary protection in the EU+ from the beginning of the war to 29 May 2022. From 21 February to 29 May 2022, close to 21 400 applications for international protection were lodged by Ukrainian nationals.⁴ However, weekly inflows of both registrations for temporary protection and asylum applications have declined in recent weeks. More than 2.2 million Ukrainians have returned from abroad from the start of the war until 27 May although this number might include some back-and-forth movements.⁵ Within Ukraine, about 7.1 million persons are internally displaced, according to IOM estimates as of 23 May.⁶

Some 50 000 registrations for temporary protection of Ukrainians in 26 reporting countries vs just about 310 asylum applications in the EU+

In week 21, Ukrainians lodged just 313⁷ applications for international protection in the EU+, while at the same time at least 54 245 persons were registered for temporary protection in 26 reporting countries,⁸ and 49 961 of them were Ukrainians (Fig. 1).⁹

The Council of the EU adopted an implementing decision activating the temporary protection directive (TPD or 2001/55/EC) on 4 March.¹⁰ Since then, EU+ countries have been adopting the necessary national legislation to ensure adequate implementation,¹¹ configuring electronic systems and gradually reporting to the EUAA. However, data on registrations for temporary protection are still incomplete. Registrations



Figure 1: Asylum applications and registrations of temporary protection for Ukrainians, week 21 2022 (Source: EUAA EPS)



included in this analysis cover both those conducted under the TPD and similar provisions under national law.

Almost all registrations for temporary protection covering Ukrainian nationals

The Council decision envisages temporary protection for Ukrainian nationals residing in Ukraine before 24 February 2022 as well as some categories of nationals of other third countries and stateless persons who were previously residing in Ukraine.

In week 21, at least 92 % of the registrations for temporary protection covered Ukrainian nationals. Among other registered nationalities, the most prominent were Nigerians (258) and Russians (183).

Some 60 % of the registered persons were female but for about 8 % the sex was not reported.

Fewer Ukrainian asylum applications but still more than before the war

In week 21, Ukrainian asylum applications (313) dropped further from the previous week to the lowest level since the start of the Russian invasion in week 8 (Fig. 2). There were still more applications than before the invasion (they fluctuated around 110 in the first seven weeks of 2022). In week 21, Ukraine was the 11th top country of origin of asylum applicants in the EU+. Ukraine remained the third top country of origin of asylum applicants so far in 2022.

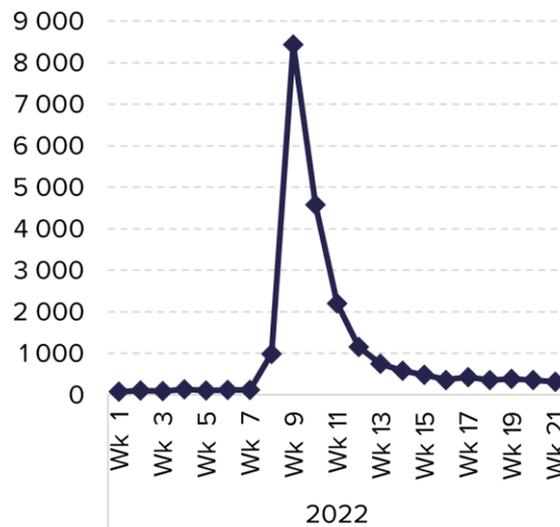


Figure 2: Weekly Ukrainian asylum applications in the EU+, week 1-21 2022 (Source: EUAA EPS)

¹ EU Member States plus Norway and Switzerland.

² Information is compiled by UNHCR from a variety of sources. Source: UNHCR, [Operational Data Portal: Ukraine Refugee situation](#), last updated 29 May 2022.

³ Based on data on registrations for temporary protection shared with the EUAA and the European Commission.

⁴ Note that due to retroactive data revisions this number differs from previous reports.

⁵ UNHCR citing information from State Border Guard Service of Ukraine. Source: UNHCR, [Operational Data Portal: Ukraine Refugee situation](#), last updated 27 May 2022.

⁶ IOM, [Ukraine Internal Displacement Report. General Population Survey, Round 5](#), 23 May 2022.

⁷ Weekly asylum applications data were missing for one EU+ country.

⁸ Reporting in week 21 did not cover the whole week for some countries.

⁹ For some countries it was not possible to report on citizenships.

¹⁰ Council of the EU, [Council Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2022/382](#), 4 March 2022.

¹¹ EUAA, [EU+ countries continue to address the protection needs of displaced persons from Ukraine](#), 21 April 2022.