On 4 March 2022, the Council, based on a Commission proposal, adopted Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/382\(^1\) to introduce temporary protection in the EU, which entered into force on the same day.

The efforts of Member States to comply with the obligations deriving from the Temporary Protection Directive can be supported financially by the Union Funds. To this end, a legislative package has been adopted to increase flexibility and enhance Member States’ access to EU financial resources still available under the Home Affairs Funds 2014-2020\(^2\).

In addition, the initiative called Cohesion's Action for Refugees in Europe (CARE) was adopted, giving Member States access to financial support from the Cohesion policy Funds, based on a 100% co-financing rate and increased flexibility between the Funds concerned. Moreover, to support Member States, and particularly those closest to the EU border with Ukraine, EUR 3.4 billion pre-financing payments under REACT-EU was made available to speed up access to the Cohesion Funds. The Commission also proposed a unit cost per person, thereby enabling an easier and swifter implementation of the funds. That unit cost is set at EUR 40 per week and can be used for a maximum of 13 weeks, starting from the date on which the person concerned arrives in the European Union.

As part of the broader Global pledging event ‘Stand Up for Ukraine’, the Commission has committed itself to mobilising additional funding under the Home Affairs Funds of up to EUR 400 million for Emergency Assistance.

Overall, this amount aims to support the Member States most affected in terms of border management and first reception needs due to the high influx of displaced people from Ukraine.

\(^1\) Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/382 establishing the existence of a mass influx of displaced persons from Ukraine within the meaning of Article 5 of Directive 2001/55/EC, and having the effect of introducing temporary protection, OJ L 71, 4.3.2022, p. 1.