The Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM) has delivered vital aid, such as medical supplies, ambulances, countermeasures for chemical and nuclear events, shelter and food to Ukraine. Up to 17 May 2022, over 30 500 tonnes of aid were delivered via UCPM logistics hubs in Poland, Slovakia and Romania. The UCPM was also activated by Moldova, Poland, Slovakia and Czechia to support refugees, and delivered over 3 million items of shelter, food and medical aid. The UCPM provides 100% financing for delivery of the assistance to the hubs.

rescEU stockpiles contributed over 1 700 medical devices, including ventilators and monitors, 1 million items of medical Personal Protective Equipment and 3.7 million lots of medicines, including for chemical attacks, where offers from Member States and UCPM Participating States could not match needs.

Refugees needing hospital care can be evacuated to other countries via the UCPM. Up to 17 May 2022, 335 patients were transferred from Ukraine, Poland, Moldova and Slovakia to 12 other European countries.

Through rescEU, the Commission can also finance procurement shelter units and material, in the event of large arrivals of refugees and lack of appropriate shelter.

None of the requests received by the Commission includes assets available in the European Civil Protection Pool.

The EU Solidarity Fund (EUSF) can be mobilised in case of a major or regional natural disaster or public health emergency of biological origin. The Ukrainian refugee case is due to a manmade disaster and therefore does not qualify for EUSF funding.

The Emergency Support Instrument can be activated by the Council upon proposal by the Commission. It operates in the EU, not in third countries, where other EU instruments are used, such as humanitarian aid.