1. Immediately after the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the EU took measures to support Member States to help meet the needs of those fleeing the war in Ukraine\(^1\), including financial support for the provision of health and social care services. To ensure the optimal use of available EU funding, the Commission established a one-stop-shop to offer guidance on support available, including a wide range of assistance already available to support the Union Civil Protection Mechanism, Cohesion and Home Affairs policies. A dedicated EU fund is therefore not necessary.

2. After the activation of the Temporary Protection Directive\(^2\), the Council adopted a decision, on 4 March 2022, granting those fleeing the war in Ukraine the right to temporary protection\(^3\) in the EU, thereby avoiding overloading Member States’ asylum systems by the high number of arrivals. To avoid overstretched national capacities, Member States’ efforts to comply with obligations related to temporary protection are supported financially by EU funding\(^4\) and operationally by the Solidarity Platform, which helps match reception capacities with arising needs.

3. The Commission continues to build a robust European Health Union. The ongoing legislative work is conducted in a transparent manner, informed by the best available evidence, with the comprehensive involvement of stakeholders. The entire legislative and policy toolbox is designed to maximise synergies and to ensure that all the challenges that the EU is facing in the area of health including the current crisis in Ukraine are addressed in a flexible manner.

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\(1\) [https://ec.europa.eu/info/files/welcoming-those-fleeing-war-ukraine-readying-europe-meet-needs_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/files/welcoming-those-fleeing-war-ukraine-readying-europe-meet-needs_en)


\(3\) Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/382 of 4 March 2022 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, 04.03.2022, p.1.

\(4\) On 23 March 2022, the European Commission outlined available EU support for Member States to help meet the needs of those fleeing the war in Ukraine. This includes financial support from a wide range of assistance already available to support the Union Civil Protection Mechanism, Cohesion and Home Affairs policies. More detail is available here: [https://ec.europa.eu/info/files/welcoming-those-fleeing-war-ukraine-readying-europe-meet-needs_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/files/welcoming-those-fleeing-war-ukraine-readying-europe-meet-needs_en)