The Commission supports EU Member States in facilitating the integration of people fleeing from Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. The Temporary Protection Directive\(^1\) stipulates that beneficiaries of temporary protection have direct access to employed and self-employed activities as well as vocational training. In its recent Communication\(^2\), the Commission recommends that Member States interpret the rights granted by the Temporary Protection Directive to access the EU labour market in the broadest way possible and highlights the right to equal treatment in terms of pay and other working conditions.

The Commission is mobilising existing networks, instruments and agencies, including the European Network of Public Employment Services and the European Labour Authority, to ensure effective support to those on the ground, and to share information and good practices, including through the European Website on Integration.\(^3\)

A pilot EU Talent Pool has been proposed to make it possible for the beneficiaries of temporary protection to signal their qualifications and interest in finding employment to facilitate their job-matching.\(^4\) Furthermore, the Commission has added the Ukrainian language\(^5\) to the EU Skills Profile Tool and provided the guidelines facilitating the recognition of professional qualifications. The Europass\(^6\) will be also soon available in Ukrainian.

Helping new arrivals to integrate and acquire the necessary skills, including language skills, is a key task of EU funding and the new Cohesion’s Action for Refugees in Europe programme\(^7\), as well as the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund. The European Social Fund can support access to employment and language courses, and education for both children and parents.

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1 Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/382 establishing the existence of a mass influx of displaced persons from Ukraine.
2 COM(2022) 131 final: ‘Welcoming those fleeing war in Ukraine: Readying Europe to meet the needs’ adopted on 23 March 2022
4 Legal migration: Attracting skills and talent to the EU
6 Europass is a tool that allows users to create and update their CVs and cover letters.