The EU has been quick to take measures to ensure that people fleeing Ukraine and seeking refuge in the EU be granted temporary protection\(^1\) and the support needed both upon arrival and in a longer-term perspective. On 23 March 2022, the Commission outlined\(^2\) the actions taken to support Member States in meeting the needs of those fleeing Ukraine. On 18 March 2022, the Commission also presented operational guidelines\(^3\) to support Member States in applying the Temporary Protection Directive.

The Commission coordinates support via the Union Civil Protection Mechanism as several affected EU Member States have requested assistance\(^4\) and has set up a Solidarity Platform to coordinate the needs identified to ensure that facilities and services across the EU, including reception capacity, can be used to best effect to respond to the needs of Member States and partner countries. As per the 10-Point plan\(^5\) presented on 28 March 2022 at the extraordinary Justice and Home Affairs Council, the Commission will continue to coordinate with Member States to welcome people from Ukraine.

The EU is mobilising several funding instruments to support Member States, building on the wide range of assistance already available under Cohesion Policy\(^6\) and the Home Affairs funds. It includes investments in infrastructure, equipment, services in education, employment, and housing, health, social and childcare\(^7\). Funds made available so far amount to EUR 17 billion, of which EUR 3.4 billion\(^8\) will be frontloaded to give immediate liquidity to Member States hosting refugees\(^9\). As part of the pledging event ‘Stand Up for Ukraine’, the Commission aims to mobilise additional funding of up to EUR 400 million for Emergency Assistance\(^10\), to support reception needs of affected Member States.

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\(^4\) (SK, PL, CZ, BE). The response includes shelter supplies, medicines, medical equipment, and medical evacuations (MEDEVAC), which have been used to move over 30 patients from Poland to other countries.
\(^6\) The Commission has also adopted a proposal for Cohesion's Action for Refugees in Europe (CARE) introducing flexibility in the 2014-2020 Cohesion policy rules and allowing Member States and regions to provide emergency support to people fleeing from Russia's invasion of Ukraine.
\(^8\) from REACT-EU.
\(^10\) under the Home Affairs Funds.