

**Priority question for written answer P-000968/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Support to EU Member States hosting the majority of Ukrainian refugees

Less than two weeks after the unprovoked invasion of Ukraine by Russia, the UN refugee agency (UNHCR) has announced that the number of refugees fleeing Ukraine has already reached two million, mostly women and children. This number is expected to increase dramatically in the days and months to come, as Putin signals escalations in his violent attacks. Ceasefires to allow for civilian evacuations are not being respected by the Russian army, which is directly targeting those trying to flee bombed cities.

Meanwhile, EU Member States in Central and Eastern Europe are welcoming the majority of Ukrainians escaping the war launched by Russia. So far, as at 8 March 2022, Poland has taken in 1.2 million refugees, Czechia 200 000, Hungary 191 000, Slovakia 141 000 and Romania 82 000. Assistance centres in these countries have already reached their capacity limits, or will do soon.

1. What special support mechanisms will the Commission propose in order to urgently help Member States on the front line coping with the largest arrival of refugees since the existence of the EU?
2. What kind of long-term sustainable aid will the Member States hosting the largest numbers of war refugees receive in order to help these refugees integrate?