

27 organisations welcome EU decision to extend temporary protection for refugees fleeing Ukraine

27 humanitarian, human rights, and refugee rights organisations welcome [the decision of the Justice and Home Affairs Council](#) of the European Union to extend the Temporary Protection Directive for refugees fleeing Ukraine for an additional year, until 4 March 2025.

This is a positive step, continuing to provide a lifeline for those displaced by the war, and offering them a chance to rebuild their lives by granting continued rights to access to essential services, including healthcare, education, and employment.

The organisations urge the EU and its Member States to work together in ensuring these rights are enjoyed in practice.

For example, a worryingly high number of children from Ukraine who have fled to neighbouring countries are not in school. In Poland, which hosts the highest number of refugees fleeing Ukraine, 56 pe

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