

Luxembourg

September 2022

Asylum seekers: Between Jan-August 2022, **1,320** persons applied for asylum, an **84 % increase** compared to the same period in 2021. Top countries of origin were Syria, Eritrea, and Afghanistan.

Temporary protection (TP): The TP mechanism was activated on 8 March and as of 31 August, 4,523 persons had received TP, with a protection rate at 96%. 94% of applicants are Ukrainians.

Family reunification: Since the beginning of 2022, UNHCR has, through its partnership with Miles4Migrants, facilitated the reunification of 10 refugee families in Luxembourg.

POPULATION OF CONCERN as of 30 June 2022*

Refugees	9,868
Asylum-seekers	1,765
Stateless persons	174

TOP THREE COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN*

Refugees		Asylum-seekers	
Ukraine	4,259	Syrian Arab Rep.	537
Syrian Arab Rep.	2,049	Eritrea	200
Eritrea	1,440	Afghanistan	189

*Source: UNHCR provisional mid-year 2022 data

UKRAINE REFUGEE SITUATION RESPONSE

As of 30 September, 6,561 refugees from Ukraine are currently present in Luxembourg and registered for temporary protection.

Reception monitoring: UNHCR has been liaising with the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs and visited the emergency reception structure and the one-stop shop that the authorities have set up to facilitate the reception and information-sharing with applicants and beneficiaries of temporary protection.

Communication: UNHCR set up a [help page](#) for refugees from Ukraine who arrived in Luxembourg, along with a corresponding QR code.

Employment: As of 11 August, 910 Ukrainian refugees have registered at the National Employment Agency (ADEM), out of which 7% have been successful in finding employment. 70 % are women, 70 % have a university degree and 20% have a high school degree.

HIGHLIGHTS

Complementary pathways: UNHCR has been exploring complementary pathways opportunities in Luxembourg and has engaged with and provided briefings to the MFA, the Ministry of Higher Education and NGOs, with a focus on education pathways.

Integration of beneficiaries of international protection: UNHCR is finalizing its study seeking to obtain a clearer understanding of the integration process of beneficiaries of international protection, with a focus on those who arrived in Luxembourg in 2015-2016, by way of an assessment of challenges, opportunities, good practices, and shortcomings in matters related to access to housing, access to employment and language learning.

Ukraine response: Asselborn, which serves as one-stop shop aiming to facilitate the reception and information-sharing with beneficiaries of temporary protection. UNHCR also set-up a specific help section on its Luxembourg webpage and distributed corresponding QR codes to stakeholders.

INTEGRATION IS BETTER TOGETHER



In December 2021, a video was published about a refugee El Mowafak and his mentor in Luxembourg City as part of the [#BuddiesWithRefugees](#) campaign.

Watch the story of El Mowafak and Candy [here](#).

Key Priorities

- **Asylum procedure:** Luxembourg has a solid asylum system. While access to the asylum system remained guaranteed throughout the high influx of people fleeing the war in Ukraine, delays have taken place with the asylum interviews. UNHCR is continuing its work with authorities on the quality of asylum procedures, a top priority since 2019.
- **Integration:** UNHCR continues to follow the integration process of the first 12 unaccompanied and separated children relocated from Greece in April 2020, including through visits to their reception centre and the production of a web story in September 2022.
- **Family reunification:** In 2021, Luxembourg extended the deadline to apply for family reunification under more favourable conditions from 3 to 6 months. UNHCR continues to advocate in favour of a more flexible approach to the family reunification procedure.
- **Resettlement:** Luxembourg announced it would resettle 50 refugees in 2022 but this quota has not yet been achieved. UNHCR continues to advocate for additional resettlement pledges.

Working with Partners

- UNHCR maintains regular and constructive interactions and coordination with relevant stakeholders (e.g., authorities, IOM, the European Migration Network, NGOs, lawyers).
- **External engagement:** UNHCR raises awareness among the general public about the situation of refugees in Luxembourg and worldwide. To improve public perceptions towards persons of concern, UNHCR participated in the panel discussion following the screening of the documentary “FLEE”,

which tells the story of a man who arrived in Denmark from Afghanistan as an unaccompanied child. The movie was screened as part of the Luxembourg City Film Festival which took place in March 2022.

Statelessness

- Luxembourg is party to the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons since 1960 and acceded to the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness in 2017.
- In 2017, a law on nationality was adopted which includes articles aimed at preventing statelessness and facilitating acquisition of nationality for refugees and stateless persons. The majority of UNHCR’s comments on the draft law were taken into account.
- Luxembourg has an administrative statelessness determination procedure in place. Stateless applicants are not entitled to reception conditions, and a residency permit is not automatically granted to a recognized stateless person.

UNHCR Presence in Luxembourg

- UNHCR activities in the country are followed by the Representation for EU Affairs, Belgium, Luxembourg, Ireland, and the Netherlands. Additionally, UNHCR makes use of an office in Luxembourg, kindly offered by the Luxembourg authorities.

Staff:

23 National Staff
 18 International Staff
 1 Affiliated workforce

Offices:

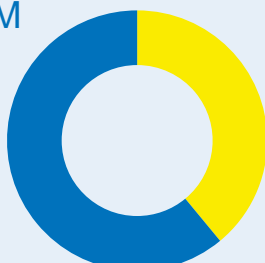
1 Multi-country Office in Brussels
 1 Office in Luxembourg

Financial information* (September 2022)

*Information relates to the Representation for EU Affairs, Belgium, Ireland, Luxembourg and the Netherlands, and the Liaison Offices to EUAA and Frontex.

Financial requirements USD 11.4 M

Funding gap
 61%
 7 M



Funded
 39%
 4.4 M

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