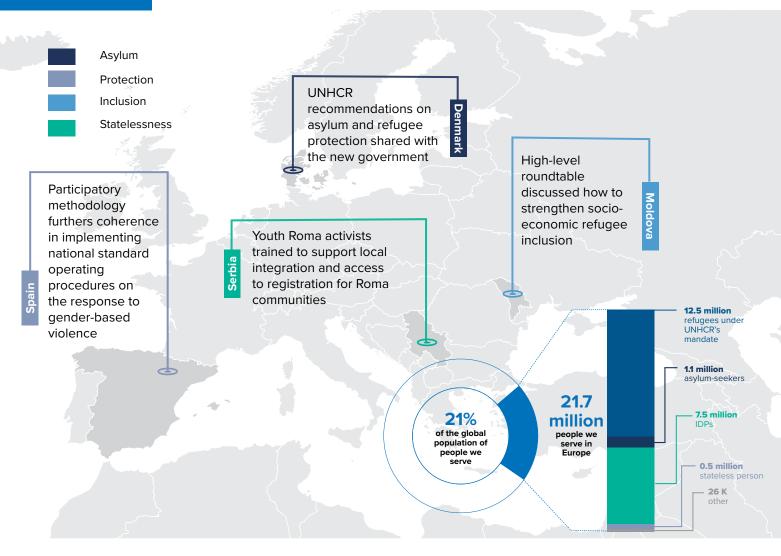


EUROPE MONTHLY UPDATE

Regional Bureau for Europe | November 2022

AT A GLANCE



Source: UNHCR data finder platform and mid-year statistics data as of 30 June 2022. The boundaries and names shown, and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.

ARRIVALS AND DISPLACED POPULATIONS: KEY FIGURES AND TRENDS

UKRAINE SITUATION

7,807,410 individual refugees from Ukraine were recorded across Europe as of end November 2022 and over 4.8 million refugees had registered for temporary protection or similar national protection schemes in Europe.¹ An estimated 5.9 million persons were displaced inside the country at the end of November.²

MEDITERRANEAN AND NORTHWEST AFRICAN MARITIME ROUTES

144,500 refugees and migrants arrived in Europe via the three Mediterranean and Northwest African maritime routes since the beginning of 2022, a 27 per cent increase compared to the same period in 2021. As of 30 November, 2,380 people have been reported dead or missing in 2022 on the three Mediterranean and the Northwest African maritime routes.

SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE

31,400 persons have arrived in or transited through the subregion so far in 2022, 20% more than in the same period in 2021. 4,900 persons arrived in or transited through the subregion as part of mixed refugee and migrant movements in November 2022, 12% less than last month.

TÜRKIYE

Türkiye hosts the world's largest refugee population with over **3.6 million** Syrians under temporary protection and over 319,000 refugees and asylum-seekers under international protection.

^{1.} Operational Data Portal for the Ukraine Refugee Situation

^{2.} IOM, Ukraine Internal Displacement Report, 5 December 2022

UKRAINE SITUATION

- As major waves of missile attacks on critical infrastructure in November continued, causing widespread disruptions, authorities established over 4,000 points for community services like heat, water, and telecommunications. UNHCR and UN agencies supplied generators to these heating points in coordination with the authorities, and UNHCR partners have initiated protection monitoring activities at these points to assess further needs and support.
- Just as temperatures dropped below freezing and demand for winter items increased, UNHCR had reached 1 million people with winter assistance by the end of November, for example with over 18,000 heaters for households and community heating points across the country.
- Leading the inter-agency refugee response in the region, UNHCR continued prioritising winter-related assistance in November, and worked closely with national authorities and partners in preparing contingency plans. By the end of November, UNHCR had reached over 448,299 people with cash assistance in Bulgaria, Poland, the Republic of Moldova, Romania and Slovakia, including multi-purpose cash assistance and cash for protection of vulnerable refugees.



1 million

individuals reached with UNHCR winterspecific assistance in Ukraine



Almost **450K**people reached
with UNHCR cash
assistance in
Bulgaria, Poland,
Republic of Moldova,
Romania and
Slovakia

ASYLUM

- Armenia: The Council of Europe (CoE) and the UNHCR's Representations in Armenia and Strasbourg organized the closing event of the pilot training "Asylum and Human Rights" for legal professionals that was carried out online between September and October. This pilot was developed by UNHCR and the CoE's HELP platform to strengthen the capacity of 20 lawyers, prosecutors and judges on refugee protection and human rights.
- Denmark: Following the November national elections, UNHCR updated its <u>recommendations</u> to further strengthen refugee protection in Denmark, including guidance for Denmark's engagement in European and international fora where issues of refugee protection and asylum are being discussed. A selection of concrete recommendations on protection, integration, resettlement and statelessness were shared with all political parties elected to Parliament, as well as relevant authorities, civil society and academia, and published on 9 November.
- Italy: On 4 November, the Ministry of Interior disseminated guidelines and tools aimed at harmonizing the monitoring methodology of reception centers at national level, drawing extensively from UNHCR experience and based on a participatory approach. The guidelines will be used in hotspots, governmental reception centers, temporary and pre-removal facilities. UNHCR will participate in trainings for the implementing prefectures, organized by the Interior Ministry and the European Union Agency for Asylum, as well as in some pilot visits.

STATELESSNESS

- Montenegro: As part of the commemoration of the #IBelong anniversary, UNHCR placed the campaign's visuals on billboards and buses across the country to reaffirm that statelessness can end by 2024. Thanks to Montenegro's focused interventions, in line with UNHCR's guidance, the number of people at risk of statelessness went from 4,300 in 2011 to less than 500 in 2022. For this anniversary, UNHCR met with the President of Montenegro's Parliament to highlight achievements and reaffirm further support to meet the #IBelong goal.
- Serbia: Partner "A 11 Initiative" organized a three-day training for young Roma activists, to support local integration of Roma people in 14 of Serbia's municipalities. Participants learnt about local inclusion, socio-economic and adequate housing rights, and access to registration. Meanwhile, partner Praxis counselled 99 persons in three informal Roma settlements on documentation and civil registration. Overall, Serbian authorities have progressed significantly in statelessness reduction and prevention since the beginning of the #iBelong Campaign in 2014, reducing the number of persons at risk of statelessness from tens of thousands in 2010 to some 2,000 today. In November, six persons thus had their Serbian nationality granted or confirmed.

PROTECTION

Spain: Coinciding with the 16 days of activism against gender-based violence (GBV), authorities have formally presented the results of the UNHCR-sponsored "Seed project" that aims at guaranteeing a coherent and uniform implementation of the national Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to prevent and address GBV. Through a participatory methodology over 10 months, refugees and GBV focal points at refugee reception locations engaged in elaborating tools to address some of the gaps of the national GBV SOPs. Throughout the month, in face-to-face and online sessions, UNHCR continued disseminating the national GBV SOPs, as well as showcasing awareness-raising materials and good practices, reaching hundreds of stakeholders and staffers in the reception system.

INCLUSION

- France and Latvia: The <u>UNHCR-MPG Municipality toolkit</u> for effective inclusion of refugees was launched in France and Latvia this month. On 22 November, at the annual Salon des Maires gathering of municipalities and local authorities in Paris, UNHCR facilitated a discussion on good practices on reception and inclusion of refugees and kicked off the France-wide distribution of toolkits. The next day, the toolkit was presented in Latvia to NGOs and municipalities through an online event, in cooperation with the Society Integration Foundation and the Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments.
- Italy: The 5th edition of the PartecipAzione project, a UNHCR-INTERSOS project aimed at promoting refugees' economic, social and cultural integration, ended on 11 November. Ten refugee-led organisations were supported through training, capacity building and economic contributions this year, in cooperation with authorities, media and other stakeholders. Since 2018, PartecipAzione has supported 50 refugee-led organisations.
- Moldova: A high-level roundtable on refugee inclusion in Moldova was hosted by UNHCR on 24 November, to facilitate discussions on the operationalisation of a temporary protection regime and strengthening prospects for socio-economic inclusion. International financial institutions and bilateral development actors participated in the discussions and strategic exchanges, as well as civil society, refugees and other stakeholders, in the spirit of a whole-of-society approach. The <u>outcomes</u> of the roundtable were later presented at the <u>High Commissioner's Dialogue on Protection Challenges</u>, which this year focused on Development Cooperation.
- **Türkiye:** UNHCR and authorities, including the Union of Municipalities of Türkiye, organised several localised events on issues related to social cohesion, security and migration in various regions of the county. UNHCR underlined the importance of a solid legal framework and strong reception systems for screening, identification and referrals. These types of events serve as networking platforms for refugee communities and local stakeholders, and to exchange good practices related to refugees' access to municipal services, and financial resources for municipalities. Also this month, UNHCR published the <u>Turkish translation of the inter-agency social cohesion toolkit</u>, prepared by INGEV, a Turkish research organisation dedicated to Human Development.





The toolkit builds on decades of experience with participatory approaches. It speaks directly to the specific challenges of mayors, city administrators and local service providers in welcoming and including refugees and migrants. Good practices and indicators are featured to inspire creative solutions and measure progress.

EUROPE MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

COUNTRY OFFICE TWITTER HIGHLIGHTS



Les associations @SAMAForAll2 & @EsperoFrance, créées par & pour les réfugiés et engagées pour promouvoir l'inclusion via la mode & la culture, sont lauréates 2022 du Fonds d'innovation par les réfugiés @Le HCR.

@KellyTClements les a honorées lors d'une cérémonie au @MuseeOrsay.





UNHCR Ukraine

The missile strike on Dnipro on Saturday led to civilian casualties and the destruction & damage to homes

@UNHCRUkraine's partner Proliska provided rapid assistance to people who have been affected tarpaulin to protect damaged roofs & windows and blankets to keep people warm



PRESS RELEASES, **STATEMENTS**

Statement: UNHCR's Grandi calls on EU to put safety and solidarity at the heart of the response in the Mediterranean [24 NOV]

Press release:Life-saving humanitarian assistance delivered to people in Kherson city UNHCR and IOM appeal for urgent disembarkation of all stranded refugees and migrants in central Mediterranean [07 NOV]

Press release: UNHCR welcomes European commitments at regional statelessness consultation [11NOV]

UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency 🔮

Survivors of gender-based violence are often unseen, but they have a story to tell.

Hear their voices and stand with refugee women around the world, as they stand up for themselves and their communities.

Artwork: @sebbouchard #16Days #OrangeTheWorld @eu echo



UNHCR Greece 🚳

A large-scale operation coordinated by the astGuard took place on Tuesday when 483 people were found on a fishing boat in distress. People disembarked in Paleochora, South Crete, where initial registration is taking place, 1/3



LEADERSHIP ACCOUNT TWEETS

Filippo Grandi

"While states point fingers and trade blame, lives are lost." [24 NOV]

Gillian Triggs

"Statelessness is a pervasive and grave human rights violations, affecting the lives of millions of people worldwide". [4 NOV]

Chiara Cardoletti

Relieved to know that all the people on board the NGO rescue vessels have found a safe haven. [9 NOV]

Paolo Artini

Le HCR est reconnaissant à la France d'avoir évité une tragédie humanitaire et permis le débarquement des survivants dans un port sûr. [11 NOV]

Karolina L Billing

I spent the night in #Kharkiv, without electricity and heating, but very fortunate compared to the thousands of people who in addition spent it in houses & apartments like these, with broken roofs and shattered windows. [24 NOV]

TOP NEWS STORIES

RFI [10 NOV]

France allows Ocean Viking migrant rescue ship to dock after Italy refuses

AP News [8 NOV]

EXPLAINER: What's behind Italy's migrant sea rescue standoff

Andalou Agency [7 NOV]

UN appeals for urgent disembarkation of stranded refugees, migrants in Mediterranean

UN News [14 NOV]

Ukraine: UN convoy delivers vital aid to residents of Kherson

To the refugee friend I shared so many adventures with

The family of Oliwier, 15, in Warsaw hosted Nazar, 16, and his mother for 5 months in their home in Poland after they fled the war in Ukraine. Oliwier and Nazar quickly became close friends. After Nazar's return to Ukraine, Oliwier writes a letter to let him know how much he cherishes the memories they created together and how much their friendship means to him.

This letter is part of a series written by young people to a forcibly displaced or stateless person who has had a major impact on their lives. Young people interested in writing a letter to a refugee friend, family member, or anyone who has inspired them, can share their idea with us at youth@unhcr.org.



For more stories and highlights, please subscribe to our mailing list, using this link.

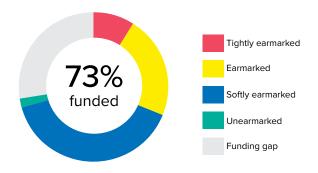
FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Requested for UNHCR's activities in Europe in 2022:

USD 1.992 billion*

Total contributed or pledged as of 25 October 2022:

USD 1,461,218,58



^{*}This amount includes financial requirements for the Ukraine situation.

WHERE TO FIND

For more information, reports and other resources:

- UNHCR Europe webpage
- **UNHCR** Europe region monthly updates
- **UNHCR** Europe country operations fact sheets
- Europe pages of UNHCR's Global Focus webpage
- **UNHCR** Ukraine Emergency webpage

Operational data portals:

- Ukraine Refugee Situation
- **Mediterranean Situation**

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