

# European Union | Temporary Protection for Ukrainian Refugees Extended

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The European Council [announced](#) an extension of the temporary protection for Ukrainian refugees until March 4, 2026.

## Key Points:

- The temporary protection mechanism was originally enacted on March 4, 2022, and was due to expire on March 4, 2025.
- The extension does not change the qualification categories and more information can be found [here](#).

**Additional Information:** Temporary protection is an EU emergency mechanism which was originally adopted in 2001 and is designed to provide immediate protection to a large group of displaced persons who arrive in the EU and are not in a position to return to their country of origin. The actual level of assistance varies within each individual member state, but the EU temporary protection law sets a minimum standard of protection that aims to alleviate pressure on national asylum systems and provide refugees the same rights across the EU.

**BAL Analysis:** Member states will adopt implementation acts according to their national procedures to formalize the directive extension. The European Council has extended the temporary protection to provide continued support and stability for Ukrainians who have sought refuge in Europe amid the ongoing conflict.

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