

Protection and integration of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers - related FRA work

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FRA research

- Integration of young refugees in the EU: good practices and challenges (Nov 2019)
- “Bulletins”: Migration bulletin, Ukraine bulletin (May 2022, Oct 2022)
- The fundamental rights situation of long-term residents in the EU (Q1/2023)
- Survey on Ukrainian displaced persons (Q1/2023)
- Local/city measures ensuring access to rights for temporary protection beneficiaries (Q3/2023, selected city experiences already in Oct 2022)
- Conflict-related violence against women fleeing the war in Ukraine (2024)

1. Addressing risks of exploitation

- Arising especially upon arrival and in contexts of housing and employment
- Increased risk: persons not having temporary protection, unaccompanied children, insufficient social assistance/financial support
- General measures: Information at key points upon arrival about the risks of trafficking, hotlines, training front-line workers, increased police cooperation
- Offers of transport: registration of volunteer drivers, check-in points en route to other Member States
- Private accommodation: checks by public bodies (facilities, criminal record), centrally organised accommodation system, training for hosts, NGO involvement
- Exploitative labour conditions: information on labour rights and available support, training of labour inspectors (ELA)

2. Supporting integration in labour market

- Matching skills with jobs: job fairs, dedicated job portals, online platforms searchable in Ukrainian, subsidy programmes
- Language barriers: language courses, on-job language training, partial waiving of language requirements
- Access to information
- Recognition of qualifications: simplified procedures, employment requirements waived in certain fields
- Availability of childcare: new nurseries, civil society initiatives

3. Relevant lessons from 2015/16?

- Perspective: long-term residence?
- Housing: impact on vulnerability to crime; frequent transfers affecting school performance and mental health
 - Targeted long-term housing schemes, regular vetting
- Education: lack of staff, language barriers, overaged pupils, frequent changes
 - Integration in mainstream schools, preparatory classes, early individual assessment of skills, relaxing requirements for teachers
- Social assistance: risk of gaps when moving from specific support systems for asylum applicants to national welfare system, crucial for integration
 - Sufficient for basic subsistence, compatible with labour market integration
- Mental health affected by family separations

FRA report: Integration of young refugees in the EU: good practices and challenges

- Objective: explore the impact of measures in different policy fields on the integration of young refugees (age 16 to 24)
- Geographic scope: AT, FR, DE, EL, IT, SE
- Thematic scope: asylum procedures, family reunification, housing, social welfare, mental health, education, vocational training, vulnerability to crime
- Methodology: desk research, 426 interviews with experts from different professional groups, 163 young applicants and beneficiaries of international protection
- Publication: Nov 2019

FRA report: The fundamental rights situation of long-term residents in the EU

- Objective: analyse challenges to meet requirements and enjoy rights of EU long-term residence
- Geographic scope: 27 MS (desk research), 10 MS (interviews)
- Thematic scope: reasons for low uptake of EU LTR, challenges to meet requirements, equal treatment with nationals, situation of children and family members, barriers to intra-EU mobility
- Methodology: desk research, 51 expert interviews, 267 TCN interviews
- Publication: Q1/2023

Bulletin: Russia's invasion of Ukraine

- Objective: overview of fundamental rights issues, challenges and good practices of TPD implementation
- Geographic scope: EU27
- Thematic scope: arrival and registration, access to employment, accommodation, social welfare services, healthcare and education, protection of unaccompanied children, support of victims of sexual and gender-based violence and xenophobic disinformation and hate crime
- Methodology: desk research, expert interviews
- Publication: May 2022, October 2022

FRA survey on Ukrainian displaced persons

- Objective: collect data on experiences of those fleeing the war in Ukraine of the assistance provided to them
- Thematic scope: employment, education, housing, healthcare, language learning, social and economic integration and experiences of discrimination/violence
- Geographical scope: BG, CZ, DE, EE, ES, HU, IT, PL, RO, SK
- Methodology: online survey
- Target population: UA citizen or TCN having resided in UA prior to 24 February – adults and children as of 12 years
- Publication Q1/2023

FRA report: Local/city measures ensuring access to rights for temporary protection beneficiaries

- Objective: collect information on measures, challenges and good practices at city/local level in ensuring timely access to rights provided under the TPD
- Geographic scope: 2 cities or locations in 12 MS (AT, BE, CZ, DE, EE, FR, IT, IE, PL, RO, SK, SE)
- Thematic scope: Education, employment, healthcare, housing
- Methodology: desk research, consultations with local authorities, survey with local service providers
- Publication: Q3/2023 (experiences of selected cities already Oct 2022)

FRA survey: conflict-related violence against women fleeing the war in Ukraine

- Objective: collect data on extent, nature and impact of violence experienced by women fleeing Ukraine, inform related support measures
- Geographical scope: 4 MS
- Thematic scope: experiences of women while in Ukraine, en route to EU and in the EU
- Methodology: face-to-face survey
- Publication: 2024

Thank you!

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