

**Lessons learned from the activation of Temporary Protection Directive
– one year after.**

The case of Poland

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What I am going to talk about:

Lessons learnt in key aspects:

1. Legal
2. Management, with particular emphasis on accommodation,
3. Labour market,
4. Financial

Current challenges & next steps

Lessons learnt in legal aspect

- Temporary protection as **the relevant tool**
- Political Statement on **not applying of art. 11 TPD**
- TPD as **an umbrella for national solutions** applied by MSs
- **„No” for „immediate protection”** instead of „temporary protection”
- Evaluation of the temporary protection during incoming PRES PL (?)
- **Tailor-made national law supported by all Polish political parties**
- **Dual system assessed positively**

Lessons learnt in the aspect of management - accommodation

- An unprecedented scale of the influx of war refugees –
1.5 milion of BoTP in Poland
- Creating a completely new reception system –
 - 39 reception points
 - **From 9 to 6 000 facilities with more than 508 000 accommodated persons**
 - Contributing in costs of living in in centres by BoTP
 - The reimbursement of costs incurred by Polish citizens for the maintenance of refugees from Ukraine
 - Very important role of the regional level administration, local communities as well as NGOs & IGOs

Lessons learnt in the aspect of labour market

Prognosis in the first months of arrival:

- Around **60% adults with children**
- **Only 5% with a good knowledge of the Polish language** while 50% did not have it at all
- Around **50% without migratory experience and without social or family contacts in Poland**

Reaction of the state:

- Combining employment needs with needs in other areas such as health and education
- Introduction of significant facilitations in access to the labour market
- Ensuring lessons of Polish language

Results:

- **17 500 people registered in employment offices, incl. 16 000 as unemployed.**

Integration on the labour market is progressing quickly!!!

Lessons learnt in financial aspect

- **Multiannual Financial Framework Programme revision and inclusion of temporary protection**
- **Further adequate and flexible EU financial support for the host countries**

Challenges & Next steps

- Assistance for people from vulnerable groups: the disabled, the elderly etc.,
- Motivating of persons who continue to reside in collective accommodation centres for autonomising,
- 3rd year of temporary protection or others forms of legalisation of stay?

Thank you

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