



# **Overview of the Migration Situation in Ukraine and Response to the Challenges, Caused by Russian Aggression**

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# Full-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine February 24, 2022 till ...

The unprovoked and unjustified russian military aggression against Ukraine caused:

- an unprecedented humanitarian crisis;
- the highest migration level of Ukrainian citizens, both within the country and abroad;
- forcible displacement of more than 2,5 millions of Ukrainian citizens to the temporary occupied territories and to russia or belarus.



## SMS current priorities

- ❑ Protection of Ukrainian nationals, residing in Ukraine and abroad, from the consequences of war, including satisfaction of their need for the fast and convenient issuance of national ID-cards and passports
- ❑ Amending the Strategy of the state migration policy of Ukraine considering the main challenges, caused by Russian war of aggression
- ❑ Approximation of the national legislation in the field of migration with the EU acquis and the development of further cooperation with the European institutions



# Internally displaced persons

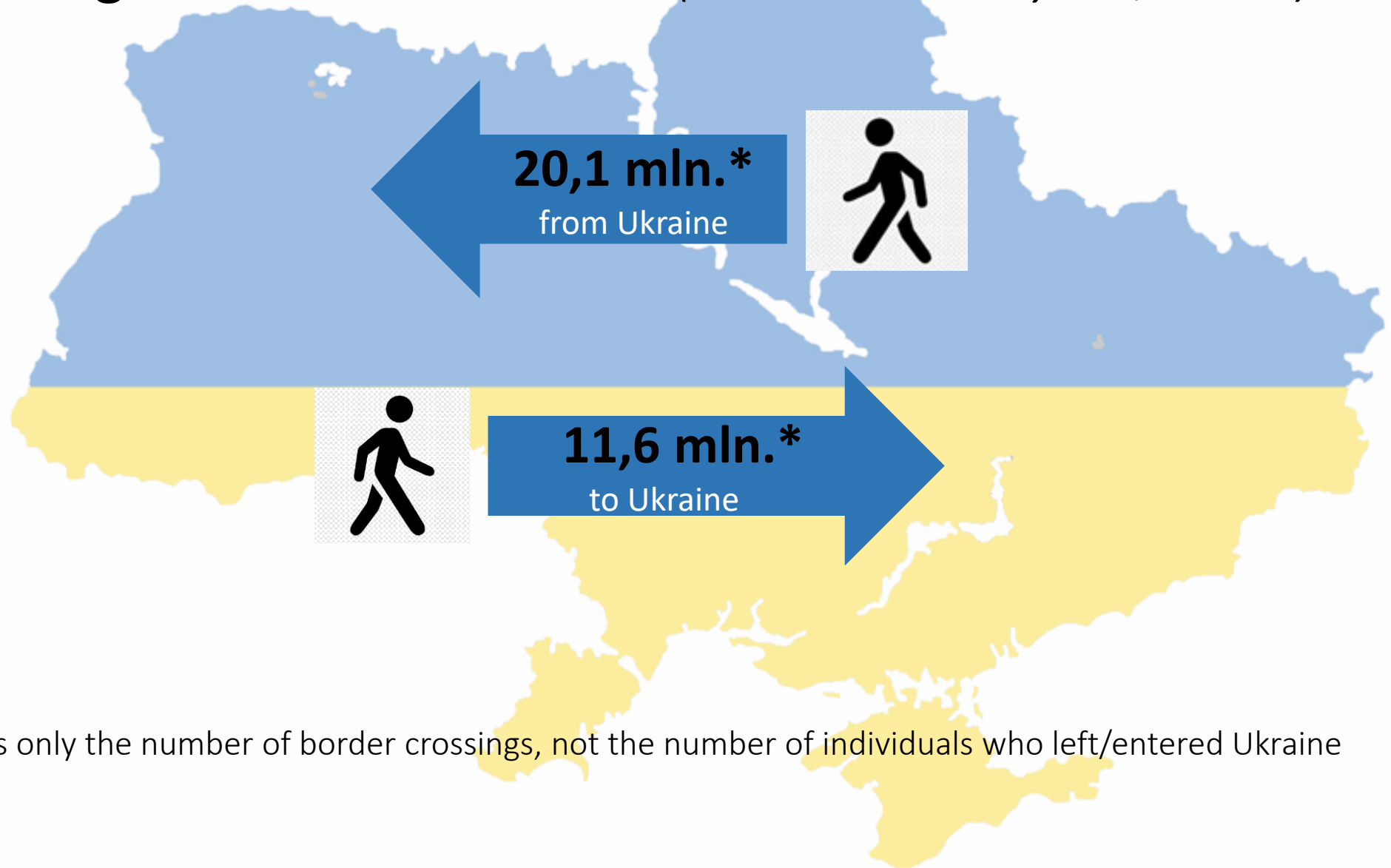
According to the Unified database of the Internally Displaced Persons  
(Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine)  
as of 1 April 2023

4 844 117 registered:  
3 515 204 – relocated after 24 Feb 2022  
2 710 231 – registered for the 1<sup>st</sup> time  
after 24 Feb 2022

According to the data, collected by IOM  
as of January 2023

appr. 5 353 000 IDPs identified

# Border crossings to and from Ukraine (since February 24, 2022)



\* - data shows only the number of border crossings, not the number of individuals who left/entered Ukraine

# Ukrainians enjoying temporary protection or other similar status



**5 124 575**

- Poland – **1 602 062**;
- Germany – **934 420**;
- Czech Republic – **519 964**;
- Great Britain – **205 700**;
- Spain – **179 884**;
- Italy – **175 107**;
- Bulgaria – **158 635**;
- Romania - **131 462**;
- Slovakia – **116 202**;
- Türkiye – **95 874 ...**

# Issuance of passport documents abroad

To meet the high demand of Ukrainian citizens for passport services a network of branches of the State Enterprise “Document” was established across Europe, which also strengthened the capacities of the Ukrainian Consular Service in this field.

In particular, “Document`s” offices were opened in Poland (Warsaw, Krakow, Gdansk and Wroclaw), Slovakia (Bratislava), Czech Republic (Prague), Spain (Valencia), Germany (Berlin, Cologne) and Türkiye (Istanbul).

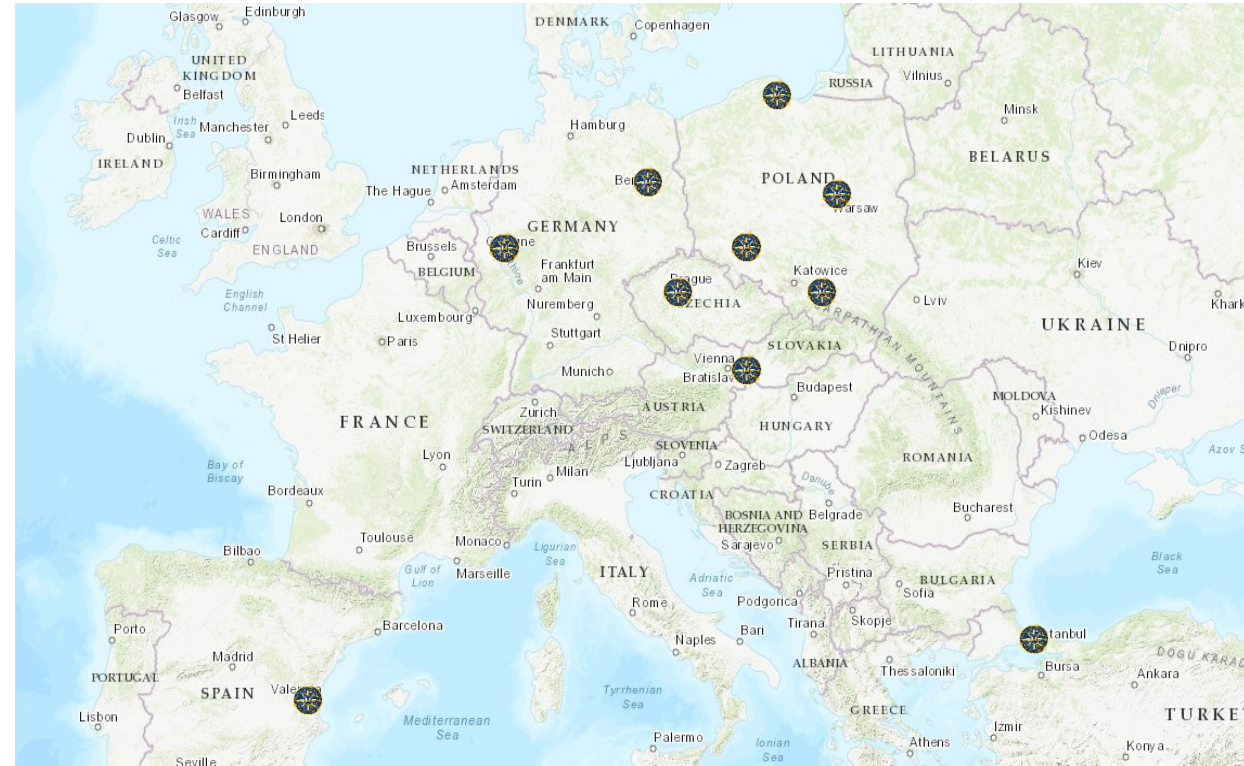
From 29 June 2022 till 17 May 2023:

**69 229**

National IDs issued

**233 758**

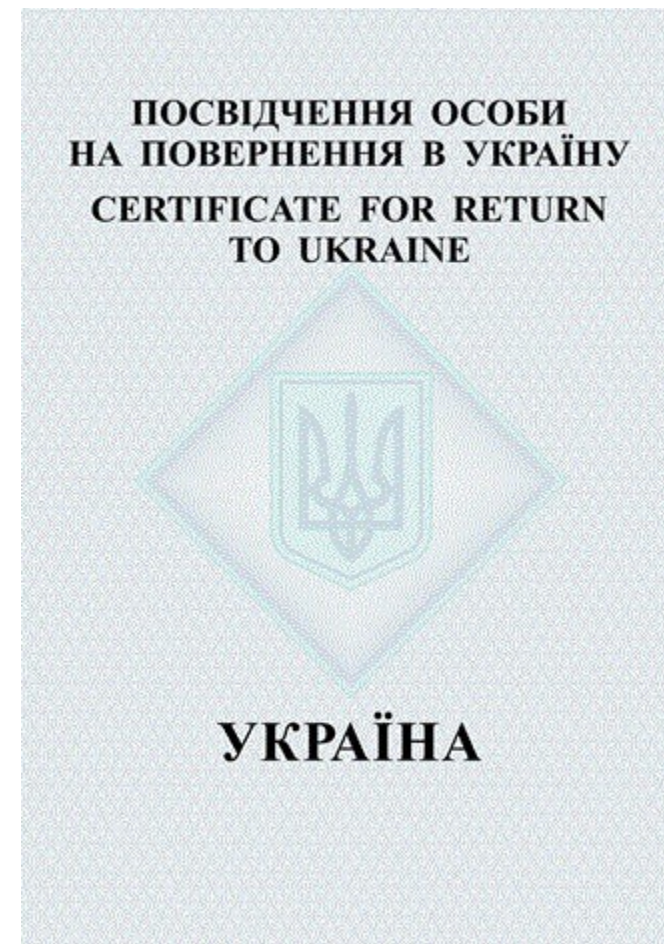
Passports issued





# Assistance to forcibly deported Ukrainians

A pilot project on issuance of temporary travel documents for the Ukrainians, forcibly deported to the territory of russia, was launched in autumn 2022





# Migration strategy

Full-scale russian military aggression against Ukraine led to serious changes in the migration situation, which requires the review of the **Strategy of the state migration policy of Ukraine until 2025**, approved by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine in 2017. The proposed changes to the Strategy, developed by the State Migration Service of Ukraine, is currently undergoing the approval procedures with the state bodies.

**Main challenges** in the field of migration – identification of population on liberated territories; overcoming the demographic crises, caused by departure of Ukrainians abroad and losses among military and civilian population; restoring the human potential, which is the key to the further recovery of the country and its economy

# Possible solutions

- ✓ Establishing and maintaining the strong connections between Ukraine and Ukrainians abroad in order to identify and meet their needs in migration sphere;
- ✓ Development of the national demographic strategy for the next 10 years;
- ✓ Creating appropriate living/employment conditions and business start-up opportunities to stimulate Ukrainians to return to Ukraine, bringing back the experience, gained while living and working abroad;
- ✓ Expanding the opportunities to attract the foreign workers and specialists, especially in the spheres, defined by a thorough analysis of existing workforce needs;
- ✓ Taking further actions on the way to the European integration of Ukraine.



Thank you for your attention!

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