

## EASPD Actions to support those impacted by the war in Ukraine: How you can help

The Russian Federation's invasion of Ukraine has brought war back into Europe after decades of peace. Approximately 4.2 million persons living in Ukraine are now estimated to have left the country in search of refuge and safety. Over 6 million people in Ukraine have also been internally displaced. Persons with disabilities, including children, are particularly at risk; in large part due to the increased difficulties in getting to safety; both shelters but also safer areas – within and outside of Ukraine. 10,000s of persons with disabilities also live in very large residential institutions, very often without family support and – in current situation – without adequate professional support.

The Ukrainian authorities are working with persons with disabilities in Ukraine to organise and facilitate the evacuation of those who wish to leave. The Ukrainian government has requested EASPD to support it in its efforts.

In response, EASPD is opening Temporary Regional Offices (TROs) to better coordinate the relocation process for persons with disabilities from Ukraine, particularly those in institutions, to other countries. Relocating is extremely complex and requires appropriate resources due to the significant number of refugees involved, the requirements of people with disabilities (accessibility, specific support needs, medicine, etc) and their families in such processes, the lack of pre-existing expertise on these issues, and challenges around coordination between Civil Society Organisations and public authorities from across Europe.

The main functions of a TROs will be as follows:

- Liaising with and coordinating between local organizations in the region who are providing support to refugees with disabilities.
- Ensuring that humanitarian aid reaches persons with disabilities who are in Ukraine; displaced persons with disabilities within Ukraine; refugees with disabilities and their caregivers and families.
- Coordinating logistical support and material donations towards their regions and Ukraine.
- Coordinating with disability services who are able to provide housing and support elsewhere in Europe and matching them with refugees with disabilities who are currently located in their region.
- Communicating with the European office of EASPD for common efforts in support persons with disabilities and organizations on spot.
- Gathering information for local needs and getting info from EASPD on correct matches from members and partners of EASPD.
- Remaining in communication with other TRO's to be able to coordinate activities as and when is appropriate.



The TROs will operate in the following locations:

- Chelm, Poland
- Budapest, Hungary
- Palanca, Moldova
- Isaccea, Romania
- Varna, Bulgaria
- Senec, Slovakia

The above location locations have been selected due to their proximity to Ukraine and for being key hubs of transport between Ukraine and Europe.

## How can you help

To support the above initiative and the relocation process for persons with disabilities from Ukraine, please donate via the below details. The money donated will be used solely dedicated for this cause and EASPD will provide periodic reports on how the money has been used.

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## EASPD Resources

The below list summarises the list of EASPD Resources on supporting those impacted by the crisis in Ukraine to date (04.04.22)

- **EASPD Facebook Group** [Disability services supporting Ukraine](#)
- Webinar- [Aiding Ukraine: What are neighbouring support services doing? Webinars](#)
- Press Conference- [War on Ukraine: What Situation for Persons with Disabilities?](#)
- Webinar- [Persons with Disabilities in Ukraine: What you can do to help](#)
- Press Releases



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- [EASPD urges peace and protection of life in conflict in Ukraine](#)
- [EASPD: concrete EU action needed for persons with disabilities in Ukraine](#)
- [Act Now to Support Ukrainians with Disabilities and their Families](#)
- The recently completed AMiD (Access to services for Migrants with Disabilities) project has developed a number of tools for the efficient management of the reception and integration of asylum seekers and migrants with disabilities in the EU. These tools can be found below:
  - [Need Assessment Tool](#)
  - [Training Modules](#)- The training modules were created to improve knowledge, skills and attitudes of people exploring the field of migration with a focus on people with disabilities. Available in [English](#) [Italian](#) [Greek](#) [German](#) [French](#)
  - [Operative Module to Reach out to Authorities](#) Available in [English](#) [Italian](#) [Greek](#) [German](#) [French](#)

