



Mobility: Immigration alert

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European Union

European Commission proposes extending the Temporary Protection Directive until 3 March 2025

Executive summary

On 19 September 2023, the European Commission proposed further extending the Temporary Protection Directive for the protection of individuals fleeing the armed conflict in Ukraine ([TPD](#)) until 3 March 2025. The TPD is currently in effect until 4 March 2024.

Key developments

EU Member States unanimously agreed to implement the TPD for the first time on 4 March 2022 following the outbreak of the armed conflict in Ukraine. Under the TPD, Ukrainian citizens and third-country nationals (i.e., nationals of countries outside the EU or EE) who fled Ukraine may be eligible to receive various rights in an EU country that has adopted the TPD, including residence and work authorization, housing and medical assistance. The TPD was in effect initially until 4 March 2023 and was then extended until 4 March 2024.

The European Commission recently stated that the reasons for implementing the TPD persist and suggested extending it until 3 March 2025. The Council of the European Union will need to adopt the proposal for the TPD to be formally extended. The next meeting of the Council is scheduled on 5 October 2023.

Impact on employers

If the TPD is extended, impacted individuals will be eligible to continue working in an EU country without a break until March

2025, which may help employers avoid business disruptions and ensure uninterrupted operations.

Key steps

EY will continue to monitor these developments. Should you have any questions, we encourage you to contact one of our immigration professionals.

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