

Global Immigration alert

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European Union

The European Council extends the Temporary Protection Directive until March 2026

Executive summary

On 25 June 2024, the European Council further extended the Temporary Protection Directive (TPD) for the protection of individuals fleeing the Ukraine crisis until 4 March 2026. The TPD is currently in effect until 3 March 2025.

Key developments

EU Member States unanimously agreed to implement the TPD for the first time on 4 March 2022, in response to 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 initially in effect until 4 March 2023 and was extended twice for a one-year period each time, until 4 March 2024 and then until 3 March 2025. The latest extension does not change the decision of March 2022 regarding the categories of individuals to whom the TPD applies.

Impact on employers

Impacted individuals will be eligible to continue working in an EU country without a break until March 2026, 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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