



Global Immigration alert

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European Union

European Council extends temporary protection for Ukrainian nationals until March 2027

Executive summary

On 15 July 2025, the European Council approved the extension of the Temporary Protection Directive ([TPD](#)) until 4 March 2027, ensuring the continued residence and work rights of Ukrainian nationals in the EU.

Key steps

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

Key Developments

On 4 March 2022, the EU activated the TPD in response to the outbreak of the armed conflict in Ukraine. This decision, made by all EU Member States, has been extended multiple times since then, most recently until 4 March 2027. The directive provides Ukrainian nationals impacted by the conflict protection and access to rights in the EU, including residence, access to the labor market, housing, social welfare and medical assistance. This latest extension does not change the decision from March 2022 regarding the categories of individuals who are eligible for protection.

In addition to extending the TPD, the European Council and Commission encouraged EU Member States to develop sustainable solutions in key areas, such as transitioning to alternative legal residence statuses, supporting voluntary return and enhancing ongoing integration initiatives.

Impact on employers

Employers may consult the relevant authorities regarding renewal procedures for impacted employees, as these procedures vary by country.



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