



Council of European Municipalities and Regions
European Section of United Cities and Local Governments

The President

28 February 2022

Re: Needs of local governments hosting or planning to host refugees from Ukraine

Dear Member Associations,

We have all been shocked by a full-scale Russian attack on Ukraine, the bombings of cities, killings of civilians and destruction of key infrastructure and historical heritage sites. Local and regional governments in Ukraine are under extreme pressure.

We are reaching out to you, our Member Associations, to inquire what are the needs of your local governments that are currently hosting or are planning to host Ukrainian people fleeing the war? After we receive this information, CEMR will spread it through our wide network in order to mobilise support for the hosting municipalities.

According to the United Nations, more than 500,000 Ukrainian refugees have already fled the country. Half of all Ukrainian refugees have crossed into Poland, and many others have gone to Hungary, Republic of Moldova, Romania and Slovakia. The situation is evolving rapidly and many more will be fleeing the war in the next weeks.

Finally, following Russian invasion into Ukraine, on 24 February 2022, the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) issued a [statement](#) of support and solidarity with local and regional governments in Ukraine and called on the Russian Federation to cease its attack and to leave the national territory of Ukraine. You are invited to share this with the municipalities and regions in your countries to endorse it by signing [here](#).

During this dark hour, we have to stand together, support Ukraine and all the people fleeing the war.

Please send the requested information to Yana Brovdiy (Yana.Brovdiy@ccre-cemr.org).

Yours sincerely,

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